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Fwd: More Rangers.... Re: 09/23/2013 02:00 PM - Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee Meeting

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Sat, Sep 21, 2013 at 2:16 PM

To: Christine Peters <peterscp007@gmail.com>, Adam Lid <adam.lid@lacity.org>

You are right. Monday. Anyone can email Adam Lid, City Clerk Office with comments on this item.
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From: **Albert Torres** <albert.torres@lacity.org>

Date: Fri, Sep 20, 2013 at 1:42 PM

Subject: Re: More Rangers.... Re: 09/23/2013 02:00 PM - Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee Meeting

To: Gerry Hans <gerryhans51@gmail.com>

Gerry,

In rebuilding Recreation and Parks and keeping in pace with the Mayor's goals, especially in consideration of the current situation Citywide:

- Consider what park rangers do and how important to public safety. Dispatch Communications; Patrol; Security and Law Enforcement; Brush Fire Response and Prevention; Search and Rescue; First responders for injuries and accidents; Wildlife management; Escort of other emergency agencies to difficult locations.
- Park Rangers as stewards, offering assistance to the public as patrons expect when visiting the park. The park is highly accessible now, yet people need guidance and interpretation of the do's and don't.
- Park Rangers problem solve and manage how the park amenities are maintained - signs, gates, lighting. We inspect and submit orders to repair.
- Emergency response for park situations such as trees down on roadways and other use areas; major water leaks; gas leaks - situations requiring other departments or agencies.
- We are proactive in prevention. A minor situation, say drinkers are handled and that prevents a disturbance later.
- Attrition of park rangers is evident now and projected in the future. Consider the average age of our park rangers, attrition rates and practical need to attend to new challenges.
- Usefulness of the park ranger - as generalists we also provide nature interpretative services to kids, families, and groups.
- New Park Ranger Station at Hansen Dam.
- A ranger is required to complete a police academy and becomes a peace officer. As such, the ranger is required to perform at a highly professional level. The rangers are highly effective and worth a close look at increasing current staffing.

On Fri, Sep 20, 2013 at 8:49 AM, Gerry Hans <gerryhans51@gmail.com> wrote:

Albert,

We'll try to support this motion at Arts, Parks on Monday. Any specifics you think we should mention - besides the obvious MORE - let me know. I think it would be good for one of us to mention the new need for rangers due to the increased tourist problems, Beachwood and Hollywoodland.

Gerry

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Board,

Okay, Friends of Griffith Park needs to be well-represented to support and to offer our help to the Department in evaluating the need for more park rangers.

Monday at 2:00. Arts, Parks Committee. Tom LaBonge and our new friend, Felipe Fuentes sponsored the motion.

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Thanks,
Gerry

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