

8-5-19

1. 6:33 PM call to order

Joanna Pawlowska
Sarah Ullman
Hugh Kenny
Howard Petersen
Seth Copenhaver
Leslie Edmonds

Please say something good that's happening in your life!

Joanna - I get to see my brother and his daughter

Hugh Kenny - I didn't die

Howard Petersen- Got involved in community issues because of the Rowena Road Diet. One of my sons, grandsons, will arrive. They live in Japan. I'm going to Japan later.

Sarah Ullman- A project that I'm working on just picked up a really great producer.

Seth Copenhaver - Great week of meetings for the council. Tomorrow we have outreach mtg to discuss changes to the website. Wednesday we have Governing Board meeting.

Leslie Edmonds from SLRC - I did a side plank on Saturday.

Sarah Ullman: I encourage you to attend the LADWP Ad Hoc meetings.

Howard: Isn't that a done deal? It was presented as so.

Sarah Ullman: We are going to try.

Howard: They moved all the landscaping and people out. We got the rest of that red zone.

They should know that there is going to be a fight to keep taking parts of that, particularly as it relates to wildlife.

Joanna: August 24th we have an opportunity to walk inside the fences.

Hugh: For more money you can get poop bags that are biodegradable. We use a lot of bags.

2. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

3. Administrative Items

A. Sarah is the minute taker

B. Review and adopt the June 17th minutes.

Voice vote - unopposed

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C. Joanna: City has resources for disaster preparedness called RYLAN training. A 6 minute video shows ways to be prepared for an earthquake and fire. Someone from the city will come and do a training with you

Shelley Marks and Dave Keitel arrived

Dave - I'm going to the Amazon in a few months.

Shelley is going to Yellowstone!

Seth: At the Governing Board meeting, there's an agenda item for RYLAN. There's more we will be doing on that.

Howard: Have a supply of water at home.

Joanna: 72 hour supply of food and water.

D. Update from Ad Hoc Committees

Sarah: DWP Committee has new co-chairs. They had a robust discussion at the last meeting.

Dog Park Committee hasn't met in a while. We are voting on Poop Bags at this meeting.

Next item on the agenda is shade tents.

O'Farrell's office has finished their improvements? Sarah says she thinks so.

E. FAQ

Here are the questions:

What is happening at the Reservoir?

What is a Master Plan? Who is in charge of the Master Plan?

What is the goal of the Master Plan?

How can I have input in this process?

What is the timeline of the Master Plan?

What is included in the project?

What's next / on the horizon?

Who is paying for it?

Who is going to maintain it?

Why should I care? How will it impact me?

Howard: The fact that there is a Master Plan from 2000. It would be nice to have a link there.

Dave: Could be part of the answer to "what is a master plan."

Leslie: there was one before and that's how we have what we have now.

Shelley: Will this be distributed?

Sarah: Yes, on the website and potentially to Reservoir Committee members to use when canvassing.

Shelley: This is probably the most important workshop to attend. By the October workshop, there will be ideas presented. It's very cool to be inside.

Seth: A lot of people just have a general idea and it's great to see the inside.

Shelley: People will have a lot of opportunity for input. The WG has discrete questions they want to ask.

Joanna: Update from Nick Fox Robbins about the last Master Plan Work Group meeting:

"At the most recent Reservoir Complex Work Group meeting, we began by discussing the ideal date for Community Pop-Up event and what was happening in the community that we could leverage for publicity for the workshop.

Then we reviewed the results of the previous Community Workshop at Friendship Auditorium. Overall, the room felt that it was a very successful event.

The TOP CHALLENGES identified were: balancing human access, traffic and circulation, balancing active and passive uses, removing the fences, and funding and maintenance.

The TOP OPPORTUNITIES were more green space, more outdoor recreation, improved circulation, public access and wildlife balance, improved habitat and more beauty.

The largest critique of the Community Workshop was that it was lacking in representation of the diverse Silver Lake community, this was brought up by Silver Lake Forward.

A discussion of fences became rather heated, as SLF and SLRC want no fences and SLW does want fences to keep people from damaging natural habitat and wildlife. Someone said that humans will always be disrespectful of wildlife even if there is a sign posted.

I suggested that this is an opportunity for education and that having a Park Ranger on site to promote wildlife safety and education could be really useful.

A timeline was discussed for promoting the August 24th Community Workshop. Hargreaves noted that while the last workshop was well attended, there were barely any young people. SLF suggested schools. But that didn't solve the problem of getting 20-30 somethings to the event.

