

Griffith Park Advisory Board Meeting Thursday December 6,
2018 Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium 4730 Crystal
Springs Drive Los Angeles, California 90027 6:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS: Chip Clements, Ron Deutsch, Laura Howe, Sheila Irani, Lucinda Phillips

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Welcome and Introduction:

1. Roll Call

Sheila, Laura, Chip, Ron, Tracy Lucinda and Joe were absent

2. Approval of minutes

We were unable to approve minutes because the people attending were not enough to make quorum.

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

4. Public Comments for items not on the agenda. 2 minutes' maximum per speaker

No public comments

5. Discussion on upcoming lamp post, sidewalk and HVAC project at the Griffith Observatory. New lamp post will be installed throughout the parking lot, West Observatory Road and East Observatory Road. The sidewalk will be extended the length of East Observatory Road. The installation of the new HVAC system will require a temporary closure of the Griffith Observatory building.

The general plan for Observatory parking lot and road inside parking area is to be redesigned. There will be a 2 week closure of Observatory yet to be

determined. There is to be a redesign of lighting in parking lot as well.

The project is to be paid for by a Special Fund.

**Laura made comment that something should be done about the temporary lighting put along Western Canyon Road. Way too bright for nighttime wildlife.*

6. Playground installations and upgrades at Fern Dell, Vermont Canyon (Commonwealth) and upgrade to Shane's Inspiration playgrounds.

All playgrounds are updates except one new one across from the Greek theater.

**Emmy asked if they were ADA playgrounds and the responds was that was not the plan.*

**Laura asked is any trees were going to be removed. Several old Oaks in the area.*

7. Updates from the Superintendent

Report was made by Tracy because Joe was unable to attend

- a. Fern Dell Bridge Project

**The project is ready to go but waiting on approval from building and safety.*

**Catherine from CD4 said she could expert pressure and make a call.*

- b. Left turn pocket, Vermont at Los Feliz

Turn pocket is to be made before next Greek soon. One tree to be removed.

- c. Park Wide Shuttle update

Park wide shuttle to start with 4-buses. To go from Travel Town, Live Steamers, Autry, Golf Course, Observatory, Greek. It will operate on weekends in the beginning. The buses are to be ADA accessible. Signs will be put up at stops.

- d. LAPF Half Marathon January 27, 2019

- e. Dixon updates, Lake Hollywood Park and Bronson Canyon

Planting trees around Lake Hollywood to block view. Plan to use Pepper Tree and Tipalun (spelling) there is no walkway so people are forced to walk in street. Shannon Prior from CD4 is working on project.

Talk of how Bronson area is being used as a "dog Park" every day multiple dogs off leash.

- f. SMG Roosevelt Golf Course Café

It's to be redesigned and upgraded

- g. Autry Museum Exhibit on Griffith Park

Friends of Griffith Park asked to contribute ideas for survey used in exhibit.

- h. Report on Recent Fire near Skyline/Condor Trails

Fire was 56 acres. Took 4 hours to put out. It was probably originated in a homeless encampment.

- i. Follow up on violators of rodenticide use and recommended process used to make all vendors compliant.

Members of Urban Forestry and RAP were to tour park vendors locations to see what is being done to comply with new directive to reduce rodenticides. There will be a report at our next meeting.

The Zoo has implemented plan using the Contra Pest Company they have installed 12 bait stations.

8. Request for upcoming agenda items

Sheila has requested we support letter for state wide ban on Rodenticides.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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