

Griffith Park Advisory Board  
THURSDAY, APRIL 27th 2017, 6:30pm  
Draft Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan, Kris, Ron, Chip, Laura, Jamie, Greg, Lucinda, Chris

Absent: Sheila, Don

2. Approval of Minutes

Since the March Minutes were not printed, it was decided that approval of them would be at the next meeting in May.

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

Catherine Landers of CD4 arrived late and reported later in the meeting.

4. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

A representative from the Sierra Club reported about the presence of graffiti on the new signs in the Park.

5. Update regarding pedestrian access via the Beachwood Gate to the Hollyridge Trail and opportunities for trail access

Joe introduced the topic and asked those who wished to speak to fill out a speaker card. Joe presented a summary of the court actions relating to the closure of the public pedestrian access at the top of Beachwood Drive.

Chris gave a report of the Ad Hoc committee on Access. The committee consisting of Chris, Sheila, and Kris met at the Beachwood Gate to look at possible public pedestrian access points.

Public comment on Agenda Item was limited to 1 minute per speaker.

Over 20 individual speakers presented their views on the topic.

Catherine Landers presented CD4's view on the topic.

It was moved by Chris and seconded by Lucinda that there should not be any public pedestrian access points closed in Griffith Park. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Chris and seconded by Kris that a new public pedestrian access point be opened close to the top of Beachwood Drive as per the February 3 Superior Court order. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously with Ron abstaining.

5. Update regarding the Griffith Park Transportation plan and Spring Break

Joe noted that the Spring Break plan worked well. He stated that 17% of those taking a survey had taken the Red Line to the Dash to the Park.

6. Appointment of GPAB representative to the new Commonwealth Steering Committee.

Laura volunteered to be the GPAB representative to the Commonwealth Steering Committee. Kris moved and Chris seconded to designate Laura as the GPAB representative. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Parties (Haunted Hayride), fundraisers, bench sponsors and advertising.

Chris reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on this issue will meet with the principals of the event and report back. Chris asked for emails from the public and the board on this issue. The members of this committee, Laura, Greg, and Chris, will meet in May.

8. Status of Old Zoo stage and new baseball field.

This item was tabled.

9. Possible updates from Ad Hoc Committees or GPAB Liaisons.

Laura noted that a recent planting of 150 trees went well and was sponsored by RAP, Friends of Griffith Park and LADWP.

10. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Laura suggested that it would be helpful to know ahead of time when proposed budget cuts to Park services such as gardeners were set to occur.

11. Election of Officers.

Joe announced the following nominations for officers for the next term: Don for Vice Chair, Susan for Chair and Kris for Secretary.

Chris moved and Laura seconded to accept this slate. The vote was unanimous.

13. Old/Ongoing Business

There was no old business.

14. New/Future Business

The following are future action items:

GPAB Web page to be put on the May agenda

A letter to be sent to Budget and Finance Director Kerkorian about allocations in RAP budget

An updated roster for GPAB

A published Liaison list from the April 23 Workshop

Liaison reports of GPAB members added to Agenda

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 25, 2017