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## Griffith Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30pm  
Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium  
4730 Crystal Springs Drive L.A., CA, 90027

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Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate by Board. All items for discussion and action unless otherwise noted.

Welcome and Introductions

1. Approval of Minutes

Correction regarding dead and felled trees at the Greek. They were taken out by RAP but paid for by Nederlander.

Motion to approve: Don Second: Chris. Vote to approve with Barbara abstaining

2. Roll Call

Kris Sullivan and Lynn Brown excused

Susan Lee absent

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

1. Traffic- Observatory and access to Hollywood sign is getting worse and the smog is increasing.

2. Hollyridge Trail- Comment that there seems to be a decrease in wildlife have there been any studies

3. (Emmy) Comment in regards to Henry's memorial. If it is allowed to stay the Sierra Club voted to adopt it. They say they will restore it.

4. Autry Western Heritage Museum, presentation for proposed sculpture to be placed on grounds.

This proposal will be presented at the Department of Recreation and Parks Task Force meeting on 12/9/15. It will go to the Board of Commissioners on 1/6/16 for final approval. Request for support.

Stacey Lieberman did the presentation for the Autry.

Submitted a picture and plan for the installation of a sculpture on the front lawn on the Autry. Approximately 5' tall x 10' long x 2' wide. The piece is a representation of Native American life. The Autry takes full responsibility for it.

Don Seligman made a motion to support

Lucinda Phillips seconded it and the motion was approved by board.

5. The Griffith Park Circulation and Parking Enhancement Plan

A. Julie Dixon, Dixon Resources, presentation

B. GPAB discussion on presentation

C. Public Review and questions will be set up in a "workshop" style format. Community can meet, review, ask questions, and give feedback as they walk from station to station.

No action to be taken at this time.

Julie Dixon did presentation along with Patrick Smith

The power point is available on-line Note: Dropbox link to the presentation that was given:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/we7az2s3vg14dfo/Griffith%20Park%20Action%20Plan\\_12\\_10\\_2015.pdf?dl=0v](https://www.dropbox.com/s/we7az2s3vg14dfo/Griffith%20Park%20Action%20Plan_12_10_2015.pdf?dl=0v)

-The Observatory is the 5th most visited place in America according to this presentation.

-Map with yellow stars was presented as other locations within the park where more parking could be available to the public using shuttles.

-CEQA-MND- to be presented January 4th Draft to be presented with 30 day comment period. They are trying to have Mitigated Negative Declaration for the traffic flow project.

Some highlights presented:

-sharrow lanes for bikes and cars

-way-finding signage

-monetizing the parking at the Observatory and on Western Canyon Dr.

-safety

-trying to re-brand the park to get people not to drive but use shuttles-trying to use Washington Park as example.

-update City website to get people in park without driving.

2 Shuttle routes:

-1- for 1/3 mile view point with dedicated shuttles in constant rotation from Observatory to view point. 3-4 shuttles. There would be drop off at 1/3 mile then the buses would drive up and turn around at 3 mile tree. (they are trying to find place lower down to turn around as to lessen impact on cyclists)

-dedicated Ranger?

-benches?

-Referred to this spot as money shot

-2- a permanent one way loop route for cars from the Greek up Vermont Canyon and out Western Canyon. This would all be a one way route except for buses and bikes. Cars will not be able to drive up Western Canyon.

-angled parking along Western Canyon.

-less overall parking spaces.

-use parking lot 9 as drop off.

-looking into eco friendly shuttles

-All Observatory parking would be paid parking. One way angled parking for faster ingress and egress eliminating congestion and flow.

Use other locations in park such as overflow pony rides and other locations within and out of park. No outside locations indicated at this time.

Board Comments:

=Lucinda: Concerns about shuttles going all the way up three mile tree. Concerns about section 9 parking lot. If it were to be used as main shuttle stop how much parking will there be for regular park users? Are shuttles running every day? Uber drop off? Happy about the idea of eco friendly shuttles what does that mean? How many shuttles will there be?

=Chip: sounds like not enough frequency of shuttles

=Chris Laib: Asking about how many shuttles going up Western Canyon? How can hikers park in section 9? Seems like more traffic will be pushed up Vermont Canyon. More cars on Los Feliz Blvd. Concerned about size and noise of buses.

=Barbara: questions regarding upgrade to website? How can people access Fern Dell and can they people park all the way up to section 9? Will there be space availability notification? Will everything in this plan be ready at the same time?

=Laura: Concerns that if shuttles are constantly going up and down Mt. Hollywood dr. other user groups are going to be affected. If you make 1/3 miles the "money" shot it will create environmental nightmare for it will be sending up thousands of people. Pony rides parking lot is already full by 10am on weekends. Washington Park isn't a wilderness park.

=Don Seligman: Fern Dell lot 9 not big enough for all the traffic. Concern's about turns and congestion on Western Canyon. Greek Theater parking is already a problem. Wants other outside satellite lots to be implemented now. Wants there to be shuttles from subway and metro spots picking people up before they get to park.

=Susan Swan: concerns over people of the Oaks with 700 homes and only 2 ways in or out. Concerned over branding Griffith Park the #1 viewing site for site. Wants public outreach and public comment. What if filming parking policy? Not to allow them parking when it is busy.

Public Comment:

=Mary Button: thinks a walking alternative to 1/3 mile would be better

=Camille of FOTO wants to be involved in the operations playbook. Has lots of questions.

=Erin (home owner on Western Canyon) doesn't want shuttles

=Luke (Los Feliz Neighborhood Council) wants public forum. Also thinks there should be more shuttles stop at metro stops.

=Emmy (Sierra Club) Says the view from "view area" not that great and the Observatory just as good and better prepared to handle people. Also says the east side of park has it's own parking and traffic problems.

=Marilyn Bush (Los Feliz Towers) Thinks arrangements should be made for outside parking before plan goes forward.

=Kathryn Louyse (FOGP) East side of park's parking is already full can't bring more.

=Chris Adler (home owner) doesn't like plan.

=Kris Sabo (Amir's Garden) concerned about co-opting others areas in parks parking displaces park users. Thinks parking should be found outside park. Thinks that making a 2 way road into one way triples volume on cars.

=CD4 was present and was speaking to issues people had.

=Chris Laib was asking why no one from DOT was present to speak to concerns. Thinks they should be present.

## 6. Old/Ongoing Business

Don Seligman spoke about the Olympics and the letter that was previously written by GPAB. Our letter made it all the way up to the official Olympic committee. Discussion was had and they were very concerned by what we wrote and that more scrutiny would be made back to the Los Angeles Olympic Committee. There will be more to follow in February.

## 7. New/Future Business.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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