

## Griffith Park Advisory Board

Minutes – September 12, 2019, 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call: Carlos Montoya, Ron Deutsch, Gene Gilbert absent.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved with edits.
3. Special Guests: Rachel Fox, field deputy from CD4, updated the board on the bridge housing project and presented renderings of the housing complex.
4. General Public Comment:
  - Gerry Hans – Updated the board on the holdup of the rodenticide bill in the legislature.
5. Information Reports and Presentations:
  - Review of Board Policies, Term Limits, and Brown Act: Joe Salaices provided a review to the Board of the policies, the Brown Act, and term limits of GPAB members. A discussion ensued regarding obtaining specific GPAB emails. Regarding term limits, a discussion ensued regarding people being termed out of their membership and being invited to reapply. The Board will likely hold elections for Chair and Co-Chair in January 2020.
  - Review of the Vision Plan: The Board reviewed key aspects of the Vision Plan.<sup>1</sup> This Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2014, and preservation of the urban wilderness is a key aspect of this Plan. The Board discussed the Plan and reaffirmed its basic principles, which is to promote passive activity in Griffith Park and to promote the free use and enjoyment of Griffith Park.
  - Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
    - o Trail Restoration: Trail restoration committee is looking to put a scout on the Aileen Getty trail to scan for difficult areas that may need restoration. A discussion ensued regarding Google Maps showing fake trails as being trails in the park, leading to potentially dangerous conditions, disturbing the habitat, and increased erosion in parts of the park.

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<sup>1</sup> The Vision Plan can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/griffith/pdf/agenda/visionPk.pdf>.

- Communications: Communications committee is continuing to get the word out about upcoming events and interesting Griffith Park Content.
- Superintendent Reports:
  - Lake Hollywood Vistas: Awaiting DWP to provide water to the area. Once water is on, planting will start soon thereafter.
  - Fern Dell Bridge: Fern Dell Bridge delayed. A major beam for the bridge is currently being treated, and the bridge will be finished once the beam is fixed or replaced.
  - Aerial Transit System: Board will be provided with questionnaire regarding the aerial transit system.
  - Park Line Shuttle Start Date: Start date is November 9, 2019. The shuttle is free for all passengers.
  - Canyon Drive Park Entrance Improvements: The sidewalk is being analyzed for how to get around a historic wall in the area. A new playground is being installed in the area, and a restroom is being added at the upper parking lot at the site.
  - Update on Colonel Griffith Plaque: The plaque was hung up in October, and the statute will get a cleaning soon.
  - Special Events: Shane's Inspiration is an event on September 22 for the addition of an accessible basketball court for children of all abilities. The Haunted Hayride and Harvest Festival are upcoming. These events will not impact public access to the park.
    - The Board discussed operating a booth at the Harvest Festival to raise awareness about us.
  - Memorial Plaque: The memorial plaque for the 1933 fire, one of the deadliest wildfires in California history, will be erected on October 26, at 9:30 a.m. The plaque will be erected north of Amir's Garden on the trail.
  - Restrooms: Portable restrooms will be added on Three Mile trail.

6. Board Business:

- Request made to place booth at the Harvest Festival on the agenda.

- Request made to place investigation of Google Maps' practice of listing unauthorized trails on the agenda
  - An update was provided to the Board from member Sheila Irani regarding the installation of a baseball field and archery range within Griffith Park. Foundations are interested, and interested parties are designing the field and obtaining a cost estimate.
7. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Park Visitors Center Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027.
  8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn passed at 8:30 p.m.