

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Cramés - Present, Thornton - Present, Crow - Present, Carlson - Present, Chung - Present, Greenwald - Present, Griffin - Absent, Laib - Excused, Phillips - Present

Board Announcements:

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greenwald moves to approve. Thornton seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 3. SPECIAL GUESTS

Jennifer Hull - CD4

- Pony rides - PlaceWorks is consultant. First public workshop is in November. Will be gauging public for input.
- GP Improvement - 9/27 approval for improvements. A funding agreement is being put in place with LADOT. Meeting Monday to finalize details. Money should be delivered in cash. Bike lanes should be expanded.
- South Griffith Park Master Plan - Since report was issued, CD4 has been putting together on scope of work, including GPAC site. Working on making community engagement substantial as possible in moving process forward.

Board Questions:

Cramés - If you'd like to be on agenda in a more formal capacity, let us know. We had also requested there be a formal response to our ad hoc reports.

Greenwald - Regarding Hollywood Sign access and issues, we would like to hear from you. We appreciate how many disparate groups CD4 has brought together on issue.

Cramés - We are requesting a possible ban on smoking in the park, we understand that would need support from CD4.

Hull - We looked into a ban at the golf course, there are several barriers to implementing one. For the Greek Theater there is concern that without a designated smoking area by the venue, theatergoers would find less desirable places to smoke.

## 4. ELECTION FOR BOARD OFFICERS

Cramés - reviews elections procedures and job functions for three roles.

Tracy James - reads statement on behalf of Chris Laib for Secretary.

Thornton makes motion to vote on Laib as secretary. Phillips seconds.

Cramés - yes, Thornton - yes, Crow - yes, Carlson - yes; Carlson - yes, Greenwald - yes, Laib - yes.

Phillips - yes

Crow gives statement regarding Vice Chair position.

Greenwald makes motion to vote Crow as Vice Char. Phillips seconds.

Cramés - yes, Thornton - yes, Crow - yes, Carlson - yes, Chung - yes, Greenwald - yes, Phillips - yes

Thornton gives statement regarding Chair position.

Chung makes motion to vote Thornton as Char. Greenwald seconds.

Cramés - yes, Thornton - yes, Crow - yes, Carlson - yes, Chung - yes, Greenwald - yes, Phillips - yes

## 5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Dodge - FOGP

-Last Sunday was P-22 Festival at Griffith Park. It was a great event. Please come next year.

Emmy Goldknopf, Chair of Griffith Park Sierra Club

Comment on Haunted Hayride in regards to parking and traffic: The last couple of years we have had 27 evenings over 6 weekends. I appreciate the improvements that have been made, but there are many issues. They are charging people \$15-20 to park in Merry-go-round lots. Ordinary park users experience inordinate amounts of traffic heading north of Crystal Springs. You have proposed a plan to turn Crystal Springs into one way traffic in each direction. This is incompatible for the Haunted Hayride

## 6. INFORMATION REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

Jorge DeLorea, Maintenance Supervisor - Griffith Park

-Water Issues: What is the question about that?

Crames - There is concern that some of the water troughs and fountains are not working.

DeLorea - There are water restrictions, for horse troughs there is only 1 not working...

Thornton - There are 4.

DeLorea - In that case I can create a work order. We don't inspect them weekly. We normally investigate only after an issue is reported. If you can tell me which isn't working we can look into it.

Thornton - The issue with troughs not working is not only that horses don't drink, but other wildlife.

When it's hot in the park this becomes a serious issue. Is RAP responsible for the maintenance of all water troughs, fountains, and bottle-filling stations?

DeLorea - Yes.

Thornton - How often are the fire hydrants checked?

DeLorea - That would be Water & Power. I can't say.

Crames - There have been several occurrences of arson so it is important that these hydrants are checked and maintenance performed regularly to ensure they are operational.

Phillips - Dante's trough we know isn't working, I understand that is an LADWP issue. You can't solve for that?

