

Griffith Park Advisory Board

Minutes – June 27, 2019, 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call – All present.
2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes approved.
3. Special Guests – Catherine Landers, CD4: Bridge Housing Project will have renderings next month, July, and requests the board agendaize a letter of support. The geological report came back positive for the Bridge Housing Project and future Senior Center. Expects bringing a funding motion before Recreation & Parks Board, then to City Council in about August or September.
4. General Public Comment – Mike, hiker: Thanks the Board for their work updating the minutes and trail restoration. Mike states that Route 16 is cleaned up, but is still missing a sign. He asks that when rangers host hikes, they post so online as the April and March hikes were cancelled with no notice.
Emmy: Is happy the area near lot one trails is open.
5. Informational Reports and Presentations:
 - Ad Hoc Report, Film Guidelines: Lucinda – Currently working on standard guidelines to be more specific into which areas filming is occurring and restrictions on certain areas. Currently working with Film Office to collect more data from shoots.
Laura – Suggest letter of support congratulating film office for hard work, asks for motion to support. No public comment. Motion carries.
Motion made to move Item 6.1 to present. Motion seconded, and carries.
6. Matters Under Board Consideration
 1. Lucinda – Three-time penalty is not effective and the effect on wildlife at night is difficult to gauge. The board cannot exactly assess fines, but is working toward that direction. Joe – No municipal code permits nighttime penalties, and nighttime penalties will be hard to push if we cannot find any code to support it. Will look to advice from city attorney on possibility of penalties for violating film guidelines.
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Ad Hoc Report, Trail Restoration: Chip & Laura – Met with park staff and is focusing on cut-through trails in Western Canyon. Put “woodcrete” barriers and signage to prevent trespassing and notice people of habitat restoration. Propose using combination of small sections of fencing, small rocks to delineate trails, signs, and education to prevent erosion.

Ad Hoc Report, Public Art: Ron – A semi-permanent piece of art which can be in the park for approximately a year as a loan might be the most effective and cost conscious path to bring public art to the park.

Ad Hoc Report, Communications: Michelle – Set up the Instagram, @Griffithparkadvisoryboard. Posts on Instagram cross-post to Facebook. Working with Rose Watson to help feed content from Instagram to the GPAB website.

Ad Hoc Report, Fundraising: Sheila – Thinking about adoptive tree program in which people adopt a tree for a certain amount of money.

Superintendent Reports on Park Projects: Joe – A. DWP has everything they need to install water to Lake Hollywood Park, will take 4-5 weeks before they actually put the water in, then can start planting vistas along Mulholland Drive. B. Fern Dell Bridge was approved by the Rec. & Parks Board. Estimate another 4-5 weeks to order materials for the bridge, then another 3 weeks until completion. Playground will be open in mid-July. Restroom by Fern Dell is being restored with ADA capability. C. Ariel Transit System – Putting together community outreach and feasibility study is still underway. D. Parkline Shuttle.

Motion made to move 6.3 to present. Motion seconded, passes unanimously.

6. Matters Under Board Consideration:

3. Park-wide Shuttle – Joe presents map of Parkline Shuttle stops and possible designs for the busses, two with decals, two with full wraps. The decals cost approximately \$25,000, and the wraps are approximately %40 more than the decals. Vote taken on individual board member preferences. Decal – Mike, Sheila, Chip, Laura, Lucinda, Gene. Wrap – Michele, Ron, Bryan.

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Superintendent Reports on Park Projects: Joe – E. Canyon Drive Park Entrance, looking to install cement sidewalk in this area around the gate on the street-side. Cost is over \$50,000 and goes all the way to the parking area. F. Electric scooters are not allowed on dirt trails, however a scooter may go anywhere a bicycle may go, and may travel on any path or road designed and provided for such purposes. G. No report on cell towers in the park. Cell carriers are not interested, however there is a possibility for eventually putting a network mesh over Griffith Park to provide WiFi over the whole park. H. Funding is approved for bronze replacement of the Colonel Griffith Plaque, and it is being made. I. Cahuenga Peak Plaque is being made but not replaced with bronze because it will be difficult to prevent theft. J. Los Feliz Boulevard DWP work has been delayed. The work will be 8 weeks with full closure on Saturdays while they do power work. Will have more updates next month.

Motion to swap item 6.2 with item 6.5. Motion seconded, motion carries.

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5. Joe – Looking to hire a biologist for the park to serve Griffith Park and the surrounding parks as needed. Money from Observatory parking will help fund this. Motion made to write a letter of support of a full-time biologist in Griffith Park, seconded. Public comment: Emmy - Will the biologist be for the city park system? Joe – Primarily for Griffith Park, but the biologist will also have freedom to move to other parks as needed. Motion carries.
4. Lucinda – Clarifies that current and correct bylaws state that the Board shall have no less than 7 members.
2. Joe provides Board with a handout of the Brown Act.
7. Board Business: Ideas for next meeting include – Haunted hayride, Cat Superfrisky at Grown LA, and consider skipping meeting for August.
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 PM.
9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM, seconded. Motion passes.