

PROS Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2010
Location: Ranger House
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Call To Order and Introductions

Discussion of Griffith Park to Elysian Park Community Trail and Wildlife Corridor

Discussion of possible support for the SMMC / MRCA Appeal for an easement between Griffith Park & Elysian Park into a trail linking these two parks, which would hereafter be called the Griffith Park to Elysian Park Community Trail and Wildlife Corridor.

This initiative is part of the “Griffith Park to El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park Trail” which has been in the formation process since early 1980s.

In the staff report for the Jan 6, 2010 public hearing for Vesting Tentative Tract Map #70871, the City Planning Dept included a Draft Tentative Tract Report with Conditions. Condition 161 requires “the applicant shall provide an area for the future development of the equestrian trail as required by the Community Plan.”

The Conservancy is aggrieved by the process which inappropriately approved site plans prior to final approval of the Vesting Tentative Tract Map in violation of a binding tract map condition. This decision permanently cuts off wildlife movement to Elysian Park, making it a biological island for terrestrial animals.

Budget impacts, including potential Paid Parking Fee at L.A. Zoo parking lot.

Discussion of the fact this parking lot has been used by all types of park users for decades. The usage of this parking lot has ALWAYS BEEN FREE. Charging for parking is in violation of the gift of Griffith Park to the people as a free refuge.

Discussion of possible new fees currently discussed at City Hall and other revenue-producing proposals for Griffith Park and city parks.