

**Griffith Park Advisory Board
Minutes
Thursday, June 26, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER Crow

-Roll Call Laib

Crow, Phillips, Greenwald, Gustincic, Hagans, Hamilton, Laib, Lann present. Carlson, Chung, Griffin excused.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Laib

First: Hamilton Second: Greenwald

Minutes approved unanimously with 2 corrections

3. SPECIAL GUESTS

Mehmet Berker, Deputy Council District 4

-City Council motion 0006-S35, so called fire response motion has been delayed by LAFD, whose response was deemed not thorough and council requested more detail before considering the matter further.

-South Griffith Park master plan RFP has been issued with a 8/15 response deadline. \$250,000. has been allocated.

-A brief description of some of the master plan elements, including the Griffith Park Adult Center, and that the plan will also include existing elements, including the Los Feliz Plunge, tennis courts, soccer field, Friendship Hall, etc. The Plunge design work is active and a notice to proceed issued.

-Kimley/Horn consultants have been awarded the rewrite of plans for the Crystal Springs Dr reconfiguration, and will return them to LADOT for approval. The funds for the job are allocated, however project must rebid, and best guess as to commencement is this winter.

-The Bronson and Fern Dell sidewalk projects are being engineered.

-Council has adopted the LA Riverway Phase 4.

-? SkagReap 2.0 transit plan for shuttling to the LA Zoo is funded. Jacobs Engineering is lead consultanting firm.

Board Comments/Questions

Crow: Language in South GP master plan RFP is confusing. A conversation about what is and isn't included in the scope of the project.

Phillips: What is the LA River Phase 4 start time? Berker: Next dry season is best guess. And the CalTrans element is out to bid.

Greenwald: The So GP master plan contact list needs to be edited. Several incorrect contact people for interested organizations.

Greenwald: What is the LAFD fire report response timeline? Berker: Undetermined.

Laib: What is the Pony Rides decision timeline? Smith: Fires held this decision up. It should be going to Parks Commission by August.

Public Comments/Questions

Dodge: What is name of the new ABH management company?

Berker: Keeping U Connected.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

-Chair Crow read a recently delivered public comment from a Sierra Club hike leader, Emi G, that ICE raids in the park are creating an atmosphere of fear, contrary to the mission of the park as a place for public enjoyment. Smith: There have been no ICE activities in the park, but a warrant was served by Ventura County Sheriffs at Shane's Inspiration.

-Dodge: FOGP did a clean up in Fern Canyon and the '25 Raptor Study is completed.

-Radley: The Victory Bl entrance to Griffith Park needs to be more prominent and formal. Reminder of dangers of July 4 fireworks, and would like a stronger Ranger presence in the park for the holiday.

-Gavin: Better signage and delineation needed on bike lanes in upper Vermont Canyon to the Observatory.

5. INFORMATION REPORTS

Haunted Halloween Hayride

Jenn Bend

-Ride is 9/18-11/7. Load in beginning 8/26. Same format as last year. 8' fencing for equestrian trail is first installation. Traffic control, light

towers, shuttling and fire Marshall oversight. Signage announcing daytime use available in ride areas.

Board Questions/Comments

Gustincic: The fencing blocks some access.

Phillips: Is pricing the same? Bendik: There is variable pricing and about 2,000 free tickets are given to RAP for use by their rec centers.

Smith: This year's contract is still being negotiated by RAP Exec office.

Public Comment/Questions

Dodge: Night hikers are experiencing parking challenges during Hayride at Shane's Inspiration parking lot.

Summer Schedule Crow

-Discussion about July/August board meetings. Board agreed to forego August meeting First: Crow Second: Hagans. Motion passes unanimously.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Smith

-Brush clearance will be completed in all the residential adjacent park areas by July 4.

-The Griffith Park Visitor Center plan is moving along and report/proposal due on July 8.

-Extra Rangers deployed 7/4 until 10pm and emergency contingency plans will be deployed, particularly at Gr. Observatory and Lake Hollywood. Observatory and its terraces close at 6pm. DASH has normal schedule.

-The new Sunnynook/soccer field trail is nearing completion.

Board Comments/Questions

Gustincic: Is the temporary fencing at the Sunnynook Bridge coming down? Smith: Yes.

Greenwald: Was lighting added to the area behind the soccer fields? Seems like a security risk. Smith: She believes yes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS Crow

-Executive Committee met and created the agenda for this meeting.

-GP Visitor Center ad hoc Gustincic

The process is moving along and Tracy J will be returning soon.

-Vision for GP ad hoc Laib

Had our first meeting, elected chair, Laib and agreed that we would collectively be weighing the 50+ recommendations in the plan and report back to the board monthly.

-Hollywood Sign Working Group

Greenwald

Reminded board that this is a working group chaired by CD4 and consisting of representative from the neighborhoods affected by Sign traffic and tourism. A peak day Lake Hollywood Park area partial and total closure concept was introduced at the recent meeting. Many board members felt it has potential to create problems for residents, particularly, and that this is a plan that needs a lot of planning and forethought should it be implemented.

Board Questions/Comments

Gustincic: Is there a clean PDF of the Vision for Griffith Park available. The one on the website is a scanned version.

Phillips: How do Lake Hollywood residents and emergency vehicles get in and out if there are closures? Smith: LADOT was consulted and it's their plan.

Crow: What is RAP's position on Lake Hollywood closures? Smith: Encouraged that something is finally getting considered. It is one of our most vexing traffic challenges.

8. BOARD BUSINESS

Greenwald

Hagans: Would like to consider an Equestrian Center Advisory Board

Greenwald: The semi annual meter revenue report should be presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

First: Greenwald Second: Hamilton

Unanimous

Adjourned at 7:46 pm

Next Griffith Park Advisory Meeting July 24, 2025