



Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

Fall 2020

PROPOSED GRIFFITH PARK AERIAL TRAM

We are grateful that Friends of Griffith Park are leading the charge to oppose the concept of the aerial tram planned from Travel Town to the top of Deronda Dr. We shared some specific safety concerns that affect and impact our private properties.

The following was sent to Councilman Ryu, RAP General Manager Mike Shull and the RAP Commission:

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association represents 580 single family homes surrounded on three sides by 444 acres of open-space, all located in tract 6450. Safety, protecting and preserving our natural environment and residential community is our primary concern and purpose. We attended two Consensus scoping meetings and have a thorough understanding of tract 6450's physical limitations and our charge as an HOA.

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association has taken the position to oppose the concept of the proposed aerial tram.

The safety aspects of an eco-sensitive residential community surrounded by park land qualifying as Significant Ecological Area (SEA) and a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including an important inter-governmental communication tower, should be a clue that safety and environment cannot be compromised. In the past there has been a disregard for the eco-sensitive nature of this area. The influence of politics in association with a non-profit organization, as well as poor stats and thoughtless decisions by the City Administrative Officer have made for unfortunate management of an extremely sensitive area. The simple action of having the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce obtain a concessionaire's agreement for use of the Hollywood Sign has been ignored. Safety elements have been disregarded, as well as process.

The Tyrolean water tank plateau is an inappropriate stopping and viewing location for the aerial tram. Safety concerns include the proximity to Hollywoodland's gravity fed water delivery system located a mere few feet from the proposed site. Our water quality and delivery, as well as the pumping station for LAFD's heliport water is a safety concern.

There is no data or development criteria indicating this plateau is a properly sanctioned view spot. It evolved into a Sign viewing vista for tourists through lack of leadership and improper administration. A city ordinance prohibits use of the road leading to this section of the park.

The plateau is approximately 40 feet higher in elevation than the surrounding residences which are approximately 50 feet away. This creates noise and pollution and puts the City of Los Angeles in a position of "taking" by overreaching and compromising private property and zoning.

An aerial tram proposal needs to demonstrate quantitatively how it can relieve 95% of the traffic caused by the promotion of the Hollywood Sign in our neighborhood. We also oppose all electric bus/shuttle trams through our residential community. We support owner's private property rights relating to "no trespassing", ingress/egress easements and



do not support government overreach on "taking". We are not interested in anyone making a profit. Our concerns are our properties, safety and the environmental issues in the park. Removing the Tyrolean plateau as a viewing spot and gating Hollywoodland residential would be the only solution if an aerial tram was developed.

- Here are a few of our questions to RAP about the \$750,000 budgeted for the Aerial Tram Study
- What are the budget funding details regarding Stantec Aerial Tram Feasibility Study that was authorized by the RAP Commission in 2019?
- Please indicate if funding was generated from sources outside of RAP's budget. Did any departments, outside agencies, non-profits, or individuals contribute to RAP's budget for the purpose of funding this Stantec project? If so, what were those amounts?
- We would also like to understand why and who authorized the Tyrolean plateau as a tram stop/viewing site for the proposed project and why other locations were not considered.

To date details have not been shared. To learn more go to https://friendsofgriffithpark.org/griffith-parks-aerial-tram-history-repeats/?fbclid=IwAR0unm-S4sjXrld6ppWmV94z1Mg7KUYiWcnH4fgOyUujaN4Cp2AuCs9_Bls

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HOLLYWOODLAND COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

On **October 10, 6-7 PM** in the Beachwood Market parking lot, the Hollywoodland Community Orchestra is proud to present BLOW. They are a New Orleans style brass band, with an emphasis on funk, R & B and pop music. The group is led by India Anderson, holding down the band with her sousaphone. India is the former drum major of the USC Trojan Marching Band. Members of the group are:

Landon Grigsby and Justin Gilmore-Gresham, trumpet
 Michael Neufeld and Paul Nelson, trombone
 Dominic Anzalone, drums
 India Anderson, leader, arranger, sousaphone

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HALLOWEEN IN HOLLYWOODLAND

The HHA is planning a fun, social distancing Halloween event for children, so SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st.

We'll soon be sending out more information. Please let us know if you would like to be included and contact us at HHA@hollywoodland.org.

NOISE?

Does your neighbor speak loudly on their cell phone or laugh during wee hours of the night? Here is a tactful way to remind them how noise carries. In your next conversation with them repeat a specific and personal detail you overheard. Chances are they will think twice about the volume of their calls!

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MARILYN BEAUDRY-CORBETT

Farewell to our longtime resident and intellectual, Marylin Beaudry-Corbett. Such an active and interesting person to grace our neighborhood. Condolences to Don, their family and their dear friends and felines.

UNWANTED VISITOR

Several neighbors have spotted an unhoused individual wandering and camping out on the streets of Hollywoodland. He is relatively neat in appearance with a salt and pepper beard, usually clad in a baseball hat, with an ankle bracelet monitor and talking to himself. He has been sighted on Hollyridge, Westshire, Beachwood, Deronda and in the Village. He looks for outdoor electric sources to charge his phone and comfy, furniture waiting for bulky trash pickup. He has been arrested a few times, once with narcotics. There is a warrant for his arrest in Burbank, but alas nothing in this state or city seems to stick.

We reached out to Hollywood City Attorney, Ethan Weaver for an explanation about ankle bracelet monitors. This is what he shared:

“Each jurisdiction (LAPD, Burbank PD, LA Sheriff) arrests and processes suspects separately. However, once someone is taken into custody in LA County, the authority transfers to the LA County Sheriff which runs the jails. In normal times, the Sheriff determines who to hold in custody based on a balance of how severe the charge is and how crowded the jails are. However, due to COVID and the desire to reduce jail populations, the Judicial Council (State Supreme Court) has reduced nearly all crimes to "Zero Bail" meaning they will be released immediately.

