Action Proposals in the Vision for Griffith Park

The Vision for Griffith Park charges the Griffith Park Advisory Board with "overseeing implementation of the goals and recommendations in this Visioning document." (pages 11, 18, 53, 54, 73)

The following calls to action might be considered appropriate for the GPAB, all to be managed through the preservation of natural resources and ecosystems in the spirit of an "urban wilderness" identity. This implies maintenance of wilderness areas (natural habitat and vegetation), and minimizing the impact of intensive uses and urban intrusions. **Bold** text represents actions that the Board has already considered, taken a position on, acted on, or taken under consideration.

New Facilities and Events:

- 1. Permanent stage in the Old Zoo grass area. (page 11)
- 2. Junior regulation size baseball fields (page 12)
- 3. Comprehensive public transportation system both to and within park (Page 17, 57, 58, 61, 62, 67) Including shuttles for peak-use periods (Page 12, 57, 61, 62, 68).
- 4. La Kretz Bridge over LA River for pedestrians and equestrians (Page 12)
- 5. Acquisition of all contiguous properties to facilitate wildlife corridors (Pages 16-17,39) while minimizing development within Wilderness Area of park (Page 38, 53)
- 7. Entrance to the park off of Interstate 5 southbound. (Page 58)
- 8. Free passive activities, e.g. Family Movie Nights, Symphony in the Glen concerts, Shakespeare plays. (pages 11-12, 55).
- 9. Avoid privatization (55)

New Staffing Needs:

- 1. Ecologist (Page 12)
- 2. Increased maintenance personnel (Page 12)
- 3. Encourage Volunteer opportunities (Page 17)
- 4. Experts on natural communities, historic and cultural resources (Page 18).
- 5. More park rangers (Page 21, 66)
- 6. Forester (Page 37)

Infrastructure:

- 1. Repair of degraded ecosystems and watersheds (Page 12)
- 2. Restoration of degraded historical and cultural features (Pages 12, 15, 16, 43) including curbs and adjacent greenery (Page 61)
- 3. Consolidation of Central Service Yard functions (Page 12, 51) with reduction of temporary "lay down areas" for equipment and supplies (Page 38, 50). Relocate all maintenance areas out of view of park visitors (Page 50).
- 4. Rehabilitate Toyon Canyon (Page 13, 16)
- 5. Replace asphalt with low temperature permeable surface in parking lots (Page 13, 17, 38, 64)
- 6. Smart water and environmental/ecosystem policy: storm water retention and filtering, natural drainage and watershed management, recycling of waste, reforestation and habitat protection. (Page 16, 38, 54)
- 7. Restoration of the Headworks area (Page 13, 38, 40)
- 8. Enhanced signage (Page 17, 39, 55, 66) and accurate maps (Page 65, 66)
- 9. Maintain current road closures (Page 20, 60, 68)
- 10. Removal of fences and barriers limiting wildlife movement (Page 37, 39, 40)
- 11. Restoration of natural habitats/ecosystems (Page 37, 45)

- 12. Restore Bird Sanctuary (Page 39), Fern Dell (Page 39), Los Angeles River (Page 39), and Commonwealth Nursery (Page 48).
- 13. Maintain official trails (Page 39)
- 14. Determine number of restrooms required and locations of greatest need and use (Page 42, 54)
- 15. Relocate all above-ground utility features to underground. (Page 48)

Future Planning:

- 1. Develop guidelines for design, appropriate materials and palletes (Page 17, 54, 55)
- 2. Identify existing native species within park and differentiate from non-native. (Page 37-38)
- 3. Identify non-essential buildings and structures that could be eliminated (Page 41)
- 4. Analyze current usage of picnic areas (Page 45), sporting facilities (Page 45), current number and location of food services (Page 47), and other Park User needs (Pages 19,54).