

Meeting Notes

Joyce Hughes Park Committee / Weinland Park Community Civic Association

2/15/21; 6 pm via Zoom

Present:

Ashley Martin

Bernard Hayman (co-chair)

Jody Poth

Laura Bidwa (co-chair)

Laura Kogan

Robert Poletto

Tanya Long

Icebreaker: What's your favorite cover of a popular song?

Ashley Martin – Johnny Cash cover of Hurt by Nine Inch Nails

Bernard Hayman – Maybe not my favorite, but Phil Collins You Can't Hurry Love

Jody Poth – Hallelujah by Jeff Buckley

Laura Bidwa – Scrawl covering Barracuda by Heart, and Rocky Top

Laura Kogan – Wet Bandits, the 90s cover band in Columbus – their name is a Home Alone reference!

Robert Poletto – Iron and Wine cover of Cyndi Lauper Time After Time

Tanya Long – picture on Facebook of scientists Bill Nye and Neil DeGrasse Tyson doing a “rock band photo” “so hot it could be in Kelvin!”

Discussion: NCA input on upcoming committee decisions (10 minutes)

1. NCA has the draft event guidelines that Laura, Jennifer, and Jody drafted; they are consulting their lawyer and will get back to us. Laura B is reminding them every few days. They are not worried about timing of our work, so responding may not feel urgent to them. Some of the committee's discussion around this general topic:

Laura B: Interesting when Bernard and I talked with NCA reps (Erin Prosser and Mark Lundine) on the phone because the first thing Mark said was “what if we just let people have whatever events they want?” But in the very first convos Laura had with Mark about this committee, he said regulatory oversight was a primary concern the NCA wanted to address, so lapse seemed like momentary thing. Rob P: event permitting is still valuable for keeping track of things and also NCA has a vested interest in ensuring that park upkeep is kept manageable.

Jody: asked about scheduling for the next NCA meeting, where they will vote on rules. Laura B: No clear update on when it will be scheduled, but it will more than likely be public and accessible to the committee. We will keep in touch to be sure we get the info.

Laura B: Waiting to share the draft event guidelines with committee until after we get response from NCA, in case their feedback requires revisions to be made.

Rob P: Curious in general about plans to maintain and develop the park over time, especially in context of Thrive policies. HOA for Grant Park condos used to include a \$20 fee for park

maintenance (no longer in effect), which may have had some influence on park conversations. Laura K: Grant Park homes residents have always expected to pay the \$20 fee for park maintenance, other considerations have come up over time throughout the development process. Jody: When residents met with Thrive late last summer, that may have affected policy decisions that resulted in the fee being dropped. There is a knowledge that if apartments are sold then Thrive's commitment may change – nothing in writing or MoU about fees levied with regards to park. Rob P: Thrive stated that they intend to keep apartments for some period of time but it is unclear and noncommittal.

Laura B: Has asked the design committee chairs (Matt Negron and Steve Bollinger from Thrive) if they have an idea of the schedule for park opening, has not gotten response yet. [Update from 2/15: Matt Negron says: "We have to see when the schedule allows for us to turn over the park. I don't think we are expecting an "opening day" event [this spring] but more so a turnover date when the park is fully functional and open to all. Once we have the project bid out, we can definitely provide a tentative turnover date that would help for planning purposes. If there is some sort of opening event, we suggest that it take place this fall due to COVID restrictions and the possible popularity of an event like this."]

Discussion: Materials in Development (10 minutes)

1. Joyce Hughes Park FAQ – close to finished, pending decisions re where information will be posted.
2. Group Activity Guidelines / Event Permitting Process – don't want to engage full committee on this until we get NCA feedback on the draft.
3. Lunch Club has had 2 gatherings so far – fun casual chat has ranged over everything from new development projects in the neighborhood to whose baby is teething to who's writing plays in their spare time. Join us if you can make it! 12-1 every Wednesday.

Closeout (10 minutes)

1. Miscellaneous Business
 - a. No design meeting next date yet. Laura asking design committee (Steve and Matt from Thrive) about date for opening and the next design committee date – will share it when I get it. [Update from 2/18: Matt Negron of Thrive says next design meeting will "after our bidding process, when we will have a planting plan" for the committee to respond to – he said bidding process will likely take 30–45 days.]
2. Next meeting: NCA feedback on event guidelines/process; park turnover/opening/dedication dates

Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. We will send a calendar invite and agenda, with an RSVP requested to get the meeting link.