

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) and ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151(c) appeal of certification of FEIR of the Griffith Park Crystal Springs New Baseball Fields Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DENY the appeal filed by Friends of Griffith Park, the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust, and Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Griffith Park Task Force, in connection to the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles for the Griffith Park Crystal Springs New Baseball Fields project (E170110B; State Clearing House No. 2013011012).
2. CONCUR and ADOPT the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) action of April 2, 2014 in which the Board:
  - a. Reviewed, considered, and certified the FEIR, prepared by the Department of Public Works/Bureau of Engineering (BOE), on file in the Board Office and posted on the BOE website, [http://englacity.org/techdocstemg/griffith\\_park\\_baseball\\_field.htm](http://englacity.org/techdocstemg/griffith_park_baseball_field.htm), for the proposed Griffith Park Crystal Springs - New Baseball Fields (E170110B) project (proposed project); found that all potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project have been properly disclosed and evaluated in compliance with the CEQA and the State and City CEQA Guidelines; and found that the FEIR reflects the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) independent judgment and analysis.
  - b. Reviewed, considered, and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the proposed project that specifies the mitigation measures to be implemented in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15407(d)), and monitoring requirements for those measures.
  - c. Adopted the Findings of Fact and the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the proposed project.
3. DIRECT staff of the BOE to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the RAP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against Proposal: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On August 11, 2014 your Committee considered a July 31, 2014 RAP report, May 2, 2014 Appeal from Chatten-Brown & Carstens, LLP, and FEIR relative to CEQA Section 21151(c) appeal of certification of FEIR of the Griffith Park Crystal Springs New Baseball Fields Project (E170110B;

State Clearing House No. 2013011012). According to the RAP, on April 2, 2014, the Board certified the FEIR for the Griffith Park Crystal Springs New Baseball Fields project in Council District 4 (Board Report 14-061). Subsequently, on May 2, 2014, the City Clerk accepted an appeal to the City Council relative to the Board's action in certifying the FEIR. This CEQA Section 21151(c) appeal was filed by The Friends of Griffith Park, the Griffith P. Griffith Charitable Trust, and the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, Griffith Park Task Force (Chatten-Brown & Carstens, LLP, Representative).

The CEQA appeal requests that the City Council find that the certification of the Final EIR by the Board was not proper based on the requirements of the CEQA. The BOE has reviewed the appeal and the FEIR and believes that the appeal does not present substantial evidence that the certification of the FEIR was not proper based on the requirements of CEQA.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as contained in the July 31, 2014 RAP report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

**MEMBER    VOTE**

O'FARRELL: YES  
LABONGE: YES  
BUSCAINO: YES  
CEDILLO: YES  
PRICE:        ABSENT

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