

Griffith Park Advisory Board Regular Meeting

July 24, 2025, at 6:30pm

Final Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Crow called meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Present: Crow, Carlson, Gustincic, Greenwald, Hagans, Laib, Lann, Phillips

Excused: Griffin, Hamilton

Absent:

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Greenwald motion to approve minutes, Phillips second. Unanimous.

Abstained: Chung, Carlson

3. Board Announcements

None

4. Special Guests

Jennifer Hull

- There is a sunset hike on Monday 7/28, Nithya Raman and J Alexander
- LADOT delivered comments to Kimley Horn on Crystal Springs, RAP can now get sign off
- South Griffith Park RFP is still open; pre-bid conference took place about two weeks ago. Good questions.
- Fern Dell Measure W is moving forward. Mehmet to deliver presentation in the near future.
- Los Feliz Blvd median weed removal should occur soon once scope of work is confirmed
- Mulholland Fountain – LADWP needs two contractors on board to rehab the fountain to acknowledge historic structure, construction should start in 2026
- Design phase fully funded on pool, will report back on timing
- A Captain from LAFD wants to do a sign dedication on Fern Dell and Los Feliz

for a traffic helicopter accident.

Crow

- What is the latest on the Lake Hollywood traffic closures?
- Jennifer – During holidays, closures are already implemented, but we will plan to provide an update at a future meeting.

Greenwald

- Good news about Crystal Springs. Sounds like Kimley Horn reviewed drawings and LADOT will soon sign off, then it goes to RAP for approval?
- Jennifer – yes

Phillips

- Is the Mulholland Fountain funded?
- Jennifer – I think the design phase is funded, but it goes through LADWP so not sure

Laib

- LAFD is the lagging entity on City Council fire report. Any update? And once that's in is it completed?
- Jennifer – I believe so, yes.
- Greenwald – Once that comes in Chairman Crow can choose to reconvene the ad hoc.

5. Public Comment

- Cheryl Caminos: I'm here for the Hollywood Dog Club, we've been here for over 70 years, we want to be involved in the South Griffith Park plans. Dogs that receive obedience classes are more likely to get adopted. We would like to have a Halloween event and demonstrate what dog sports are. We would like to have a place for dog sports in the park because the closest place is 2 hours away.

6. Information Reports and Presentations

Anthony Gallo

Discussed parking revenue and expenses. From Jan 1 to June 30 there was \$2,312,470 in parking revenue. These are the slower months, so that's a good number. Expenses include DOT sign postings, Dash bus program, restriping, capital improvements, fencing for Lake Hollywood, general park improvements (potholes). Staffing costs as well. Equipment and CMS boards, traffic office and nursery, portable restrooms, pay machines, and credit reimbursement. The transfer to the General Fund was \$1M. We now have a balance of \$1,108,789.

Carlson – How often does the payment to GF come out? Is the \$1M, is that last for previous fiscal year?

Gallo – That was the last for the previous fiscal year.

Phillips – What is the reimbursement?

Gallo – Credit card fees

Greenwald – Do you have a fiscal year accounting of all the revenues and expenses?

Gallo – The total revenue for the year was about \$5M, which is \$120k more than our best year ever.

Greenwald – And the corresponding expenditure?

Gallo – We don't have that yet.

Greenwald – Why did Dash bus payment double? Is it providing the same service?

Gallo – The bus drivers got a new contract. It's exactly the same service though.

Greenwald – Biggest hurdle in the past was a bus driver shortage for the Parkline but that seems to still exist.

Crow – Do the drivers see some of the increase costs?

Gallo – No, we contract with one division so we have to accept the increased costs. We can't train our own drivers. But they likely see a portion.

Laib – So is the driver shortage the main barrier to restarting the Parkline?

Gallo – Yes, it seems to be the driver shortage. But we would also have to upgrade equipment or buy new shuttles.

Phillips – Did we have to pay to get the meters back up and running?

Gallo – No, no costs incurred. And the machines are holding up very well. We may consider moving some underutilized meters to the top to get more working at a time.

Greenwald – There was a time when the department was taking a larger amount (\$2.7M to \$2.2M) and they agreed to lower it. The board advocated for it and grateful to RAP staff and management for keeping as much as possible in the park.

7. Superintendent updates

Anthony Gallo

- ICE in the park – I asked Chief and Captain and they reported no agents in the park. But Ventura County Sheriff's department officers looked like ICE but they were sheriffs. I asked if rangers would assist but only if an ICE agent is being assaulted.
- Shakespeare in the park – There is going to have one wine night from Silverlake Wine during a performance.
 - o Greenwald – Drinking is restricted to confined area
 - o Gallo – RAP will get a portion of the proceeds and we will bring on security

and staff.

- Lann – Is this a tester for future nights?
- Gallo – Yeah
- Brush clearance – Completed for the park
- Laib – Do you know anything about the pony ride replacement staging?
 - Gallo – I will check
 - Laib – I think it was supposed to go to the Commissioners this spring
- Phillips – Any update on the food and beverage facility near the carousel?
 - Gallo – No, but I will write it down
- Greenwald – I wanted to give everyone a reminder that this board weighed in on the park's alcohol policy about 2 years ago. It's a lot more permissive now than it used to be. We requested special treatment and limits for wilderness parks, but these concerns were ignored.
 - Phillips – See Board Report 23-085
- Visitor Center - There are three components of whole thing, and the visitor center part is moving along very quickly. It may even be done by the end of the year.
 - Tracy - The ad hoc will likely go on hiatus soon until there are next steps on the adobe.

8. Committee and ad hoc reports

A Vision for Griffith Park

- Laib: We went through Chapters 1, 2, and 3, there are 18 recommendations between them. We got through about 9. Chapter 1 is very philosophical. Spent a lot of time and made great progress. Our final report will be a report card with three categories. Vision states that Headworks project should be returned to park land. We have no clue if that is happening. We would like to have a field trip. Do we need to coordinate with Chair Crow to do that?

Executive committee

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- Crow: Met earlier this month. Meeting again in September. More to discuss in September.

9. Business Board

- Crow – The fire safety report is coming out next month
- Gustincic – Are you still working on getting us over to the equestrian center?
 - Crow – Yes, we will try to plan that.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Greenwald motion to adjourn. Hagans second. Unanimous at 7:25pm.