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Parks, River and Open Space (PROS) Committee Meeting

Monday, Aug 3, 2009 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Griffith Observatory, 2800 E. Observatory Road.

Griffith Observatory Classroom (Boeing Education Center), lower level.

Enter the Observatory via the Gottlieb Transit Corridor stairway on the far west (right) exterior side of the building. An employee will open the door. The classroom is just to the left of the "Our Moon" globe.

1. Call to order and introductions.
2. Los Angeles Parks Foundation -- Judith Kieffer, Executive Director of the new Angeles Parks Foundation will tell us about the mission and makeup of this newly established fundraising mechanism created to help marshal financial support for the City's municipal parks. Q&A follows. (25 minutes)
3. Griffith Park Natural History Survey News -- George Grace, GPNHS Steering Committee Member will give us an update on the potential GPNHS/Los Angeles Zoo joint bat study in Griffith Park. (15 minutes)
4. LADWP Griffith Park Light Festival -- Committee. Distribution and discussion of DWP General Manager David Nahai's response to official NC request that the DWP build on the success of the 2007 & 2008 pilot walking nights and eliminate all automobiles and combustion engines from the 2009 Festival. (15 minutes)
5. Dying Park Trees & Greens -- Update on Rec & Parks/City Council action to adjust DWP water-use regulations to keep parks alive (10 minutes)
6. Old Business (30 minutes)
 - a. L.A. Bicycle Plan -- Lynn Brown and Joe Young. Update on park-specific issues and trail use issues
 - b. GGPNC Board Appointments Reminder -- Deadline for filing is August 31, 2009
 - c. City Budget reductions/new expenses impacting Griffith Park
 - d. Autry Board of Referred Powers Hearing Update
 - e. Griffith Park Draft Master Plan Update
7. Committee and public comment on non-agenda items (10 min)

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PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed here if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action, or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) Make a Motion for reconsideration and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and 2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing public entities.

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