

Meeting Notes

Joyce Hughes Park Committee / Weinland Park Community Civic Association

11/16/20 6 pm via Zoom

Present (in bold)

Amy Elbaor

Anna Sanyal

Ashley Martin

Bernard Hayman (co-chair)

Erin Schmitt

Holly Moritz

Jacob Yount

Jennifer Cheeks

Jenn Petrosino

Jim Dowdle

John Paulson

Jody Poth

Jonathan Lucyshyn

Julie Sims

Laura Bidwa (co-chair)

Laura Kogan

Leslie Fisher

Macy and Adam Schmidt

Matt Negron

Miraj Shah

Pallavi Mandiga

Robert Poletto

Steve Bollinger

Tanya Long

Icebreaker - What has helped you get through the difficulties of quarantine?

Ashley Martin – evening family walks and meeting friends at park

Bernard Hayman (co-chair) – spending more time with son, catching up on reading

Holly Moritz – daily door sign at 1347 N Grant for a while, but have stopped – now doing floor signs, til end of year

Jacob Yount – long dog walks, job hasn't changed too much, still teaching some OSU classes in person

Jennifer Cheeks – hiding in house with kids, random projects garage cleaning, toy sorting, teaching kids about buying stocks

Jenn Petrosino – nothing has changed, more yoga

Jim Dowdle – long walks, collecting records, bourbon

John Paulson – nothing too exciting, extra walks

Jody Poth – holiday decorating

Jonathan Lucyshyn – normally national parks, so now does Ohio State Parks passport with the state parks

Julie Sims – lots of people working from home, spending more time with family, running via virtual races

Laura Bidwa (co-chair) - gardening

Laura Kogan – bike rides with boys – 7 yr old getting better! Using Summit bike lane and coming back

Macy and Adam Schmidt – just moved in in August, getting house set up
Matt Negron – renovating a building in GV with dad – duplex, one side each
Robert Poletto – walks, getting to know neighborhood, new edition Joy of Cooking recipes, virtual happy hours, games of Civilization
Tanya Long – 1000 piece puzzle, brothers helping to do home remodeling in exchange for cooking, binge-watching TCM

Discussion: Proposed Rules for Joyce Hughes Park (draft proposal was sent with agenda)

- Jenn P – Alcohol prohibited on people's porches adjacent to park? Wine in water bottles?
Bernard – Rule is just intended to prevent blotto drunkenness or regular drinking gatherings. No police helicoptering in to enforce.
- Jenn – who enforces and who pays? Bernard: Thrive security for low-level offenses. For serious crime or violations of city code, Columbus Police. Will eventually distribute more detailed info about this to people on perimeter of park. Rob - Thrive has dropped the HOA assessment from the condos – expenses right now are paid for from home- and condo-buyers' in-lieu-of-taxes payment. Jody - The NCA is paying. Today it's mostly Thrive, but in future will be more from assessments. The NCA's agreement with Thrive ends after 10 years, so assessments may come back to condos and single fam homes.
- Jody – Something about events is needed – what is permitted, how it's handled. Rob - The last paragraph? Bernard – Laura B and I have talked with Thrive about how event permitting will work – we'll add this. There's not going to be carnivals or anything. Small, manageable events for the community. There's a process being worked out. We can be more explicit in the rules. Rob – We should say what the process to do an event is.
- Rob – appreciate mention of quiet hours. Timing is reasonable. Add: animals should be leashed. Jenn My dogs have an e-collar, although they sometimes get excited. I walk them everywhere. Holly: HOA just revised their rules to conform to city of Columbus rules on this. Ashley – say "under direct control" so the rare occurrence doesn't become regular. Bernard – we have to align with city code. Owner must demonstrate control. Some in neighborhood have been discussing a separate dog park. I'll try talking to them to see what they are doing.
- Rob – In rubbish rule, can we add something like "we encourage you to take garbage home and recycle" as a more positive statement. Bernard – something like that will work better on a sign (shows photo of sign from Harrison West – thank you Jim Dowdle!) And would be ideal to have recycling bin in the park.
- Jim – On the rules sign, include phone number for NCA security bc people won't know who to call. Bernard – great idea.
- Rob – banner/etc prohibition. He doesn't want noncommercial signage/etc in park either. Bernard – pulled from city parks/rec rules. Park doesn't have any kind of bulletin board right now. Rob – concerned about political signs. Maybe add language that for a process to put things in the park, to run things by a group? Jenn – we can just take signs down if needed. Do we expect this much traffic? Rob – there has been conflict elsewhere related to signs. Bernard: it's a really small space, so we want to let people know the consensus. Laura – we can do an A-list and B-list of rules, with B-list to be considered later, maybe after first summer. We have ability to revisit whenever we wish. Julie – it's good to create the culture up front, to make expectations clear. Park is small, we want people to feel comfortable there and not have off-putting things happen.
- Ashley – Consider how alcohol prohibition will be enforced. This could cause issues if there's grey area, room for bias related to who it is who is drinking – homeless person or well-dressed