I offered the Silver Lake Picture Show as a community organization opportunity and it was agreed that someone would be there with promotional material.

Then we got into the details of the community walk through of the reservoir. We discussed whether it would be a guided tour or a free-range tour. Ultimately we agreed that it should be guided but that wouldn't exclude someone who didn't want to take the guided tour.

There will be three or four stations exploring the different aspects of the reservoir project - nature, recreation, and culture.

for the pop up event...

I emphasized that South Silver Lake deserved some attention and so Bellevue and the Triangle Plaza were discussed as locations, and even the idea of making it part of the Farmer's Market.

People seemed to really rally around the Farmer's Market idea.

The potential date of the pop up is Saturday, August 31. That is a POTENTIAL DATE not set in stone."

Shelley: I am also on the WG and I have some additions to his report.

The idea of the guided tour has to do with security. Whenever they open up the reservoir they have to have security. They want to offer guided tours. Got the impression from BoE that they were going to negotiate that.

The pop up. Although there is going to be a very big push for the 24th, it's a Saturday and not everyone can attend. On the website, there will be a survey that people can respond to. Upside of the workshop is that we gathering. Downside if you can't make it.

SLF has been working with King Jr High School. They moved the date of the second workshop from the 17th to the 24th. They want to get kids from King involved in the process. There is an effort by SLF to create mini curriculum that students will have on first week of school. Working hard to get a big complement of middle school students to attend (and their parents too!) That's a targeted outreach activity that is underway.

Hugh: When they have the tour of the Reservoir complex..that's on the 24th? Will we go where the modular office is going to go?

Shelley: There will be a very specific route. 3 or 4 stations. Depending on the security you can walk between them or will be guided.

Hugh: Same circle that we've walked 100 times? Office building is a prime space.

Shelley: They are going to have one of the stations on the knoll or at the bottom of the knoll. Going up the knoll is kind of steep. Can everybody do that? Hargreaves wanted people to experience the great views at the top. That is something that hasn't always been available. But DWP building site, that is not where they will let people go.

Hugh: Particularly if there is less security. It would be nice if we could take a look at what's actually there.

Leslie: You can see it from the path. A map is not the same as standing there and looking at the spot.

Seth: If they wanted to be fully transparent about what's happening with the Reservoir, they should put some clear markers about where it is.

Shelley: It would be great if they would draw a line around the space. It's right on the lake shore.

Joanna: I foresee that DWP will say that portion is not part of the Master Plan and they will want to keep it separate.

Sarah: We can email Dawn about this.

Hugh: Someone is making a plan. What's up for grabs? What needs to be protected and negotiated? Make the public be involved in the process. We need to get a clear picture of what is involved in the plan for the DWP office building. It would be nice if we could lay out what they plan on keeping and what is negotiable. Some of it is forested. Other people have a different POV.

Shelley: This workshop is about gathering input from the community about the kinds of things and activities the community would like to see in different parts of the property. The entire property is "up for grabs" except the part that DWP has reserved for its building and parking lot. At this point Hargreaves is not proposing anything. They are listing a bunch of ideas. They shared a questionnaire form with the work group. The October meeting is going to be where all these info will be synthesized. Hargreaves is required to present options to the community. It's my expectation that there will be options presented to the community in October. That will be the synthesis. There has been input from their subcontractors on engineering issues. Historical issues, water quality issues, etc. There are a lot of opportunities and restrictions. There are certain things that can be done and that can't be. DWP has a pipe under the reservoir, they need to be able to get to that pipe.

Joanna: It's a balance of desires and experts and requirements. At 24th meeting, we need a clear map or demarcation / design with cones.

Sarah: Can we arrange for a tour?

Hugh: It's not just a modular building. What's going what's staying. I want to get a rough idea of what the possibilities are. I'd like to see as much of that green left. They should do as little harm as possible.

Howard: Nick's statement uses the term "no fences." DWP surely would not remove all fences. What's on the table?

Joanna: Nothing's on the table yet, that will come in October.

Shelley: There will be proposals to change the banks entirely. There's talks of having shallow constructed wetlands...

Howard: Maybe even floating! But the banks are steep and there's probably a limit.

Joanna: That will be assessed.

Howard: They also have a red zone around regular station.

Shelley: The part that's in the red zone is underground. There is no intention of restricting ability to go all the way around. Other alternative was that they could push the path out into the reservoir. No intention to restrict ability to build pedestrian paths close to the water.

