

PROS Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 12, 2010
Location: Greek Theatre
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Call To Order and Introductions

Griffith Park Public Safety Concerns and Developments

Update on Park Ranger hours & staffing, deployment and funding; Consensus is Rangers are extremely valuable & necessary for safety in Griffith Park. We need to fight to keep the Ranger & not reduce their hours & duties. OPS does not provide a good substitute for the functions and services of the Rangers.

Discussion of recent public safety incidents in Griffith Park – especially after dark.

Griffith Park Natural History Survey: Rare Plants of Griffith Park Survey

Report from Gerry Hans & George Grace on preliminary findings and the local and regional bio-significance. A variety of rare plants have been documented in the Park, some of which haven't been previously documented. These findings are not limited to any particular area of park, rather significant findings are coming from throughout the park. This is very exciting and should add another level of protection for the urban wilderness.

Potential Parking Fee at L.A. Zoo Parking Lot

Report on proposed process to be followed in the City's exploration of levying a fee to park in the lot serving the Zoo in Griffith Park; Decision to advocate against fee parking; Many users (hikers, bicyclists, runners, picnic'ers) would be displaced. Decision to rally these people for their support (public comment at future meetings, etc.)

Glendale Narrows Riverwalk

Report on June 30, 2010 workshop meeting on City of Glendale plan for creating recreational access to the narrows riverbank area of the L.A. River, including proposed new linkages to Griffith Park.

John Pearson, Project Manager of Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, presented 5 proposed Bridge Locations and requested public comment on the proposed locations. Discussion on bridge location at "site 1" – furthest west - as the most logical selection. This location would provide benefit to the greatest number of park users, including pedestrians and equestrians.

Mature Tree Losses in Fern Dell & Vermont Canyon

Report on tree removals traceable to draught and watering restrictions. Decreased maintenance of trees planted by Recs & Parks.

PROS New Chair Ad Hoc Committee

Ad hoc formed to put out call for candidates.

Committee and Public Comment.