

Meeting Notes

Parks, River and Open Space Committee

March 14, 2011

Los Feliz Community Police Center

1965 N. Hillhurst Ave (2nd floor of Citibank)

Los Angeles, CA 90027

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Attendees: Laura Howe (Co-Chair), Joe Young (Co-Chair); John F. John Jr., Gerry Hans, Mary Button, Jeff Gardner, Rex Link, Kathryn Louyse, and Dora Herrera. (All are members of the Committee)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p. m.

Joe Young distributed the GGPNC Code of Civility to all in attendance.

Approval of Past Meeting Notes: The Meeting Notes of the meetings of December 20, 2010 and January 31, 2011 were approved. (Moved/Seconded by Gardner/Louyse)

Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

There was a discussion about the DEIR, specifically the short comment period allowed by the Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles. Jeff Gardner had placed an agenda item for the Executive Committee of the GGPNC that would require the GGPNC to request an extension of time to review and comment on the DEIR. Joe Young had prepared a draft letter for the PROS Committee itself to request an extension. It was pointed out that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Los Feliz Improvement Association, the Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter, and others had already sent requests to the City Planning Department for extensions of time to review and comment on the DEIR. It was also pointed out that while the procedure calls for the request to be made to the Planning Department, as a courtesy a copy of the request should be sent to Council District 4.

The following Action was taken: To adopt the motion of Jeff Gardner that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council request an extension of time to comment on the Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report. The request must be made to the Los Angeles City Planning Department and a copy of the request shall be delivered to Council District 4. This motion was approved. (Moved/Seconded by John/Louyse)

Captain's Roost

Laura Howe described the significant amount of work she has observed going on at Captain's Roost. Gerry Hans pointed out that at an earlier PROS Committee meeting, only the plant palette was described in any detail. Joe Young recalled that there also had been a discussion about water facilities planned for Captain's Roost. It was agreed that the PROS Committee should request a status report on the construction going on at Captain's Roost.

The following Action was taken: The appropriate personnel in the Recreation and parks Department will be asked to provide an update on the status of activity and plans for Captain's Roost to the Co-Chairs of the PROS Committee.

This motion was approved. (Moved/Seconded Gardner/Hans)

PROS Committee Budget Requests for 2010 - 2011

Joe Young pointed out that he had been told that the PROS Committee had \$4,500 to spend in this fiscal year. Gerry Hans presented a budget request for a Wildlife Corridor Study by the Griffith Park Natural History Survey. Their budget indicated that as of March 2011 they had received funding totaling \$25,074. They were seeking \$11,161.60 to complete the Wildlife Corridor Study. It was recommended that PROS recommend to

the Executive Committee of the GGPNC that we contribute up to the full amount of \$11,161.60 in order to complete the Study.

Laura Howe pointed out that would likely be a need for community awareness about various proposed and ongoing projects affecting Griffith Park. These include the ongoing DWP headworks project, the NBC-Universal project, the Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills expansion, plans and other possible projects. The PROS Committee could conduct public workshops, town hall meetings, generate publicity and distribute information, which would incur some costs. She estimated that this could involve up to \$2,000 in expense.

Laura Howe also mentioned that the PROS Committee routinely incurs operating costs (rental of sites, copying, etc). She thought that it would be reasonable to expect such costs could be up to \$500 through June.

It was pointed out it was too late to submit an actual budget request to the GGPNC Executive Committee for their March 15 meeting. Joe Young suggested that, however, we could send an advisory to the Executive Committee that we intend to submit a budget for consideration at the April meeting of the Executive Committee.

The following Action was taken: The PROS Committee will send an advisory notice to the Executive Committee of the GGPNC that we would submit a budget request for consideration at their April meeting for the following:

- Up to \$11,161.60 for the Griffith Park Natural History Survey Wildlife Corridor Study
- Up to \$2,000 for possible awareness campaigns regarding ongoing and proposed projects affecting Griffith Park
- Up to \$500 for PROS Committee operating expenses

This motion was approved. (Moved/Seconded John/Louyse)

Other Comments

Gerry Hans mentioned that there would be a meeting of the Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Ranger Station Visitor Center Auditorium. He also mentioned that the comment period for the Hollywood Community Plan will end of May 2, 2011. Jeff Gardner discussed plans to build ball fields in what is now the Crystal Springs Picnic Area. This project is said to be funded from Proposition K grants. If so, there should be an LVNOC (Local Volunteer Neighborhood Operating Committee) involved in reviewing and working with Recreation and Parks personnel. Joe Young volunteered to contact Carolyn Ramsey in Council District 4 to find out what the plans are for the nearby Pote Field and the picnic Area.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PROS Committee will be on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the Ranger House near Friendship Auditorium.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p. m.