

Call to order

Thornton welcomes all and will chair this meeting until Crames arrives.

Roll Call

All present except Crames, Griffin, and Phillips.

Board announcements

Intro by Crames - meeting structure, ability to email Tracy, importance of the ad hocs

Minutes

No notes. Greenwald motion to approve. Carlson seconds

Special Guests

Mehmet from CD4 - LADOTLivableStreets.org, survey and fact sheet available concerning Zoo Drive to Gate 7 and protecting bike lanes and reconfiguration between Memorial and Zoo Drive with an aim to calm speeds. Average MPH is 50 on Forest Lawn Dr. Several fatalities in last 10 years. Seeking feedback

—LA Riverway Phase 4 - Project to expand riverway 200 ft. west into Forest Lawn Dr. DOT is revising initial proposal based on feedback. They also plan on consulting equestrian community and then will double back to GPAB on new plan.

—South Griffith Park - Mehmet is reviewing plans for SoGP site. He will then consult with RAP and create a new master plan for the area. Numerous potential locations for an Adult Center, need to hone in on where it goes and what additional uses the construction will have.

Jennifer from CD4

—New turn lights that are being placed on Vermont and Los Feliz are about 2 months out from total completion.

Senator Anthony Portantino

—Wants to celebrate portrait of P-22 being installed in Visitor Center.

Question from Laib: Can you address issues in The Oaks with app routing?

Portantino: We can talk to CalTrans and can help with resources and advocacy. We can help navigate state system for grants. If there are proposals that you would like office to get involved in please reach out.

General Public Comment

Representative from The Oaks neighborhood - navigational apps are routing traffic through The Oaks instead of Ferndell leading to huge traffic jams on neighborhood side streets. Request to speak to Google Maps, Waze, and Apple Maps to prevent issue. Also interested in signage that directs motorists to Ferndell.

Nancy Simpson, Oaks Neighborhood Homeowners Association - Cars are speeding down Briarcliffe during sunset/rush hour. Poses risks to pedestrians.

6:52 Crames arrives.

Representative from The Oaks neighborhood - cars being navigated through the park is a hazard. Wants to contact Google and have apps reroute motorists.

Crames: Tracy can you please comment.

Tracy James: I contacted Google and Waze. We can work on this together to resolve the issue.

Liz Radley - Cyclists have gotten lost on the bike trails.

Marian Dodge

- Correcting announcement from last month. The mural has not yet been approved, only the waiver.
- The left turn lane on Los Feliz was backed up.
- Mehmet in response to Marian - We have a \$4M state earmark and \$150k has been allocated to design and construct new left hand turn phases.

Additional Commenter - Shelter in SoGP

-We asked for a timeline when shelter would be closing. Have not received any follow up.

Additional Commenter - Bike Trails - There is an increased number of cyclists on the dirt hiking trails.

Gerry Hans - Mural entitled "Hiding in Plain Sight" forthcoming.

Information Reports and Presentations

Haunted Hayride, Tim Pugsley from 10-31 Productions will be present to discuss the 2023 season. Non-motion item

- Load in begins on August 28th. Strike on 11/1 and out on 11/13.
- Operational dates will be Sun-Thu 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM (out by 11:30 PM). Fri-Sat 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM (out by 1 AM). All emergency exits will remain open.
- Fog machines have been changed to prevent bleeding onto interstate.
- Working with a new cleanup company and new company assisting with parking logistics/traffic flow along Crystal Springs.
- Q&A:
 - Laib - How many of your patrons will use public transportation, how many parking attendants will you have and where
 - Tim says they have Uber drop-off location, but guesses <5%
 - There are several parking centers and there will be representatives roaming to high traffic areas. The Zoo Parking Lot is utilized and there is a shuttle.
- Greenwald: Question is for Stefanie: What do you think are the biggest issues identified during last year's run and how do you think those have been addressed by 10-31 Productions.
- Stefanie Smith: The number of complaints have dropped drastically because of the outreach we have done.
- Had issues with cleanliness and traffic and more resources have been deployed to address shortcomings.

- Friends of Griffith Park: Primary concern is displacing park-goers looking to picnic.

