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Griffith Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18th 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

Joe Salaices introduced Ron Deutsch as our newest Board Member. Joe stated that there were two additional unfilled Board seats

1. Roll Call and Introduction of new Board Member(s)

Board Members present: Don Seligman, Lynn Brown, Chip Clements, Ron Deutsch, Laura Howe, Ted Johnson, Chris Laib, and Lucinda Phillips. Kris Sullivan out of town, Barbara Ferris sick, Susan Swan sick. Susan Lee absent.

2. Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were approved (with one correction and the removal of an incorrect sentence (#8 –motion 8A). Moved to approve by Laura Howe and seconded by Lucinda Phillips.

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Gerry Hans reminded the Board of the lecture on the Mountain Lion population in the Los Angeles region, scheduled for Thursday 2/25 at 6:45 PM in the Visitor's Center Auditorium. A handout was distributed.

Marion Dodge mentioned the Friends of Griffith Park's program on How to identify wild flowers in Griffith Park.

Don Seligman spoke of the 6:00 – 9:00PM - Monday night, February 22nd Los Feliz Improvement Association program, at the Zoo on "Coexisting with Wildlife in Griffith Park". The speaker is from the National Park Service.

Joe Salaices told the group that the second meeting on the Griffith Park Action/Mobility plan will be held at 4165 Chevy Chase Dr. on March 9th at 7:00 PM. Joe also gave an update on Section 9 of the Mobility plan. Lucinda asked that the GPAB be kept in the loop regarding what is going on from meeting to meeting.

4. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance

Catherine Landers of CD4 spoke on the March 9th meeting mentioned in #3 above.

Serena Ward, manager of the Greek Theater, updated the Board on future concerts, a March 5th Job Fair (ushers, waiters, etc.) and programs such as movies in the park.

5. Resume review of The Vision Plan for Griffith Park with the intent of identifying action plans (including ongoing) and recommendations.

Online link for The Vision Plan for Griffith Park: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/parks/griffithpk/pdf/visionPk.pdf>

Online link for ongoing and potential action plans: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/parks/griffithpk/pdf/actionProp.pdf>

Don Seligman present a Proposed Plan for Addressing the "Vision for Griffith Park" which was well received by the Board. The current status as well as a brief history of the plan was explained.

Don also presented a second handout of Action Proposals in the Vision for Griffith Park. This three page document covered Facilities and events, Staffing needs and Infrastructure and Future Planning. The Board reached consensus on which of the 15 action goals it should work on, which action goals are "current works in progress": and which do not currently require our involvement. Don Seligman will tie in the Action Proposals to the Vision Plan to help in defining future action by the GPAB.

Under staffing needs: Joe Salaices stated that the city was hiring 17 additional rangers and had Senior Ranger Patrick Joyce explain the hiring process which includes 7 months of training at a Police Academy and 6 additional months of field training.

6. Old/Ongoing Business

There was a call that the Board receive an updated status report on the use of rodenticides in the park.

7. New/Future Business

Lynn Brown stated that there were many trail bikes using the bridle trails at night.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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