

Griffith Park Advisory Board
Thursday October 27th, 6:30pm
Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium
4730 Crystal Springs Drive L.A.CA, 90027

Draft Minutes

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.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Susan Swan, Don Seligman, Kris Sullivan, Chip Clements, Ron Deutsch, Ted Johnson, Chris Laib, Lucinda Phillips. Absent: Laura Howe.
CD 4: Catherine Landers
Rec and Parks: Joe Salaices, Tracy James

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

It was noted that in the September Minutes, it should read Dr. Krup not Krump in Item #5.

It was noted that in Item #12 Joe said geography should not limit people in terms of applicants for the GPAB.

The Minutes were approved with Ron and Kris abstaining due to absence.

Kris presented a summary of what she included in her minutes. She noted that the "golden rule" of minute-taking in the corporate, non-profit, and local association world is minutes are what is decided and done, not what is said. This guide is what she has followed for her term as Secretary.

Don moved that this gold standard of minute taking be applied to our minutes. Ron seconded. The motion passed.

A discussion ensued about public comments in the minutes.

Joe stated that no comment from the public should be allowed unless it is to a motion on the floor.

Item 3. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance

Catherine Landers –nothing to report.

Item 4. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Joe introduced Julie Dixon and Patrick Smith of Dixon Resources UnLimited who did traffic mitigation plan for the Park

Joe noted that plan has been put on hold for a month while the City Council reviews the plan due to citizens request. The Plan won't be able to be implemented until January, 2017. He said that traffic abatement procedures that have been done in the past during the holidays will continued. These include more Dash buses, parking in the Greek Theatre lot, no parking on one side of Western Canyon and staff members directing traffic.

Item 5. Todd Pierce from Pictoform: presentation on signage for the park focusing first on Observatory area.

Todd Pierce provided a slide show to present his firm's plans for signage in the Park. His designs included the use of consistent fonts, and artistic materials which are also heavy duty such as weathering steel. He said that the plans are still in the concept phase and open to input. Implementation of the plan will depend on the finalization of traffic plan. Joe said that money for the signage would come from different revenue streams. Joe suggested the board can continue to have input during the process.

Item 6. Follow up on 120th Birthday Event for Griffith Park (120yrs. Celebration). GPAB's role, how we can promote, etc.

Friday Dec 16th from 3-7pm near Merry-Go-Round. Attendees-FOLAR-FOGP-Shakespeare in the Park-Zoo Critters-LFIA-Food trucks
Tracy James presented the celebration format for the December 16 event. It will be from 3 – 7 pm at the Park Center near the Merry-go-round. There will be a stage and booths for various groups.

Item 7. Update on water tank removal

Joe reported that he met with a representative of DHL Industries that does demolition and tank removal for the DWP. The company will provide a cost estimate for each tank removal. Joe suggested he may also do a 3 bid process if DHL doesn't work out. He believed that the removal could be done by the end of the year.

Item 8. Update on turf reduction project near front entrance

Joe announced that planting will not occur on the west side of the site but that the east side will be planted.

Item 9. Update on tree-planting strategy, Follow up on dead trees, and the cause

Tracy reported that she and Laura met with maintenance and forestry about the tree situation in park. Due to the huge loss of trees, a reforestation project is being planned. She and Laura see this as a 10 - 20 year project with specific area plantings each year. They will get volunteers to help plant and anticipate the first tree planting will be held in January.

Item 10. Update re GPAB Board seats, vacancies

Joe said that there are 2 immediate vacancies and he will send out requests for interviews in November for appointments in January. There will then be room for 2 more appointments after January.

Item 11. Board Member comments on items not on the Agenda

Susan announced that Mail Chimp has been set up to send out the agenda to people who sign up for it.

Item 12. Old/Ongoing Business

There was none.

Item 13. New Business:

Members asked that the following topics be added to the agenda of the next or future meeting:

1. RAP's use of the old stage area
2. LA Parks Foundation's role in the nursery
3. Haunted Hayride's role in the Park
4. Second Trails Café
5. Appeal of Traffic plan

Susan announced that the November meeting will be held on the 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.