

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Mar Vista Recreation Center

Park Advisory Board and Recreation & Open Space Enhancement Committee

7:00 PM Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Call to Order: 7 PM by Tom Ponton, ROSE Committee Chair and Kathleen Neal, PAB Chair

Review of Minutes Rose Committee and Park Advisory Board: approved as read

Introduction of New Board Members/Guests

Public Comment: Bruce Glover spoke on the Valentines' day teen event [too noisy]. Suggested using the big gym for these events and closing the doors

Old Business

- A. Review of plans for new fence and jogging trail [Laura Island]
 - a. The plans were available for review. It was suggested those who wanted more information could develop a list of questions to forward to Rec and Parks
- B. Soccer Field Hours Discussion [Kathleen Neal]
 - a. PAB finalized its recommendation on Soccer Field hours based on community review, interviews, and consensus: 8:30 am to dusk weekdays and 8 am to dusk weekends
 - b. Comments on proximity of fence to north goal and lack of gate to allow children to get to shade on that side
 - c. Benches suggested for passive use on north side
- C. Brief Update on Landscaping Problems new FS 62 [Christopher McKinnon]
 - a. Along east wall of Fire Station 62, the bougainvillea has been chopped out and the wall is now a graffiti target. Further discussion with the captains of the station was recommended. SouthMar neighbors are concerned the wall will become an eyesore.
- D. Skateboard Park Discussion
 - a. Tom presented printouts of a power point presentation from an equipment firm which manufactures portable skate park items
 - i. No need to bolt them to surfaces
 - ii. Portable enough for one person to set up in some cases
 - iii. Less expensive than original proposal
 - b. Several hockey parents spoke on the resurgence of interest in the sport: the park league program is now growing after several years of decline
 - i. A meeting with Bill Rosendahl was requested to discuss the proposed skate park; Len Nguyen to follow up
 - ii. A summer camp program for skateboarders in the mornings was suggested as a way to provide the service without a direct conflict with the roller hockey and indoor soccer schedules
- E. Park Projects [Laura Island]
 - a. Various park projects were discussed, notably the kitchen remodel, new roof, new floors, heating and air conditioning
 - b. Windward school will be honored with a sign and plaque recognizing their contribution to the new citywide 'Adopt a Park Program' through their adoption of Mar Vista Rec Center
 - c. Beautification/clean up days are scheduled later in the spring with volunteers from Vineyard Church-likely around Earth Day
 - i. There has been an increase in graffiti and tagging; requests to paint it out already made to Rec and Parks

New Business

- A. Review of Council Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
 - a. Rec and Parks has a clustering ing plan in place to share resources and personnel between area parks to forestall severe cutbacks in programming
 - b. A volunteer corps might be utilized to keep facilities operating- new city statutes on volunteers might be in order

Adjourn: 9:30 pm

