

MINUTES GPAB 1/23/20

1. Roll Call- Bryan Merke absent
2. Minutes- November minutes approved.
3. Special Guests- Catherine Landers CD4. Update on Bridge Housing Project. Lawsuit to stop project has been filed. City is proceeding. Construction to take 120 days. Goal is to open by June 2020. PATH will be operating.
4. General Public Comment- Marian Dodge, FOGP working on restoration of the Bird Sanctuary with plants propagated at Grown in LA. Over 200 shrubs and plants during last planting. Next planting is scheduled for February 2020 at Live Steamers.
Gerry- Raptor Study enrollment is full. This is the 4th year that raptors will be monitored.
Emmy- Horse accident on new bridge.
5. *Informational Reports- Latricia Jones from RAP Concessions. Pony ride snack stand RFP will include option for beer/wine to attract higher quality of vendors .Idea is to invigorate and elevate the experience. Park Center will offer beer/wine too to attract better vendors. Public comment on this as follows: Food needs to remain affordable as it is a family attraction. Vendors should 'elevate food and drink so much that families cannot afford, must remain equitable. Do not divide families with sectioned off area. Maybe have on agenda next month for further discussion. *Question was asked if the concessionaire would need to go through the normal CUP process for a liquor license. The answer was 'yes.*

*Sheila –mural for Bronson. Board approves to write a letter of support. Only concern is the size of the sponsorship on the mural. The GPAB unanimously supports a mural, created by artist, Sophie Pleshette. , for the new Bronson playground. This mural is for the playground located on the west side of Bronson Park.

Letter : The Board supports this donation from Hollywood Hills United Neighborhood Council. The mural will depict the flora and fauna of Griffith Park, large shapes for chalkboard paint allowing children to engage. The sponsors and the artist name will be include on the mural.

* Joe retirement- interim GPAB supervisor will be Stefanie Smith. Next meeting consider having elections and changing out Chair and co-Chair. Some members will need to be replaced soon due to term limits but can reapply if they wish.

*Ad Hoc Reports- Trail Restoration-Chip and Emmy continuing plans w/Santa Monica Mountain Trail Restoration Crew. Communication – Michelle will have new logo for next meeting. Suggests workshops with Fish and Wildlife for the public on co-existing with urban wildlife.

*Superintendent Report –Fern Dell Pedestrian Bridge. FoGP funding trail signage and working with Stefanie Smith on fencing. Parkline- high count has been 1000 on a Sunday. Working on transit options from valley side. Winter Break Traffic- better than in years past. Gerry mentions 'significant habitat damage'. Canyon Dr Improvements- sidewalk being evaluated, restroom being considered, playground in design process and community will have input.

6. Board Business- agenda items next month .Possibly revisiting discussion on concessions pony/train plan to include alcohol. Elections for new Chair and CO-Chair, possible invitation to Fish/Wildlife for workshop.
7. Next meeting 2/27/20 at 6:30pm Griffith Park Visitors Center Auditorium.
8. Adjourn meeting 8:11pm