

## Meeting Notes

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

1/25/21; 6 pm via Zoom

Present:

Anna Sanyal  
Ashley Martin  
Jennifer Cheeks  
Jody Poth  
Julie Sims  
Katherine Cull  
Laura Bidwa (co-chair)  
Laura Kogan  
Robert Poletto  
Steve Bollinger (employee of Thrive as well as resident)  
Tanya Long

Bernard sends regrets – fell on ice this morning getting his son out the door and banged up his back.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite genre of music, movies, or books and why?

Anna Sanyal – music EDM and alt rock. British murder TV like the Fall, although not True Crime. Ideas?  
Email her.

Ashley Martin – do not watch many movies bc it's such a big time commitment. Usually light-hearted or thoughtful documentaries. Wide variety of books, lately into Harry Potter, reading with oldest son.  
Escape from pandemic.

Jennifer Cheeks – Fave books are children's books, all she has time for. But on her own, motivational books, to help prepare for future. Right now, coping with your out-of-sync child. No hard rock, but rest of music no particular genre. R&B, alternative, some country.

Julie Sims – books – audio, paper – The Promised Land. Audio – something light, sci fi, fast-paced.

Katherine Cull – True Crime everything podcasts, documentaries, everything!

Laura Bidwa – abstract painting. Can see lots of things in them and come to them at any level from light to philosophical.

Laura Kogan – Biographies or nonfiction, reading about other people's lives. The Glass Castle by Jeannette Wells.

Robert Poletto – all kinds! Sci-fi, Ursula LeGuinn, really makes you think. Anarchist Utopia.

Steve Bollinger – Music – bluegrass, upbeat, not too folky. The Last Lecture.

Tanya Long – Spiritual books and zombie/vampire movies.

Discussion: Recap & Updates (10 minutes)

1. Thank Katherine Cull for attending. Laura and Katherine talked about park to Carla Williams-Scott, Director of the Dept of Neighborhoods. Katherine wants to stay engaged going forward.
2. Bernard, Laura, Katherine are meeting tomorrow (Tues Jan 26) with NCA board chair and city staff (Erin Prosser and Mark Lundine) about event permitting process and possibility of funds for opening activities. We'll also ask about timing of NCA meeting to approve rules, and electricity access. Report back at next meeting.

3. Need to acknowledge the risk to Black and brown neighbors of calling police for issues in the park. Building neighbor-to-neighbor relationships is important. Introduce the Lunch Club idea. One hour open Zoom weekly, starting next week.
  - a. What time, day would be best? Mondays bad. Fridays are good. Jennifer can do 12-1 or 12:30-1:30.
  - b. Could open up to larger neighborhood? Open up to housing committee to be part of the pool? Allows for people to introduce to others. Laura: Ok
4. Reiterate the dual nature of our work: protect the concerns of the close-by neighbors AND be affirmatively welcoming to the rest of the neighborhood. It's important not just to get to the point that close neighbors are able to tolerate the presence of people in the park, but ask ourselves (and other people!) if people will feel welcome in the park, and make changes if it's not.

Discussion: Proposed Rules for Joyce Hughes Park (10 minutes) **(version 3 of proposed rules attached to this email)**

1. The rules have been updated per the feedback from the last meeting.
2. Our intention here is to ensure that we have consensus moving forward and everyone feels comfortable with the rules as they are, while understanding that there is still flexibility should further revisions be needed.
3. Rob: I think they're good. No comments from others.

Discussion: Materials in Development (10 minutes) –  
Introduce and discuss documents currently in progress.

1. Joyce Hughes Park FAQ (Anna)
  - a. It's always helpful to have a reference document for when questions come up, especially if it can be posted online. NCAs are new, so she included some examples.
  - b. Rob: We can put it on the condo assoc board's portal as background info about the community, so new buyers get info about the park up front.
  - c. Tanya: link to who Joyce Hughes was with info about her, her accomplishments. Laura B will send Anna the link. Could "open to the public" be closer to the top? Maybe simplify some of the language to meet literacy of all neighbors – shoot for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Laura B will look at this.
  - d. Julie: Keep the info in there bc so many diff people will be coming to this.
  - e. Katherine – Look at Cols Rec & Parks website for language level and info.
  - f. Laura B will make an editing pass and give back to Anna for review, then send to full committee for their review.
2. Event Rules and Permitting Process (Laura, Jody, Jennifer)
  - a. Laura is consulting metro park, city park, and OSU event guidelines, and Jennifer and Jody are contributing their event planning expertise. Generally, what's taking shape is one group of rules related to all group activities; one group of rules related to larger-group activities, which will require permits; a proposed permit process; and a permit application form.
  - b. First draft is circulating; we'll share it before the next meeting and have a group discussion at that meeting.
  - c. Laura K: Aside from making sure there's no time conflicts, what other purposes are there for event permitting? Make it as automated as possible. How could it be set up to respond without a lot of input? Laura B: Main goals are to establish a contact person for larger events, make sure there aren't too many really large events, and make sure

everyone who plans events is clear on rules that will protect the park. Will keep an eye out for automated permit processes, but in all my searching for relevant resources have not seen any yet; maybe this indicates something about the desirability of having a more customized interaction? Jody: It's also to make sure we can talk through details with event planners if it's a bigger event. Human contact is helpful.

Closeout (10 minutes)

- a) Miscellaneous Business -
  - a. Laura K: Have we confirmed that there will be access to electricity? Laura B: Will ask NCA tomorrow.
  - b. Steve: There is conduit being run for electric. Design status: The designers are taking the design committee's last comments to create plans so contractors can bid. Will go back to committee about selecting the actual landscape plantings.
- b) Next meeting: - event guidelines/process, FAQ, park opening activities.

Next meeting: Monday, Feb 8, 6:00 p.m. We will send a calendar invite and agenda, with an RSVP requested to get the meeting link.