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## Griffith Park Advisory Board Minutes

**Thursday, January 28th 6:30pm**  
**Greek Theatre Hospitality Suite**  
**2700 N. Vermont Ave., 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

With the correction of a few typos, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Don, seconded by Barbara. The motion passed with Kris abstaining due to absence.

#### 2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chip Clements, Laura Howe, Ted Johnson, Kris Sullivan, Susan Swan, Don Seligman, Lucinda Phillips, Barbara Ferris, Susan Lee. Absent: Chris Laib, Lynn Brown. Department of Recreation and Parks: Joe Salaises, Kevin Regan Council District Four: Catherine Landers.

#### 3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Gerry Hans announced a Lecture by a representative of the National Park Service at the Rangers/Visitors Center Auditorium at 6:30 PM on February 25. Because of this conflict of dates, Susan announced that the GPAB meeting will be held February 18 at 6:30 PM at the Visitor's Center Auditorium. Our meetings for the rest of the year will be the 4th Thursday of each month unless announced otherwise.

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

Catherine Landers of CD4 announced that there was a great turnout at the MND presentation January 20.

#### 5. Report on LA24 Olympic Bid and impact on Griffith Park (no action to be taken at this time)

Don announced that there was a meeting between CD4 and the Bid committee. He said that we have had assurances that the bicycle events detailed in the Bidbook will not be in Griffith Park, but that we haven't yet received anything in writing. He also noted that the London Olympic Committee is reviewing applications and that the final decision about location will be made in February, 2017.

#### 6. Report on wayfaring signs in Griffith Park, placement schedule, content

Kevin announced that icons will be removed from the maps as camera spots. The focus has been on getting people in the park to trails and not to get lost. He stated that they are working on a compromise for viewpoints on the maps. Joe said that the photos on the layout have been held up and that the wayfaring signs will be in up in a month.

#### 7. Report on the use of rodenticides by concessionaires in Griffith Park

Joe stated that concessionaires are required to use our vendor who is required to follow city policy. He said that the Park has led the way in

using the least toxic products possible. Kevin noted that state laws require the elimination of rats and squirrels that carry diseases so we are required to use these poisons. It is expected that concessionaires follow GP procedures. Laura will give us a full report in the future.

8. Report on the meeting held 1/20 regarding the release of the Griffith Park Circulation and Parking Enhancement Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration [https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/pages/121/attachments/original/1452819495/Draft\\_IS-MND\\_GriffithPark\\_1-7-16\\_2015.pdf?1452819495](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/pages/121/attachments/original/1452819495/Draft_IS-MND_GriffithPark_1-7-16_2015.pdf?1452819495); the traffic mobility plan; and the intent to promote Griffith Park as a primary Hollywood Sign viewing destination. Joe stated that the MND is going through the required 30 days comment period and that February 22 is the last day of the comment period. He said to send comments to [paul.j.davis@lacity.org](mailto:paul.j.davis@lacity.org) and that the CD4 website has the MND report.

Discussion among the board members took place and it was decided that the Board would make a series of motions that reflect the Board's views on the MND and to vote to include these stands in a letter to RAP.

Motion 1. We oppose the use of Griffith Park as a single and promoted focus of all Hollywood Sign tourism. Barbara moved, Laura seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 2. We oppose shuttles on Mt. Hollywood Drive. Lucinda moved, Laura seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 3. We support multiple viewpoints being established outside the Park. Don moved, Barbara seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 4. We support the traffic flow plan.

Kris moved, Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 5. We support the extension of the public review period to 45 days. Susan Swan moved, Laura seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 6. We oppose the use of Section 9 for the parking of shuttles.

Don moved, Lucinda seconded, Ted opposed. The motion passed.

Motion 7. The shuttle staging lots should be outside the Park. Laura moved, Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Motion 8. We recommend the consideration of a reservation system for access to the Observatory. Laura moved, Kris seconded, Ted and Barbara opposed. The motion passed.

It was moved by Susan Swan and seconded by Ted that we will construct a letter in this form for the President to sign to send to the GM and RAP and CD4 and other interested parties. The vote was unanimous.

Laura moved that all icons should remain on the signage as originally approved by GPAB and RAP. Ted seconded. Chip abstained. The motion passed.

A. Report on the cumulative negative effect and public safety repercussions of the street closures in Hollywoodland in Park-adjacent communities over the New Year Holiday weekend

9. Old/Ongoing Business  
There was no old business.

10. New/Future Business  
Susan announced that our next meeting on February 18 will be at our regular location.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded, and the motion passed to end the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.

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