young mom with her glass of wine. Bernard: Good point. This came from city code, it's the minimum standard. I'd like to adhere to it although it presents some challenging situations. Maybe discuss offline re previous WP experiences, how to address it. Park isn't going to be enforced 24/7. We'll need to work on community consensus.

- Jennifer – What about unsupervised children? Boys play football in the median by my house now without supervision. Bernard: No, nothing in city code about this, and I didn't think it was needed. Quiet hours and park hours protect closest residents. Also, added some language re park users exercising caution re projectiles. It's not constructive to make rules that are unwelcoming, especially about unsupervised kids bc I think a big reason why people want this park is so there can be a safe place for their kids to spend time.
- Jenn – Are we welcoming homelessness? Is it safe to have homeless people and unsupervised children? Bernard: I'm used to presence of homeless people in Indianola Park, and while they don't always behave exactly as I'd wish, we can be neighborly to all. We don't want to fear-monger. We are all neighbors together.

Brainstorm: Park opening and future events/activities

- a. What is our vision for kicking off the **park opening** in Spring 2021 and how can we use events to shape a positive, welcoming culture?
 - Rob – there was an attempt to do a movie screening. Could we do that here? Bernard: biggest logistics issue is to get screen. Rob: We can find out where others get them.
 - Laura K: food for opening? Others – food trucks? Potlucks? Local restaurants donate?
 - Rob: NCA meeting said they want to do a big kickoff. Money from them? Bernard – Laura and I will follow up.
- b. What events would the community like to see in the park on a **regular basis**?
 - Bernard – Godman Guild's Zumba classes? Yoga? Field day competition with games?
 - Ashley – Easter egg hunt?
 - Jennifer – read-aloud to kids? Yes to movie in the park, though watching time to respect adjacent homeowners. How to make a schedule of events in the park so people passing by would know what's going on. I have lots of ideas. Bernard: great idea to pull together info.
 - Laura K – partner with Zora's House – monthly pop-up market event in summer?
 - Tanya – Could use as an extension of the festival – extra rides, things for kids.
 - Laura K – Yes to festival extension idea -- Beer garden idea that we weren't able to try at last festival? Wine tasting? Make this an adults area?
 - Bernard – small farmer's market or CSA dropoff?
 - Laura K – talk to Dream Center, they're good at setting up activities.
 - Electric service to park? Unsure – Bernard and Laura will find out.
 - Rob – think about institutionalize a set-up and clean-up process. Bernard – festival has had good volunteer crews, it's a good idea to frame expectations about this.
 - Laura K – have a process for "more than 15 people" –
 - Julie – what is a good limit for number of people in park at one time?
 - Jody – There should be 2 sets of rules – one for events and one for general park situations. If all are together, no one will read everything.
 - Leslie – I live on park. Space issues. Is there going to be limit on larger gatherings?
 - Jenn – I've never seen a park so close to houses. Don't forget special situation here.

- Laura B – That's why we have this committee – to talk about everyone's perspectives as we put this stuff together.
- Bernard – Permitting will limit the number of events. We don't want to be a destructive presence to those living right on the park. We can set up a google form to submit event ideas.
- Jennifer – No fireworks, not even with permits. (general agreement to this)

Emails added to committee contact list: Miraj Shah, Pallavi Mandiga, Jenn Petrosino, Leslie Fisher

Next meeting: Monday, Dec 7, 6:00 p.m. Agenda and meeting link to follow.