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Griffith Park Advisory Board
DRAFT MINUTES Thursday July 28th 6:30pm
Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium
4730 Crystal Springs Drive L.A.,CA, 90027

The Griffith Park Advisory Board of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, was called to order at 6:40 PM

Item 1. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Don and seconded by Lucinda. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Susan Swan, Don Seligman, Kris Sullivan, Laura Howe, Ted Johnson, Chris Laib, Lucinda Phillips. Absent: Chip Clements, Ron Deutsch, Barbara Ferris.

CD4: Adam Miller. Rec and Parks, Joe Salaices, Tracy James

Item 3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Marian Dodge announced that there will be a fund raiser at the Greek, Nordic Noir Los Angeles, on September 25.

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

Joe introduced Ramon Alvarado, Assistant General Manager Rec & Parks, Judith Kiefer Executive Director LA Parks Foundation and Tom Gibson Planning Division

Item 5. Judith Kiefer: update regarding the Commonwealth Nursery Project

Ms. Kiefer and Mr. Gibson gave a visual presentation detailing the plans for the Commonwealth Nursery. Ms. Kiefer noted that the proposed project is a collaboration among the LA Parks Foundation, the Department of Rec and Parks, and the Nature Conservancy. The various purposes of the project include to preserve the unique character of the former nursery, to preserve the idea of urban wilderness, to provide educational opportunities for children, and to demonstrate irrigation systems by capturing water from up the hill. Board members expressed a concern about the possible increase in the number of buildings constructed on the site and voiced the desire to be kept informed about the project.

Item 6. Update on Griffith Park Traffic Enhancement Plan. Motion to approve letter of support

Joe stated that the Traffic Plan is almost complete. He requested a letter from the board to be sent to the Commission in support of the Plan and the Phase One changes. Laura moved that a letter be drafted in support of the Plan and Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Public comment on the MND included a desire for the Dash service to be more frequent and reliable, and various concerns about the parking difficulties and pedestrian hazards at the top of Western Canyon.

Item 7. Update re GPAB Board seats, vacancies

According to our Bylaws, Board members need to reapply every 2 years. Joe noted that starting in September, applications will be available.

Item 8. Board Member comments on items not on the Agenda

Laura discussed the landscaping project at Riverside and Los Feliz. She will send the report of the Ad Hoc Committee composed of Laura, Kris and Ron to Joe and to Craig Raines, the Rec and Parks Landscape Architect of the Project.

Item 9. Old/Ongoing Business No Old Business.

Item 10. New/Future Business No New Business.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next Meeting is August 25.