DeLorea - Yes, that is true.

Crames - Should we bring in an adhoc concerning water bottle-filing stations?

Phillips - I don't think that's necessary.

DeLorea - We have been installing the waterbottle-filling stations throughout the park, it takes time.

Crames - How much does installing one cost?

DeLorea - \$15k. That's if we do it ourselves.

Phillips - The way to bulldoze this is to put out an RFP, that would double or triple the cost, but it would get done more quickly.

Greenwald - Does Bronson have the necessary infrastructure to secure a drinking station?

DeLorea - I am not sure. We would need to assess it.

Carlson - If a trough or fountain isn't working is it possible to have a sign warning hikers?

DeLorea - That's a good idea. We will look into it.

### Public Comment:

Emmy - We get up to Dante's View and there is no water. It wasn't working during the heat wave this summer. This is a very dangerous and a public safety issue.

Miriam Dodge - FoGP has been attempting to get abandoned water tanks removed since 2016. We had the first one removed ourselves and the next two were removed very promptly. Tank 115 is still standing and must be removed immediately. FoGP paid for asbestos studies. Whatever you can do to remove this must be done.

DeLorea - That is not maintenance, but a LADWP issue. I can bring it up to them.

Crames - Is there a hotline that can be used to report issues?

DeLorea - There is 311 and they can route callers to the necessary source.

James - Griffith Park is one of the largest parks in the nation and it looks great. Monday mornings the park is usually a bit of a mess, but by the afternoon it is pristine once again and that is the result of the hard work done by maintenance. I want to acknowledge Jorge and his team for their efforts.

Discussion to request a ban on all smoking in the park —

Crames - I would like to understand how we could go about banning all smoking in the park. I welcome other board members input, this is something I feel strongly about.

James - Just for clarification, you want to ban smoking at the Greek Theater and the golf course?

Greenwald - It sounds like there are two separate issues, banning smoking in the two areas where it's allowed and the enforcement for the 95% of the park where smoking is prohibited, but is still occurring. I believe Chris got signs made to that very end. If the question is how to best protect parkgoers from possible wildfires and other smoking dangers, I think we can do our homework and come up with something constructive.

Phillips - You are saying that the Theater and Golf Course should be forgone to focus on the rest of the park?

Greenwald - I believe we could be more effective in the near term focusing on the 95%.

Carlson - There's fire everywhere in the park. There are BBQs and to me it didn't seem like smoking was the biggest issue. It's also difficult and expensive to enforce, should we think about not having BBQs because it gives the impression that fire is permissible in the park.

James - As far as I know there have been no incidents of fires at The Greek or the Golf Course.

Crow - I think we can achieve both things, but I believe focusing on increasing safety awareness in the rest of the park would be helpful in the near term while we try and disentangle all of the barriers to banning smoking throughout the park.

Public Comment:

Miriam Dodge - A park ranger has a map of where all of the fires are.

Emmy - We need to target certain areas for raising awareness. There is also a lot of people throwing cigarettes out of windows. A sign that very clearly emphasizes a hefty fine would be helpful. Enforcement is important, but difficult - deterrence would go a long way.

Chung - One of the signs that stands out the most, I believe on Crystal Springs is a Smokey Bear sign, that is attention grabbing and helps raise safety awareness.

Crames - It sounds like we may need a little more data, the dollar fines are the biggest deterrent. Are we fining people?

James - There are fines being given. I think having signage on freeway off-ramps is a good idea.

Thornton - We had two fires from our unhoused neighbors lighting fires under brush in the winter. Do we have plans to help such people during the winter?

Hull - We had emergency shelters last winter and will continue working to get housing built.

