

MINUTES

GRIFFITH PARK ADVISORY BOARD DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS CITY OF LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 26, 2015

The Griffith Park Advisory Board of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, was called to order at 06:07 p.m. at the Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. **Committee Members Present:** Chip Clements, Laura Howe, Anne Marie Johnson, Ted Johnson, Chris Laib, Lucinda Phillips, Kris Sullivan and Susan Swan; **Absent:** Lynn Brown, Alex Chavez, Barbara Ferris, Susan Lee, Janell Mullen, Jerry Petryha, Don Seligman ; **Department of Recreation and Parks:** Joe Salaices; **Council District Four (4):** Shan Chao; **Members of the Public:** Eleven

ITEM 1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

ITEM 2. Roll call

8 members present, 7 absent.

ITEM 3. Public Comments on items not on Agenda

One member of the public brought to the board's attention that there was a notification via Twitter that a "Friday the 13th Movie Night" was to occur at the Old Zoo. She believed that this type of event should be brought to our attention to prevent our park from turning into a theme park. A discussion followed that suggested there is a need for the Park to review policies about social events and that there is also a need to assess the boundaries of the social and wilderness parts of the park.

Another comment was that the Sierra Club was disappointed that its organization did not have a representative on the GPAB since the Club has historically and is currently involved in the Park.

ITEM 4. Update from Recreation and Parks staff

Joe Salaices reported that the pilot program of opening Mt. Hollywood Drive would start March 21 and continue until April 12 from 10 AM until 10 PM. He stated that Traffic Management Services had been hired to assist with the pilot program. A discussion followed.

ITEM 5. Updates from City Representatives

Shan Chao from Council District 4 introduced the proposed Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe Memorial in Fern Dell Park. See #6 below.

ITEM 6. Presentation regarding the proposed placement of a Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe Memorial in Fern Dell Park and possible motion.

Charles Alvarez, a Gabrielino Tribe member, stated that it was an honor to have a plaque installed that recognizes his tribe.

Shan Chao of CD 4 described the proposed plaque that would be installed in Upper Fern Dell. No motion was suggested due to lack of a quorum.

ITEM 7. Update on proposal to regulate Street Vending and similar operations in Griffith Park, possible motions.

Joe Salaices reported that there is a lot of illegal vending in the Park and that such sales present safety and liability issues. He stated that the City had suspended parts of the City ordinance

regarding some sales on city streets. He noted that RAP had passed a motion to redo the code regarding street vending to prevent illegal vending in the Park. No motion was suggested due to lack of a quorum.

ITEM 8. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the proposed reopening of Mount Hollywood Drive in Griffith Park, possible motions

Chris Laib, Chair of the Committee, presented a report. A discussion followed. No motions were suggested since there was no quorum.

ITEM 9. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing proposed traffic, trail, and other signage in and around Griffith Park, possible motions.

Laura Howe, Chair of the Committee, presented a draft report. Joe Salaices presented a model of a rustic, National-Park-style sign and a discussion followed. No motions were suggested since there was no quorum.

ITEM 10. Board Introductions, round table discussion of interests, formation of Committees and possible Ad Hoc Committees

A discussion followed regarding the formation of Committees. Suggested Committees included Concessions, Events, Safety, and Financial Resources. Several Standing Committees were formed: Transportation, Chris Laub, Chair, Lucinda Phillips, Barbara Ferris, Chip Clements; Signage, Laura Howe, Chair, Susan Lee, Kris Sullivan; Wildlife and Habitat, Kris Sullivan, Laura Howe, Chip Clements. Susan noted that the board encourages the public to volunteer for committees.

ITEM 11. Old Business

A discussion followed about attendance issues.

It was noted that Agenda items are due the Friday before the monthly meeting.

ITEM 12. New Business

A discussion followed concerning when the results of the pilot program of reopening Mt. Hollywood Drive would be known.

Next meeting will be on March 26, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Kris Sullivan, Secretary