

Meeting Notes

Joyce Hughes Park Committee / Weinland Park Community Civic Association

5/10/21; 6 pm via Zoom

Present:

Anna Sanyal
Bernard Hayman (co-chair)
Diane Dixon
Holly Moritz
Jacob Yount
James Dowdle
Jody Poth
Julie Sims
Laura Bidwa (co-chair)
Matt Negron (Thrive)
Robert Poletto

Icebreaker: What's your favorite class you took in school?

Anna Sanyal – in college, 2 faves – Alfred Hitchcock film class and a law and economics class

Diane Dixon – Af Am studies and Home Ec

Holly Moritz – I was not the most studious child – lunch was my favorite because I got to see my friends!

James Dowdle – biology in hs and went on to become a biologist

Jody Poth – higher ed law

Julie Sims – I loved PE!

Laura Bidwa (co-chair) – biology in hs and journalism law in college

Matt Negron (Thrive) – in hs fave was biology, in college managerial accounting -- I loved my professor, he went on to be a mentor for me.

Robert Poletto – I was in school for so long, it's hard to choose! Expository writing in college – I grew so much.

Updates (10 minutes)

1. NCA responses re event guidelines/process and park turnover/opening dates. Their responses, copied directly from their email:
 - a. The park is still under construction and within control of the Development team. It is anticipated that the park will transfer to NCA ownership within the next 3-6 months [Aug-Nov 2021]. Once that transfer happens, the NCA board will need to formally accept the park and will then be able to adopt rules governing the use of the park.
 - b. The NCA and Developer team is willing to financially support any opening ceremony activities. It would be helpful to know approximately how much funding the parks committee would need.
 - c. Regarding private events or permitting within the park, it is envisioned that the NCA will enter into an Operations and Maintenance agreement with a management company who will be managing many of the day-to-day activities of the private development. Similar to the Jeffrey Community facilities (meeting rooms, clubhouse area, other NCA-owned public areas), the management company will be able to administer reservations,

monitoring and other activities necessary to ensure the park is being used consistently to the drafted rules. This agreement should be in place within a year.

2. Julie: Who is the management co for Jeff Park now? Matt: Arnold runs a lot of our HOAs. He probably transitioned to Jeff Park. EMI does groundskeeping. Internal staff does facility management, but prob won't be the internal management for Joyce Hughes Park. Nothing set up for Jeffrey yet for facilities management.
3. Matt re timeline: Thrive met with landscaping group to finalize scope of planting work. Got docs this morning, so time now for design committee to meet again to sign off on landscaping plans. Then 1 week after that meeting to communicate results, 2 wks of concrete work, 4-6 wks of planting following that. Unless equipment sourcing issues (like light poles) cause delays, we'll be well in advance of the NCA's estimated timeline for the transfer. Although processing docs for the transfer could take some time.
4. Laura: Going back to original reasons for forming the committee: to serve as a unified neighborhood voice re use of the park. So in this in-between time before the formal transfer to NCA, let's start sharing the proposed rules and FAQ we have come up with, so people start to understand what neighborhood wants for using the park. Rob: Yes, let's share. People are using the space, walking dogs, jumping on the rocks, all seems fine so far but there is activity. Matt: Fine as long as there's a disclaimer that the rules are not yet formalized. Holly: Can we wait? Laura: I'd rather not – we want to get out in front of problems rather than having problems arise and then having to react. Ms Dixon: Pls give me a copy of everything so I can put in newsletter.
5. Jim: Planted grass or sod? Matt: Sod. Ideally don't walk on it right away, but should be ok. Biggest potential delay is obtaining things like the light poles, benches, products like that. All that will have to be in place before transferring to the NCA.
6. Julie: One group plugged into electrical. Is that ok? Laura: I recall Steve B (Thrive) being unconcerned about cost of electricity. Matt: We are putting outlets on the light poles. We talked about lockboxes but aren't too concerned. Safety wise, he'll ask around Thrive office to confirm if anyone is concerned. Rob: Re the group that plugged in -- I asked Arnold and Steve – those 2 green boxes house the water pipes. The meters next to them are property of the HOA to keep water pipes from freezing in winter. Rob and Jody are meeting with Arnold this week to talk about it. It's probably not ideal to plug directly into meter box. The group that plugged in some speakers were quiet enough.

Discussion: Information sharing (10 minutes)

1. Laura: Ways to share the FAQ and proposed park rules:
 - a. Post on WPCCA website
 - b. Share with WP Discussion Forum group on Facebook
 - c. Share a pdf among Grant Ave neighbors and the committee

Discussion: Park events (10 minutes)

1. Laura: If anyone knows groups who might enjoy using the park, spread the word.

Closeout (10 minutes)

1. Miscellaneous business
 - a. Design meeting upcoming. Matt will be in touch.
2. Date and anticipated topics for next meeting: Go to 6-week interval for meetings, so next date June 21. Talk then about how things have been going in the park; check in on timeline for transfer.

Next meeting: Monday, June 21, 6:00 p.m. We will send a calendar invite and agenda, with an RSVP requested to get the meeting link.