

Reservoir Complex Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2016 Meeting

6:10PM meeting called to order

Present are: Terrence Jackson, Stacey Boucher, John Wingler and Joe Harris

Recreation Center-Discussion and possible action:

Joe Harris-Recreation Facility Director from Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Metro Griffith Park District begins by introducing himself and discussing the various ways to get the SLNC and the Rec Center working together.

He said this year they had about 70 kids at their summer camp. In the past there have been long lines but this year most got in. They have so many programs and it would be great to get the word out about the various classes and activities at the Rec Center for all ages via the SLNC Newsletter. Some of the events/activities include: a Halloween party, an Easter event, a Winter Wonderland, arts and crafts classes (painting from 1-3PM every Friday and usually 3-5 people show up), seasonal sports, day camps, yoga and tai chi (Fridays at 11:30AM with Susan Wong).

They would love to have a presence from the SLNC at these events. They would love our help getting the word out and need volunteers to help and also monetary donations would be welcome.

Joe has spoken to the Conservation Corp about planting drought resistant, native plants like the reservoir has near or around the Rec Center.

Stacey asked if there are any plans in place to get more shade around the play structures. Joe shared that plans are in place for possibly a new play structure with added shade and to eliminate the sand.

He has been speaking with Mary Rodriguez from District 13 about the various Rec Center improvements needed.

Joe says the park advisory board members want a bigger gym but he feels there's not enough space. There is a big basketball court. King Middle school has to play games off site because small gym so they can use facility as well.

The Rec Center can be booked for meetings. Evenings you can meet until 8:30PM. Close at 9PM. Conference room is smaller but if gym not taken can take it. The Rec Center is ADA compliant.

Maintenance of pathway and plantings-Discussion and possible action:

Reservoir maintenance-Joe mentioned that the nursery school is a stakeholder as well and maybe they could help with the maintenance over on that side of the reservoir.

He has met with Mary and Cristina (supervisor for rec and parks) and discussed installing sidewalks by the basketball courts. He mentions that the trees might be an issue though. Terry mentions that Tree People may help out with the tree portion of the project or that we should at least reach out and discuss with them to see what they think.

John Wingler shares that the native garden in the meadow is maintained the 4th Saturday of the month from 9-11AM. He said about 30 people show up to help maintain the meadow and that many are from John Marshall. John also shares that Kathleen Johnson and Julia King are key people that know what's going on.

Terry comments that the meadow native gardening maintenance events should go in the SLNC Newsletter and Facebook page.

Joe mentions that Silver Lake Improvement pays Juan Hidalgo to clean the path

Dog Park Maintenance and Supplies-Discussion and possible action:

John shares that the Reservoir Conservancy has received and accepted two offers for donations to cover up to \$250 to go towards purchasing bags for the dispensers.

John said we bought and dispersed 4 containers. There are locks on all the pathway dispensers. He also said there are no locks on the dispensers in the dog park.

Joe says Jen Byrnes is very familiar with the dog park. There's issues with water and piping, fire hydrant leak at dog park. All possibly stemmed from upper dog park. Jen is a volunteer and local dog owner.

Stacey asked who is responsible for making sure the dispensers have bags. John says there's a team to refill the dispensers.

Parks and Recs will spruce up the dog park, remove dead tree and possibly put up more trees-not sure if soil is good for planting new trees.

Joe says they plan to install some grasses along the small dog park area and that the fencing is in need of repair.

John Wingler said he was surprised the Refill the Reservoir people had not shown up. Terry and John agreed that the DWP has made it clear that the reservoir will indeed be refilled.

Joe and John will help us put together an email list of the various people who are assisting in the maintenance of the reservoir complex.

Added notes sent via email from Adam Miller about the CD4 meeting with the Conservation Corp and the Conservancy:

Requests were pretty straight forward (weeding, watering of trees, trimming of broken tree limbs and the removal of trash/debris from the walkways). The areas of focus are the trees midway down W Silver Lake Dr., the Pocket Park on Tesla and the little park at the corner of Silver Lake Blvd and Armstrong. The objective of that meeting was making it more-or-less a fixed program -- a monthly routine that to keep the area clean and the plants healthy.

Adam will loop the SLNC Reservoir Committee into further conversations between CD4 and with LACC and the LFRC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM