Griﬃth Park Advisory Board  
Final Minutes  
June 24, 2021  
Meeting began at 6:31 pm  
via zoom  

2. Minutes: Approved without correction  
3. General Public Comments: M. Dodge reports that FOGP will have a clean up at Bird Sanctuary on June 26, 8:30am  
4. Special Guest: Sarah Tanberg, Council District 4  
The council ofﬁce emphasizing ﬁre safety. Sarah will be on call July 4 weekend and coordinate with safety agencies. Councilperson Raman pleased to attend Albert Torres memorial and CD 4 presented the family with City Council commendation  
5. Information Reports and Presentations:  
Mulholland Highway Fencing  
Sarah referenced the Dixon report and prior councilperson planting of trees and installation of fencing as a ‘non workable’ permanent solution. Visitors and residents have access rights. Whether vehicles stopping for photography without fencing or pedestrian walking into street off the narrow pathway with it, there are public safety concerns. There have also been complaints about wildlife corridor blockage. The council ofﬁce aspires to deliver further direction within 90 days.  
-10 public comments  
-2 board comments  
Los Angeles Zoo ﬁnal EIR  
Board chair Greenwald reviewed ﬁnal EIR approval by The Zoo Commission, adopted without consideration of our Alternative 2 recommendation. This surfaces a conﬂict between city adopted park trafﬁc reduction protocols and the addition of 1.25 million annual visitors in a ﬁnal EIR; particularly one that doesn’t contain meaningful and measurable trafﬁc mitigation.  
-2 public comments  
-2 board comments, including an analysis of Alt 2, which mitigates 7 of the 17 negative impacts in the ﬁnal EIR.  
Motion: Phillips, seconded by Thornton that GPAB write letter to entire City Council reiterating our position and council’s prior positions re trafﬁc mitigation in the adopted Griﬃth Park vision. Unanimous approval.  
Griffith Observatory parking meter revenue  
Chair Greenwald thanks Recreation and Parks for transparency in providing several years of revenue data  
-2 board comments  
-3 public comments  
Motion: Phillips, seconded by Gilbert that we invite a Rec and Parks executive to next GPAB meeting and further discuss allocation of the monies vis a vis the stated objective when the program was launched. Unanimous approval.  
GPAB bylaws  
Chair Greenwald advises he replaces Deutsch as acting chair of ad hoc. Gilbert and Greenwald present revised bylaws  
Motion to adopt. Phillips, seconded by Thornton. Unanimous approval  
Discussion about return to live meetings.
Acting Superintendent Smith advises that the department is allowing return to live meetings effective October 1, 2021, in accordance with a State advisory re boards governed by the Brown Act. Board discussion, resulting in recommendation for further study in the community engagement committee, led by Crames and Phillips. Committee to report back re merits and logistics

6. Superintendent Updates
Acting Superintendent Smith advises that daily Dash service returned on 6/23, Griffith Observatory reopens on 6/24, Fri-Sunday only, until fully restaffed. Parkline shuttle a priority but no restart date yet. RAP employees must still wear face coverings, and children also required at all indoor RAP facilities. New GPAB member applications are robust and deliberations shall continue into July. Albert Torres memorial on 6/15 was special, a plaque placed in Park Central courtyard. Additional summer transportation staffing at Los Feliz and Fern Dell, Vermont and Commonwealth, Lot G, Section 9 and Griffith Observatory parking area. No Parking signs placed adjacent to heavy trafficked intersections on Friday-Sunday. Extra brush clearance continuing throughout the park.

7. Committee Reports
Safety ad hoc
Chair Laib advises that a meeting is being set up with LAFD, CD4, RAP and GPAB about coordinating efforts re wildfire safety, including adjacent neighborhood evacuation protocols. A Griffith Park ranger equestrian detail to be discussed at next ad hoc meeting.

Community Engagement
Chair Crames reports about micro forest planting in Bette Davis park, involvement of various stakeholder groups and the Observatory reopening

Bylaw, vision and mission plan
Chair Greenwald reports that 2 of 3 tasks completed, and that the Griffith Park Vision recommendations are next to be scheduled

Equestrian ad hoc
Chair Thornton compliments Superintendent Smith on quick repairs called in by equestrians and that her ad hoc is also taking up equestrian ranger unit

8. Board Business
Discussion of Griffith Park biologist requested for July meeting
Next meeting July 22, 6:30pm via zoom

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourns at 9:01 pm