Anthony Gallo, RAP - Report concerning Observatory Pay Kiosks and bi-annual parking revenue for 1/1/23-6/30/23 —

Total Revenue: \$2,102,080. Previous bi-annual revenue report for 7/1/22 - 12/31/22 — Total Revenue: \$2,842,370

**Total Annual Revenue (7/1/22-6/30/23):
4,944,450**

Actual		Estimated Revenue and Expenditures	
Actual		Actual	
Parking Fee Collections (January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023)	\$2,102,080.00	Parking Fee Collections (July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022)	\$ 2,842,370.00
Estimated Expenditures		Estimated Expenditures	
Park Access/Transportation	\$ 203,997.00	Park Access/Transportation	\$ 133,683.00
Parkline Shuttle		Parkline Shuttle	
DOT Sign Postings		DOT Sign Postings	\$683.00
DASH Bus Program		DASH Bus Program	\$133,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 186,372.00	Capital Improvements	\$ 277,000.00
Park Road Infrastructure		Park Road Infrastructure	
Signage		Signage	
Fencing		Fencing	
General Park Improvements		General Park Improvements	
Griffith Park Supplemental Staff Support	\$ 641,999.00	Griffith Park Supplemental Staff Support	\$ 179,300.00
Park Maintenance - Graffiti Crew		Park Maintenance - Graffiti Crew	
Park Services Traffic Control		Park Services Traffic Control	
Security Officers and Park Rangers		Security Officers and Park Rangers	\$83,200
VET		VET	
Urban Ecologist		Urban Ecologist	\$96,100.00
Deffered Maintenance/ Equipment	\$ 49,674.00	Deffered Maintenance/ Equipment	\$ 40,000.00
Equipment-light towers/CMS Boards		Equipment-light towers/CMS Boards	\$28,000
Traffic Office (Southwest Mobile Storage)		Traffic Office (Southwest Mobile Storage)	\$3,600
Portable Restrooms (United Site Services)		Portable Restrooms (United Site Services)	\$2,640.00
Pay Machines (Cale)		Pay Machines (Cale)	\$24,000.00
Eco-Counter			
Credit Card Reimbursements	\$0	Credit Card Reimbursements	\$57,000
		Sub-Total Actual Expenditures	\$ 686,983.00
		RAP General Fund Commitments	\$1,600,000
		Total Expenditures	\$ 2,286,983.00
Sub-Total Estimated Expenditures	\$1,082,042.00	Estimated Balance After Expenses	\$555,387
RAP General Fund Commitments	\$0		
Total Expenditures	\$1,082,042.00		
Estimated Balance After Expenses	\$1,020,038		

Note: A total of \$2.2M was taken for the year (7/1/22-6/30/23) from for the RAP General Fund Commitments.

-Q&A

-Greenwald: Revenue is down roughly \$600k form last year, do you attribute that to lost revenue from broken parking kiosks?

-Gallo: There is now way to quantify that. None of the reports seen indicate where the loss is coming from.

-Crames: Believes that the meters are greatly contributing to loss of revenue. Would it help for GPAB to create an ad hoc to look for solutions?

-Gallo: Techs say there is always an issue with connectivity. Executive office is involved.

-Stefanie Smith: Verizon came out and said they want to bring in an outside vendor. Executive Management wants to look at AT&T as well. Get their thoughts on the situation. IT team will assess options.

-Greenwald: Do you think we will have clarity on vendor by next month's issue?

-Stefanie: Yes.

-Public Comment

-Multiple requests for complete figures.

-Thornton: Interest among board to get more money coming back to park as opposed to general fund. Potential to create ad hoc to facilitate that process.

-Thornton: Motion to write letter to commissioners pleading urgency regarding parking meter issue. Passes unanimously. Crow to write.

Superintendent Updates

Presentation by Stefanie Smith

- DWP Tank Issues - DWP is responsible for the tanks, not RAP.
- Fire Response Updates - Park rangers responded to GP fire, 3 acres, no structures damaged. Most likely started by cigarette from vehicle. 2nd fire 8/16 was an arson, suspect taken into custody, technically outside of GP boundary.
- Pony Rides - Consultant will provide report on 9/7 concerning reimagining of location.
- Kimley-Horn Traffic Improvement Updates - Plans finalized for GP Active Transportation Project. Phase 3 along Crystal Springs should hopefully start by end of year with state funding.
- Golf Course Smoking - No smoking signs will be implemented.
- Bronson Canyon Sidewalk - 9/6 meeting is scheduled.
- Fern Dell Restrooms - Renovations forthcoming to make all-gender and ADA accessible. Project starts in September.
- Pote Field Bleachers - Set to be renovated to meet all ADA specifications. Will commence late Fall.

Committee and Ad Hoc Reports

Board Business

Future agenda items: bring in representative from the golf course.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Greenwald. Laib seconded.