Greenwald - The conversation shifted from

## 7. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Anthony Gallo, RAP

Haunted Hayride - There was a call with the hayride. Sean Hinton mentioned that he did not think the paid parking was working. We want to diffuse the traffic. Another issue was trash and vending. There are vendors who set out all around the film office and the rangers are having them leave and as soon as the ranger leaves they come back. The issue will be addressed. If the hayride comes back we will need to comprehensively address that issue. There has been a problem with alcohol in the parking lots. The hayride added light towers to the queueing area and they hired a security team, but the measures will most likely need to be increased if the hayride is to return. The hayride leadership team is very responsive and has been doing their best to be accommodating.

Board Questions:

Carlson - I went to the hayride and was blown away by how diverse the groups of people attending were. I think it's a good thing overall for the park to keep the hayride for next year.

Phillips - When do we get a sense of what RAP's revenue share of the hayride. Don't we get a cut from tickets?

James - There is no revenue sharing, it's a flat fee.

Public Comment:

Miriam Dodge - Since they are now charging for parking is RAP getting a cut of that revenue?

Gallo - No. Their intention for charging was to discourage parking in the merry-go-round lot.

Observatory Parking Kiosks - We had a meeting with T-Mobile. He looked at the machines and said everything was outdated and he said he could solve the problem quickly. He said he could freeze the cellular service and it could help to get them working again. Our vendor was there and he said they are using a new technology in Death Valley that is satellite and he is 99% sure it will work, we will only need to order a satellite machine and it can be tested. I was able to find the funding for it.

Crames - When can it be tested?

Gallo - It's already been ordered. We want to try the T-Mobile solution first and then we'll pivot to satellite. Satellite costs \$3000 for the trial unit.

Pony Ride Venue Consultant - PlaceWorks on schedule for reimagining on schedule. Focus group meetings will be conducted and concluded soon. The analysis will be delivered before the end of October. There will be pop up booths at city events where the public will be able to fill out surveys and give comment. There will be telephone polling as well. For a full detailing of the community engagement process, you can leave a comment at [rap.lacity.org/reimaginingtheponyrides](http://rap.lacity.org/reimaginingtheponyrides)

Greek Theatre Advisory Committee - Similar to GPAB, but only concerning the Greek. It meets at 12 PM Thursday at the end of each month. There are 3 seats opening up.

Equestrian Center Statue - The transition should be completed in 90 days. Several questions were submitted. Are there job postings on linkedin? Yes. Will black market labor practices be combed through? Workers will all be offered fair wage positions as mandated by the city. Will fees go up? As of now there is no plan to raise prices.

Merry-go-round Closure - For updates you can sign up for notifications through probate court.

Attendance Rules for GPAB - Stefanie wants to ensure everyone is committed to being on the board. We understand things come up, but please let us know if you are coming one way or another whether you're going to be late or won't be coming at all.

Housing in GP - There are migrant families living at Boys Camp, they were placed there by the City of Los Angeles. RAP is emergency arm of the city and part of our purview is housing. The superintendent was not initially alerted, but we know there is security and maintenance present.

Greenwald - I think if this is a mayor's office initiative, we would welcome a representative from the office to come and let us all know what the plan is. Those details would matter to people.

Thornton - It is odd that there are dozens of people being shuttled around in the middle of the night without warning to the people responsible for the park. This isn't way to treat the migrants in question or the stewards of the park.

Crames - It would be important to know if this is part of a broader plan to provide housing in the park.

## 8. COMMITTEE AND AD HOC REPORTS

Executive Committee - We all met in person. Rick from last month's golf presentation said he was seeing some irregularities in their system and will be reporting back.

## 9. BOARD BUSINESS

Golf update. Anthony Gallo update on parking kiosks, follow up on fire safety

Carlson - I've noticed that there is an aggressive amount of vendors around the park. It would be nice to have an area where marketing isn't occurring. I would like to find a compromise with the vendors for them to conduct their business, but not crowding the playground. I would like to know what the rules are and if there are possible alternatives.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

In honor of outgoing chair Michelle Crammes, Karen, Tracy, and Jason give remarks.

Motion to adjourn by Thornton, Greenwald seconds.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM