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To: Stephanie Smith and Joe Salaices

During our most recent GPAB meeting, a presentation was given showing a structure that had been built behind Trails Café. It appears to be some type of green house with various plants of undetermined origin. This letter is being sent to follow up on the current status of this structure and what is being done about it by RAP or the Maintenance Department.

It was also discussed that the green house may have been built by a volunteer group in Fern Dell. As a volunteer board ourselves, the GPAB appreciates the hard work of volunteers and supports many activities and groups.

The concern is that organizations and groups should go through the proper channels to make sure that what they are doing is actually an overall benefit to the Park. We are especially concerned when it comes to introducing non-native flora and fauna or other materials not historically relevant to the Cultural Monument of Griffith Park.

We feel it is important for organizations and individuals be given guidelines to adhere to when doing work in the Park to avoid confusion or damage.

Members of our own board frequently meet with RAP to discuss their projects and how to go about them. We fully support you and the hard work you are doing to maintain Griffith Park. We wish to offer our help in supporting you in any way that is possible.

Could you please update us as soon as possible on what has happened since the Department has been made aware of the situation?

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura Howe*
Board Member

Susan Swan*
Chair

*signed electronically