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DRAFT MINUTES**

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Attendees: Joe Young (Chair), Laura Howe, John F. John Jr., Rex Link, Kathryn Louyse, and Dora Herrera. (All are members of the Committee). Linda Demmers was also present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Joe Young distributed the GGPNC Code of Civility to all in attendance. He also distributed the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and supporting documentation for the proposed motions.

Approval of Past Meeting Notes: The Meeting Notes of the meetings of March 14, 2011 were approved.  
(Moved/Seconded by Howe/Louyse)

Autry renovation: Resolved, that the Autry National Center shall adhere to the terms of its long standing commitment to upgrade the Southwest Museum and to operate the Southwest Museum so that the public may have access to that site and be able to admire artifacts and artworks that have historically been maintained at that site. Moved, seconded and passed (Louyse/John)

Billboards: Resolved, that all Los Angeles City parks shall remain free of all forms of commercial advertising, including but not limited to billboards, signage on picnic tables, walls, fences, trash receptacles, or any other spaces within City parks. Moved, seconded and passed (Howe/Louyse)

Conflict of Interest: Resolved, that no member of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission shall hold any position or post in any organization that conducts any business, directly or indirectly, with the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, or acts in any advisory capacity with the Department or with other City agencies including but not limited to the Office of the City Attorney. Moved, seconded and passed (Herrera/Howe)

Cell phone towers: Whereas there currently exists sufficient cell phone reception throughout Griffith Park and that the use of water reservoirs as bases for cell phone towers represents an unwanted and unnecessary intrusion of the natural environment of Griffith Park, be it resolved that the GGPNC oppose cell phone tower installations within Griffith Park. Moved, seconded and passed (John/Howe)

Fern Dell Repairs: Resolved, that the City of Los Angeles, including but not limited to the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Street Maintenance, shall determine the cause(s) of excess surface water in Fern Dell and resultant property damage and shall bring resources to the resolution of that problem. Moved, seconded and passed (John/Louyse)

Joe Young said that he would forward these motions to the Executive Committee. The Committee members stressed to Joe that evidentiary material and support documentation be available when he brings these motions to the Executive Committee.



Forest Lawn Expansion: Joe Young noted that the GGPNC had forwarded a letter to the Los Angeles Planning Department opposing the proposed expansion of Forest Lawn. Joe noted that several other entities, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), have also gone on record as opposing the proposed expansion. Joe distributed a page from the Draft EIR that summarizes the alternatives to the proposed expansion, including the "No project" alternative. Joe distributed a photograph he had taken from the north ridge of Cahuenga Peak that showed areas where Forest Lawn was already expanding its cemetery to the extent permitted by its long-standing conditional use permit with the City of Los Angeles.

Non Agenda Items: John F. John and Rex Link brought up the need for trimming along the bike path (and runner path) along the road between the Autry and the Zoo parking lots. Laura Howe mentioned that she plans to meet with Peggy Kelly, Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor, on several matters and that she would bring this to Peggy's attention.

NO meeting of the PROS Committee was scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p. m.

Submitted by Joe Young, Chair, PROS Committee