

## Meeting Notes

### Joyce Hughes Park Committee / Weinland Park Community Civic Association

12/7/20; 6 pm via Zoom

Present:

Anna Sanyal  
Ashley Martin  
Bernard Hayman (co-chair)  
Holly Moritz  
Jim Dowdle  
Jody Poth  
Julie Sims  
Laura Bidwa (co-chair)  
Laura Kogan  
Miraj Shah  
Pallavi Mandiga  
Robert Poletto  
Tanya Long

Icebreaker: What is your favorite holiday tradition?

Miraj Shah – Grandma has been giving me Hess toy trucks for more than 25 yrs now.

Julie Sims – Last yr we did a new thing – when you came in for Christmas, wrote down something that you think no one knows about you and put the slip into a bowl. Then someone read them all and tried to guess who wrote it. Great and surprising way to get to know people in your family.

Robert Poletto – normally, going to visit family and friends, but this year cooking at home

Anna Sanyal – I'm Hindu so Christmas isn't religious, but still celebrated by lots of Indians due to former British rule. Usually visits her family in FL but still exchanging recipes this year to cook virtually. Tried at Tgiving, some kinks to work out!

Ashley Martin – For past 10-12 yrs we've made Christmas sushi and then eat sushi all day.

Holly Moritz – My mom always wrapped pajamas for us and put under tree, always ended up opening these as the single gift on Christmas Eve. Now we do it.

Jim Dowdle – I also get Hess toy trucks! Usually giant cookie decorating party, but smaller this year.

Jody Poth – Baking – lots of diff forms, sometimes with family and sometimes independent. Like to bake and then share.

Laura Kogan – normally, travel. First year with the boys went on a cruise from FL. Next 2 yrs went to Jamaica. Couldn't travel last yr due to ill dog. Next year back to tradition of traveling!

Tanya Long – My kids are all grown, but they informed me this past Tgiving that I was the one who gave up on driving around to see Christmas lights and they want to do it again! – so we're going to do this.

Discussion: Building Consensus as a Community

Quick temperature check; one of our goals for this committee is to provide a space for folks to get to know each other as neighbors so we enlarge and strengthen Weinland Park as a community going forward. Links to [Reading 1](#) and [Reading 2](#).

- a) Do you feel that we are succeeding at setting the foundation for Joyce Hughes Park to be a positive development for Weinland Park as a whole?

b) Why or why not? What would you like to see or hear that would make you feel like you're being more welcomed and included?

Ashley – I've noticed at times there's sometimes an us-vs-them mentality, esp btw longer-term and newer residents. But we all had misrepresentations given to us, so in a way we're all the in the same boat. Hope we can see that "it is what it is" now, so we can all come together and have the park be a win-win for everyone.

Rob – I agree with Ashley. This is an opportunity for me to get to know people better, and I'm really looking forward to when I can see everyone in the park in person NOT socially distanced! I like to project into the future and think about what I'm going to enjoy in a year when I can see my neighbors and enjoy it. We can keep that shared vision.

Holly – I want to say that I appreciate Bernard and Laura. There was a divide, but I think we're coming together. I think this group is coming together and doing what's best for the neighborhood. We can make sure that everyone's needs are met.

Laura K – things got off to rocky start at beginning since people were told so many inaccurate things about what the park would be. Buy-in is important, and all the groups are now being considered. Everyone doesn't get everything they want, but we are getting there.

Laura B – It's best when people are willing to bring up hesitations and disagreements, so we can work together. We agree about most things.

Bernard – In military, used to say we agree on 90% and it's the 10% that's more challenging. But we are working through that 10%.

Discussion: Proposed Rules for Joyce Hughes Park (**version 2 of proposed rules attached to this email**)

- a) Does the revised language better fit the needs of the community?
- b) What areas or issues remain that should be addressed?
- c) Other questions, comments, concerns, considerations, oversights?

Bernard – format is pretty much the same, although sections moved into different positions.

- Fireworks rule now is no fireworks, period.
- Now no signs whatsoever in the park. Nothing about firearms bc Ohio is open carry state and city of Cols doesn't have clear regs on it, so we can't go above the standard of the law; if situations change, we can amend.
- Ashley's feedback last time on alcohol re grey area of how we'd enforce, so we replaced that with disorderly conduct rule.
- Pets – added a line about direct physical control of pets.
- Event permitting – Want to keep total number of people in park on lower end to protect close neighbors or harming grass.

Laura B – I'd like to work with Jody to draft some event guidelines that will be separate. Jody – ok.

Rob – I like the solution of taking alcohol out. Pls add "discriminate, harass, abuse, or bully" and replace "gender" with "gender identity." Typo in dog section; let's make sure we all have same understanding. City code has ambiguity "leashed or under direct control" but townhome HOA rules just say "leashed." Holly – sgl fam HOA is updating their language to match townhomes'. Bernard – let's align with HOA language.

Laura K – pls take out crossbow stuff. Bernard – ok.

Laura K – thinking about liability. Who will carry it? Jody – NCA will carry the liability insurance. Laura K – can we revisit guns? Bc it's private land. I'd prefer to have no guns. Bernard – if we can, I'm fine with saying no guns. But I don't want to put something in that we can't defend or that might cause

protest. Laura B – I will consult city atty’s office; Anna will help if needed. Rob – I agree I don’t want to see protests on Grant Ave. Maybe some language about a “violence-free zone”?

Laura K – On event permitting, can we allow possibility of faster approval? Bernard – we’re still figuring this out. Seems reasonable to allow something like this. But perhaps can’t guarantee the permit with the lesser turnaround time.

Jody – I don’t want to overcomplicate things, but at same time, want to think through some of the liability and don’t want to take too much of this group’s time. Also, who will the authority really be? Bernard – Yes, we’ll keep working on this; it’s not as urgent.

Rob – I don’t know if there’s a remedy for this: golf, baseball, football etc list – some of these activities aren’t appropriate for this space. Maybe take out the examples that aren’t really workable. Bernard – ok.

Bernard - Welcome to email [wpccacomm@gmail.com](mailto:wpccacomm@gmail.com) or Laura B or Bernard individually if you think of things later. Bernard will revise for the next mtg, hoping to finalize from this.

Closeout (10 minutes)

a) Miscellaneous Business -

a. FAQ – Anna talked to people after the last mtg, and there’s confusion about this being a private park open to the public. NCA is a new concept for me and I’m a lawyer! I’m a big fan of visuals and simple info to put on website and social media, etc. Bernard – Anna want to come up with a one-pager for the next meeting? Anna – yes.

b) Next meeting details - review and finalize rules, discuss park opening activities, clarify event guidelines/process (if it’s far enough along), and review FAQ draft.

Next meeting: Monday, Jan 11, 6:00 p.m. Agenda and meeting link to follow.