

Materials for July 24th, 2008 Special FTDNC Board meeting agenda

GRIFFITH PARK HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION
Agenda items and background information.

- The letter from Griffith J Griffith's great grandson about the application is attached to this message. (GVanGriffith.pdf)
- Read the full text of the application here -- <http://www.ggpnc.org/gpark-historicapp-080523.pdf>

Agenda Item D5:

To pass a resolution supporting Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument designation for Griffith Park.

Suggested resolution text:

"Be it resolved that the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council supports the application for City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument designation for Griffith Park filed by the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust under the direction of Colonel Griffith's great grandson."

Agenda Item D6:

To approve a letter of support for designating Griffith Park as a Historic-Cultural Monument to be sent to the LA City Heritage Commission and cc'd to Tom LaBonge, Chair of the LA City Council's Arts Parks Health and Aging Committee, Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Richard Alarcon, Recreation and Parks Commission, Rec and Parks GM Jon Mukri.

Suggested Letter text:

To: Heritage Commission, Office of Historic Resources
L.A. Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles , CA 90012

Re: Designation of Griffith Park as an Historic-Cultural Monument

July 25th, 2008

Dear Commissioners:

On July 24th, 2008 the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council voted to **support the nomination of Griffith Park for Historic Cultural Monument status** in order to preserve it for all visitors to enjoy as Colonel Griffith intended.

Historic Cultural Monument status will help ensure that the Park's architectural features will continue to blend beautifully with its unique natural ambiance, that its vast and rugged beauty will

be protected from crass commercialization, and that it will remain in balance with the planet for generations to come.

Griffith Park is the City's largest surviving intact Spanish Rancho and contains architectural treasures from many decades, including wonderful features built through federal programs in the 1930s. It is the repository of much of this city's social and cultural history and features an amazing degree of biodiversity reflecting pre-urban Los Angeles. Over the years, changes to the historic fabric of the Park have taken place that would never have been contemplated if the Park had historic protection in place.

It is long overdue for Griffith Park to join other great city parks such as New York's **Central Park**, San Francisco's **Golden Gate Park**, and San Diego's **Balboa Park**, in being recognized officially as an historic resource worth protecting. In voting to approve Historic-Cultural Monument status for Griffith Park, you will be preserving the abundant civic, cultural and natural history within its borders and earn the thanks of all who truly love Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Bart Paul
President, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

Cc:
Tom LaBonge
Wendy Greuel
Richard Alarcon
Recreation and Parks Commission
Jon Kirk Mukri