There are a few different kinds of ankle monitors. It is likely the ankle monitor we observed is part of either a pre-trial release or a condition of parole or probation. If it is a tracking monitor, it just allows law enforcement to locate the individual.”

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SAFETY CONCERN

In late August one of our ridgeline property owners had an electrical fire. She called 911 and waited 3 minutes before dispatch picked up. She learned later that all 911 calls are filtered to LAPD first, then allocated to other departments. This seems like a real life saving and property rights safety issue that has direct impact on our homes and fire insurance. Any ideas how we can make the city functional on this matter?

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HOLLYWOODLAND GIFTED PARK

Some comments on Hollywoodland Gifted Park's condition at the Canyon Drive entry. Do you think the Sherman Company anticipated this lack of care when they gifted the land in 1944?

Griffith Park is dilapidated and uncared for. The path up from the end of the road runs right under the canopy of several majestic mature oak trees and sits right up against their trunks. This is hard packed soil with hundreds of hikers trampling on it every day. Every reputable arborist, landscape architect and landscape maintenance person knows that YOU DO NOT DO THAT!!!! In Thousand Oaks every oak tree is protected. Even on private property you have to protect the ground under the canopy which should be a soft bed of fallen leaves; A house was built in Thousand Oaks that had an oak tree and the architect had to design the house to stay away from the canopy!! But in Los Angeles, in a public park, nobody gives a damn.

There are dead trees and fallen trees, as well as overgrowth in the stream bed which is fuel for a firebut nobody gives a damn until it burns.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU)

Councilmember Ryu worked to ensure ADUs in VHFHSZ areas would be safe for our neighborhoods and was basically single-handedly able to get the following rules approved for ADUs in those areas (see page 3 and 4 of the final ordinance here - https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-1468_ORD_186481_12-19-2019.pdf):

(4) No ADU is permitted on any lot that is located in both a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone designated by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department pursuant to Government Code Section 51178 and a Hillside Area as defined by the Hillside Area Map pursuant to Section 12.03 of this Code, unless it meets one of the following exceptions:

(i) The ADU is located within the boundaries of either the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area or the Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area; or

(ii) The ADU complies with all of the following requirements:

(a) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (c)(10) below, the ADU is protected throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system, in compliance with the Los Angeles Plumbing Code;

(b) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (c)(12) below, one off-street parking space is provided for the ADU; and

(c) The ADU is located on a lot fronting on a street that is improved with a roadway width of 20 feet or more in unobstructed width, as measured along the entire frontage of the subject property, after any associated dedication and improvement. In the event the ADU is located on a Through Lot or a Corner Lot, the lot must front on at least one street that is improved with a roadway width of 20 feet or more in unobstructed width after any associated dedication and improvement.

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THE ACORN PROJECT



In three years Hollywoodland will be celebrating 100 years. Oak tree owners help us! We are collecting and accepting more than 100 green acorns from neighbors for the purpose of propagation. Our objective is to regenerate seedlings and plant 100 oaks in Hollywoodland to celebrate! Have some green acorns you want to toss into the mix? Please contact HHA@hollywoodland.org

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PRESERVING TRACT 6450

After 100 years so many public historic elements need attention, preservation, and restoration. We are investigating the creation of a 501c3 as a collection arm. A reminder that currently, the HHA can accept donations/bequests if you would like to specifically be remembered or support a preservation project. This is a wonderful way to preserve Hollywoodland and show your allegiance to the community you call your home. For questions please contact HHA@hollywoodland.org

INTERFACING WITH SACRAMENTO

- Your HHA board sent letters to Governor Newsom requesting he sign the following bills to protect your property values and safety.
- AB 1788 places a moratorium on the most dangerous rodenticides.
- SB 182 reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire damage to California's communities.
- AB 3074 protects California living in high fire hazard areas by modernizing defensible space protections.
- AB 3164 requires Cal Fire in consultation with the State Fire Marshall and the Insurance Commissioner, to develop a wildland-urban interface wildfire risk model to empower local communities to know and reduce their wildfire risk.

We feel these bills will assist in our protecting our hillside homes and our adjacent open space.

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HOLLYWOODLAND SPECIFIC PLAN

Almost identical triplet house plans have been submitted for 6110,6120, 6090 Mulholland Hwy. At the DRAB Public hearing some questions and concerns included how the design met the purposes per the ordinance, the repetitive style of the proposed structures, the window placement, the road access and the planting materials. A third and final meeting will occur. Please check with City Planning for additional details.

Please note the Hollywoodland Native Plant Guide developed by Peter Baxter can be viewed on the HHA website under the heading Specific Plan.

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THE BIRD HOUSE

This is a proposal that has been presented to the adjacent property owners and the HHA board. No decisions have been made.

Hello Hollyridge Residents! We are The Bird House (www.atthebirdhouse.org), an educational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based out of Beachwood Canyon. Since 2014-15, we have been stewarding two parcels on Gower Street, The BH Community Garden at 2460 N Gower, as well as a neighbor's backyard.

We are using this new status within ERC to help us expand our stewardship portfolio, developing agreements to include private residential land as well as city-owned parcels.

In this initial phase, we are asking Council District 4 and the General Services Department for formal permission to steward a parcel of city-owned land located at 3090 Hollyridge Dr., into a wildlife corridor, by restoring the soil, attracting pollinators, other insects and providing habitat for birds and other species, and supporting the existing wild-life on the parcel.

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