

Griffith Park Advisory Board

Minutes – October 22, 2020, 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call: Ian Phillips absent (no longer on the Board).
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved.
3. Special Guests: Catherine Landers of CD4 updated the Board on how the community can contact her and David Ryu's office. Ms. Landers reiterated Councilmember Ryu's support for GPAB and the Park. Ron Deutsch invited Councilmember Ryu to attend a GPAB meeting.
4. General Public Comment:
 - a. Jerome reported that on March 23, 2020 he had a negative encounter with Chief Losorelli. Jerome alleges that Chief Losorelli illegally handcuffed and cited Jerome for Jerome's use of a sign.
 - b. Kazuechinen, a member of the Los Feliz neighborhood council, requested banners on poles in the Park to raise awareness of safety precautions such as wearing a mask in Griffith Park.
 - c. Marian of Friends of Griffith Park noted that FoGP put up about 6 banners in the Park reminding people to wear their masks. Marian also reminded the Board that FoGP has a good website with great information about the Park. Marian further noted that P22 Day will be virtual this year, speakers include Gavin Newsom, Adam Schiff, and P22 himself.
5. Information Reports and Presentations:
 - a. Melissa Bettis, Management Assistant of Dept. of Rec. and Parks presented on the bylaws of the GPAB and expectations of being a park advisory board member. Ms. Bettis advised on the Brown Act, what constitutes a meeting, and took questions from the Board. Ms. Bettis would report back with some answers to questions, such as which bylaws can and cannot be changed.
 - Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee formed, which includes Jason Greenwald, Karen Thornton, Ron Deutsch, and Bryan Mercke.
 - b. Motorcycle Ad Hoc presented to the Board.
 - o Michelle Cramel relayed to the Board that members of the ad hoc committee met with Chief Losorelli to assess goals and objectives of using motorcycles in the Park. The goals are largely preventative, such as utilizing them in emer-

gencies – such as distressed hikers and small brush fires – and dealing with traffic in Lake Hollywood.

- The ad hoc members relayed concerns that the rangers were turning more into a police force rather than rangers. Chief Losorelli relayed that the rangers are being asked to shoulder additional duties, such as fires and transient issues. Additional concerns were raised that the use of motorcycles on trails could impact equestrians, wildlife, and damage trails.
 - Chief Losorelli indicated that rangers will sell some equipment to cover the costs of the motorcycles, and that the rangers will need to train officers to use the motorcycles. Chief Losorelli stated that the motorcycles will be mostly used for events, and could be a revenue driver for issuing traffic citations.
 - Chief Losorelli was open to the ad hoc's suggesting for usage guidelines. The Board had requested data on why motorcycles are needed for the number of emergencies needing a response, but not data has been provided yet.
- c. A Ranger Review Ad-Hoc was formed, populated by Ron Deutsch, Michelle Crammes, and Alex Phillips.
- d. Election of new presiding officers:
- Jason Greenwald and Michelle Crammes seek to be Chairperson of the Board.
 - Motion made that whoever comes in second in the election shall become the Vice Chairperson. Motion passes.
 - Michelle Crammes and Jason Greenwald presented on their candidacy.
 - Jason Greenwald was elected Chairperson, and Michelle Crammes was elected Vice Chairperson.
- e. Scheduling:
- Motion made to set Thursday, November 19, 2020 as the date for the November meeting. Motion passes.
 - Motion made to set Thursday, December 17, 2020 as the date for the December meeting. Motion passes.
- f. Albert E. Torres memorial plaque:
- Griffith J. Griffith memorial trust offered to fund a memorial to Captain Torres. The bronze plaque is 20" x 10". Captain Torres passed on October 12, 2019 while

in the line of duty. The plaque will note that it was donated by Griffith J. Griffith charitable trust.

- Motion made to send letter of support for memorial plaque of Albert E. Torres to Recreation and Parks. Motion passes.

6. Superintendent Reports:

- a. CAO Memo – The Mayor's office sent a CAO Memo to all City Departments requiring approval for any contract or expenditure due to the covid-19 pandemic. Projects such as the Wonderview Pedestrian Gate, that were approved, or projects such as the removal of the restroom buildings at Fern Dell and Pettigrew, are put on a waiting list awaiting for special approval to proceed.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn passes at 8:30 pm.