

Your

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Committee

reports as follows:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the inclusion of the Griffith Park located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, 3201/3210/3401 Riverside Drive, 2715 North Vermont Avenue and 5333 Zoo Drive in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) as the Findings of the Council.
2. APPROVE the recommendation of the CHC relative to the inclusion of the Griffith Park located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, 3201/3210/3401 Riverside Drive, 2715 North Vermont Avenue and 5333 Zoo Drive in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Applicant: Griffith Van Griffith, The Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust
Owner: City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks

CHC 2008-2724 HCM

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CHC reports that such designation in and of itself has no fiscal impact. Future applications for permits may cause minimal administrative costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 28, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 28, 2009)

Summary:

At its meeting held on January 13, 2009, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered and recommended that Council approve the report, recommendations, and findings of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC), relative to the inclusion of Griffith Park located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, 3201/3210/3401 Riverside Drive, 2715 North Vermont Avenue and 5333 Zoo Drive in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

During the public hearing, Councilmember Tom LaBonge representing the Griffith Park Area and Council District Four spoke in support of this designation. In addition, a descendent of Colonel Griffith J. Griffith was present at the hearing. Many speakers provided testimony in support of this designation including representatives of the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust Fund, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Sierra Club, the Los Angeles Conservancy and the Autry National Center, as well as others.

A speaker representing the Autry National Center requested that the Council clarify that the museum's current, proposed expansion project would not be subject to Cultural Heritage Commission review, as it does not affect any of Griffith Park's historic elements. It was reported that the Griffith Park Historic-Cultural Monument application and Cultural Heritage Commission Recommendation Report identified five areas of Griffith Park as non-contributing elements that do not contribute to the historical significance of Griffith Park: the Los Angeles Zoo and Autry National Center; freeways and all associated ramps; the Toyon Canyon Landfill and Reclamation Project; Marty Tregnan Golf Academy; and Roosevelt Municipal Golf Course. As reported, any project that is the subject of a pending application with the City of Los Angeles at any of these non-contributing sites shall be exempt from review or approval under the Cultural Heritage Ordinance, including but not limited to the Autry National Center's proposed

expansion project, to the extent that such project is in substantial conformance with the height and massing in its application.

Staff from the Department reported that the Department of Water & Power Commissioners has certified a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Headworks Reservoir Project located at the Headworks Spreading Grounds Section of Griffith Park. That project, as described in the EIR, shall be exempt from review or approval under the Cultural Heritage Ordinance.

It was also reported that there shall be a six-month grace period prior to full Cultural Heritage Commission review of Recreation and Parks maintenance projects in order to better characterize, map, delineate, and define the individual character-defining features that contribute to the historic-cultural significance of the monument, using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
WEISS:	YES

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