

HHWNC
POS Committee / Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2016 / 6:00 PM
Will and Ariel Durant Branch Library
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046

1) Call to Order, Committee Chair, Jeff Masino 6:10 PM

Jeff introduced Patty Dryden as joint Committee Chair – Environment
Read house rules: Keep comments germane to issues being discussed. Avoid personal names, address either Chair not each other, comments limited to 2 minutes each. The committee was commended for previous respectful decorum.

Recommendations will go to board at monthly meeting, September 21, 2016

2) Guest, Adam Davis, Managing Director of the John Anson Ford Theatres spoke about Ford Theatre Trail. He had a 9 page handout.
Ford Theatre hiking site sits on 32 acres.
Theatre has been closed all summer. Free parking for 100 cars.
Master plan includes a parking structure. No shuttle service.
Sensitivity to wildlife corridor.
No exiting trail. $\frac{3}{4}$ of mile trail planned. Day trail only. 2 to 3 years out.
Currently in concept design stage. No corporate sponsor. County land.
Raising funds: state grant and CD4.
Recent fire was one full ridge over.

3) Environment and Park and Open Space Committee joint project: Plant sustainability and Runyon Canyon tree plant collaboration.

Guests:

Rec and Parks: Javier Solis, Stephanie Smith, Leon Boroditsky

TreePeople: Clarissa Boyajian, Rachel Mararich

LA-DWP: Jesus Gonzalez, Tom (?)

- a) Javier updated stakeholders. There is an opportunity to plant trees collaborating with TreePeople: Phase 1: 3 trees in the yoga area and 12 in the mulched area at drinking fountain #5. Phase 2: 6 or 7 trees. The challenge is getting a 2" irrigation line 200 to 300 yards the second site.
- b) Leon recommended the pink trumpet tree for yoga area. It grows 25" wide and 25' high. This tree can establish well with dogs. Also the tipu tree (tipuana). Native trees are getting hit with disease (shuffler borer beetle). The park has lost many trees. Each newly planted tree will receive an orange snow fence to keep dogs from urinating. Three years to get established. Each tree will get a bubbler drip for irrigation.

4) a) Clarissa and Rachel spoke. In TreePeople's 40 year history, they've had two plantings in Runyon Canyon: 1993 and 2007. To prepare for event **Citizen Forester Workshops** will be given: 9/17, 10/15 and 11/12. It's a great event for children and volunteers. Gives a sense of pride. The Runyon planting will take place in spring.

b) Patty read the budget proposal: 25 trees in 15 gallon pots @ \$60 each – includes stakes and ties \$1,500, Porta Potty: \$117, bottled water, snacks, trash bags. \$1778.00 Reasonable buffer. Made a motion to request \$2,000 for this project. Unanimously approved, 20 votes.

c) Jesus pointed out 7 red dots on Runyon map. These dots indicate water meters. There are now 4 catch basins. Water runoff at Vista Gate can be diverted to yoga field.

d) Stakeholders asked about tree planting at the old McCormack tennis court. No water. No plants will live. Javier said it's very difficult to get irrigation lines to that area due to hilly terrain - water pressure uphill.

e) One stakeholder asked for more research on native trees. Jeff suggested that either the HHWNC Environment Committee or POS Committee website pages could post information on educating about native trees, current infestations, and possible Runyon tree considerations.

5) Safety and trail erosion. Goal was stated to 1. Discuss and note safety concerns here at the meeting. 2. Create a follow up email / report to submit to an appropriate contact for this at RedAndParks, LAFireD, SM Mountains Rangers, City of LA, etc. The goal would be to get the committee members involved in doing some of this work.

a) Anastasia Mann / HHWNC President submitted comments that many HHWNC stakeholders have been contacting her regarding fire danger/risks due to smoking in Runyon Canyon and along the Mulholland Corridor & view sites. Some signage is incorrect. Photos passed around. Stephanie is aware. One sign was changed earlier Tuesday. Water fountain has been installed where hikers are not supposed to go. This is a topic for another committee meeting.

b) Community Enrichment Chair, Emily Weithman submitted photos showing a path leading out from the stairs at the back of the canyon as it comes up to meet Solar drive. This pathway is resting on a hillside and has been caving in for months before Runyon closed.

c) Stakeholder made public comment that said parcels on west trail, near Solar Dr. owned by City. Another stakeholder submitted doc from LADBS. Code Enforcement, 2450 N. Solar Drive. Grading was performed without

obtaining permit. Safety concerns. Topic of 2450 N. Solar Dr. can be topic for another meeting.

- d) Stakeholder made comment that East trail steps is partially on private land. Stakeholder made a comment that the owner is Roland Emmerich. That the East trail steps are on privately owned land was in disagreement with another stakeholder. Topic for another committee meeting.

6) Desmond Estates. Stakeholder introduced a fellow stakeholder who is the homeowner who was confronted by hikers and had a home invasion during the day. Bob made a motion HHWNC recommend to RAP that they provide a gate for the west end of Desmond Estate trail so that the park can be locked down. In the meantime, RAP should take better efforts to lock the gate at the east end of Desmond Estate trail at dusk. Motion passed 22 to 0. Ideas were discussed using timed-self-locking gate technology, wifi technology to notify homeowner on status of locked gate. Goal is to permit access to that side of Runyon Cyn park, but address viable homeowner safety concerns.

7) a) Park kiosks at Mulholland and Fuller entrances. History: In 2002 Dan Bernstein was president of HHWNC. Anastasia Mann was Area Chair 5. The kiosks were built in 2003 and paid for by HHWNC. FORC painted the kiosks brown at one point. Presently only FORC is posting their flyers. Several keys to the glass cases are broken off inside the locks.

- b) Stakeholder suggested that the kiosks display: 1) maps, 2) rules and regulations, 3) stakeholder information. Mike Meyers pointed out that the Brown Act governs that the HHWNC be public with their meetings.
- c) Stakeholder made comment that FORC propaganda must come down. It is insulting to stakeholders to invite an illegal group. Wanted POS Committee to settle the issue along with HHWNC board vote at July meeting. HHWNC voted against MOU with FORC. Individuals representing the group FORC must leave. Jeff commented that individual stakeholders have rights outside of any group affiliation and can have say/involvement as such in kiosks. Stakeholder made the motion that HHWNC / POS Committee control the keys and kiosk postings (working with RAP and posting guidelines). All locks to get rekeyed by Sept. 21st HHWNC board meeting. Policy is subject to RAP approval. Motion passed 17 to 0.

Adjournment

7:57 PM