

GRIFFITH PARK ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES, MARCH 28, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER- Sheila Irani absent  
Welcoming of new Park Advisory member, Michelle Crames
2. MINUTES –February 28 approved.
3. SPECIAL GUESTS- Catherine Landers, CD4. There is a Bridge Housing Project proposed for the parking lot across from Friendship Auditorium that would serve 70-100 people short term. Long term, there is a proposal to turn this area into a Senior Center. Both are in the legislative process. There may be updates at next month's meeting. Lucinda has requested that Councilman Ryu attend a meeting.
4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT- Marian Dodge, Friends of Griffith Park, The Inza Trail Native Planting plus 2 wayside signs. Wonderful work!
5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS- LA ZOO Vision Plan presented by Dr. Jan Green Rebstock and Darryl Pon [www.visionplan.lazoo.org](http://www.visionplan.lazoo.org)

Presentation included EIR/expansion of the Zoo proposal. Board was unsatisfied that this plan was not brought to them sooner, and better outreach not made, public comment had ended 3/11. Comments from Board included concern for indigenous animals and plants adjacent to the Zoo, the concern of 2000 additional cars being brought into the park while RAP is working to eliminate the number of cars, the Zoo intends to double the amount of visitors, destruction of current habitat to create new habitat is concerning and the issue that currently operations at the Zoo is not visitor friendly ( heavy traffic in, long lines at ticket booth) what is the plan to improve operations once the number doubles if already operations is overwhelmed? Dr. Rebstock assured the Board that their comments would be accepted and published in the draft EIR. Board asked Zoo to come back again with updates.

6. MATTERS UNDER BOARD CONSIDERATION- Filming guidelines and protocol in Griffith Park, presentation by Gerry Hans and update from the ad hoc , Gerry, Lucinda, Laura. Staying away from restoration areas, riparian areas, ridgelines and peaks are key. Holding film companies accountable, stricter guidelines for filming in sensitive areas, filming notifications should be posted, better training to film monitors. Motion was approved to support guidelines brought by ad hoc group , letter will be written. The ad hoc group has met with Maintenance staff who will be providing training for all monitors scheduled to work in GP focusing on environment/sensitive habitat and protections and will also be more involved in approving locations and then evaluating at the end of film shoots.

Friends of Griffith Park discussion on upcoming legislation Assembly Bill 1788 that adds regulations to use of rodenticides. GPAB motions to support AB1788 and 190002-S45 .

Trail restoration and mitigation ad hoc report. Discussion of whether this group is working on habitat restoration or trail maintenance.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS ON PARK PROJECTS-

Lake Hollywood irrigation and planting of Vistas, delayed as an administrative appeal has been filed.

Vermont Left Turn Pocket, completed and making a huge difference already. Left arrow is at least a year away. Observatory Improvements – sidewalk is complete. During OBS full closure LADOT officers will be working Fern Dell to assist with traffic.

Vermont playground making progress. Shane's Inspiration opened 3/28/19, great event .

Fern Dell Bridge –Board of Commissioners approval for Quimby funding for this.

Aerial Transit- Stantec has been selected to do feasibility study.

Park wide Shuttle- HPZ will present next month.

Rodenticide compliance letter from Concessions Division. Bronson road improvements

Earth DAY 4/12/19 at Ferraro Fields

- \* Chip reminds board that they did not approve option B in the Dixon Report, option A is less impactful to habitat.

ADJOURNMENT 9:04PM