A. Share feedback with the Master Plan Work Group on Workshop #1

Joanna: Let's start with what worked.

Leslie: I was very impressed with the small breakouts. It allowed 8 or 9 people to talk to each other. We all had a common goal and agenda. That promoted ideas and conversation. Not every group was homogenous. That represented the community in a much more valid way. Very impressed with the organization and way they put that together.

Howard: Really enjoyed different opinions. Facilitator was excellent. Very good experience.

Dave: Good snacks!

Seth: Depends on who you walked in with but I thought it was great. Randomized table where I didn't know everybody. There were enough varied opinions. Important to keep in mind.

Hugh: My table was right in the front. Everybody agreed with us. One person who didn't, we crushed. I enjoyed it.

Joanna: What could have been better?

Joanna: The group organization. People were confused about how the number on their name tag correlated with the table but it could have been communicated better. Going into the next workshop, we want to make sure that there are clear instructions.

Sarah: I'm also bummed about the lack of diversity in regards to age and race. We need a FB and instagram friendly version of the flier.

Joanna: I commend them for having a Spanish version right away this time.

Seth: Now we have a Latinx committee. Hopefully they will help get the word out.

Howard: Th newsletter is so important. Should we do a campaign to expand its reach?

Seth: The person at my table who facilitated — he was a nice guy but very passive and no concrete answers. Example of an exchange: Question: Does LADWP own reservoir? A: Yes. Q: How do you know? A: they told us.

I want better informed facilitation.

Joanna: Some A/V issues. Some people had a hard time hearing. Noisy.

Shelley: The first master plan workshops were held at Marshall HS and breakouts were in different rooms. Maybe Marshall isn't available. It was much easier to communicate. It requires a different facility. Sonically, that's a great way to do it.

B. Outreach strategies for the next workshop

Joanna: Flyering, digital newsletters, now we have a little more time.

Shelley: Farmer's market! A lot of people said that would be very active.

Howard: The one at Sunset Junction.

Shelley: Saturday one is really active.

Howard: Is it a tour or a workshop?

Shelley: You will enter at one point, you will check in, there are questionnaires. Go to certain spots inside the fence.

Sarah: I propose a motion to fund outreach efforts in an amount up to \$500 for the next Master Plan workshop and the LADWP Office Building.

6 yeses

Hugh no

Sarah: We should make a big banner that we can hang on the fence.

Hugh: This is a waste of money, waste of plastic, it will be thrown in a landfill. But by all means do it.

Sarah: We can make it re-usable.

Shelley: We had the same concerns at SLRC. We designed the banner so that we can patch over the date. A way to save the plastic.

Hugh: I once counted how many signs around the Reservoir. There are 300 signs.

Joanna: Be smart about signs.

C. Discussion to support community based programming at the reservoir

Joanna: Constituents would love to see community events. Miss Silver Lake is an example. Missing the sense of fun. Queen of Silver Lake.

Shelley: One year this drag queen Jackie B was the moderator. So funny!

Sarah: What kind of programming previously?

Leslie: Make Music LA. A jazz band. It was wonderful. The issue is electricity. People were laying out in the meadow. Lovely! We proposed kite flying.

Dave: Track club runs there twice a year. Rec & Parks have programmed activities at the Rec center. Their attitude is that the meadow is not the place for programming. Would have to talk to the Council office or go rogue. If you want to be official you would have to work with Rec & Parks.

Seth: What is the no about ?

Dave: They don't permit outside vendors. There's an access issue, power issue. The Rec center is more geared for that. The meadow was pitched as a quiet place. Probably about their administration.

Shelley: There have been some community members who have been opposed to organized activities on the meadow and have taken it upon themselves to police it.

Joanna: Meditation or yoga would be great.

Shelley: if things are properly permitted then [the community policing] wouldn't happen.

D. Discussion and possible action about covering \$375 of the poop bags refill for the Reservoir walking path, to be split four ways between SLRC, SLNC, CD4, and CD13.

Joanna: Annual cost of poop bags is \$1500. Split it four ways.

Sarah: Let's make the wording of the motion flexible to enable this to come forward.

Motion to request \$375 in funding from the SLNC CIP or Outreach or other line item as Governing board sees fit to pay for 1/4 cost of dog poop bags for a year for the Silver Lake Reservoir pedestrian path.

Dave: seconded.

Unanimous vote of consent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.