

## **CCSEP Minutes March 7, 2018**

Call to Order/Introductions: At 6:30 pm Phillip Murphy called the meeting to order. Present were Pamela Burgess, Christine Peters, Terry Hair, Andrew Garsten, Isa-Kae Meksin, James Tye, Kimberley Ables Jindra, Courtland Jindra, Ida Tallala, Jonathan Rojas, Art Selva, and Juan Fregoso. Michael O'Brien arrived at 7 p.m.

Announcements: Isa-Kae Meksin mentioned an insecticide that was used until the '50s and that she recommended we look into using. Andrew noted that Peter Lassen has some medical issues, and that he would look in on him. Isa volunteered to contact Michael Kogan to see how he was doing.

Old Business: No report.

CD1: No report.

CD13: Juan Fregoso spoke about the upcoming Dodger Meeting at the Stadium Club on March 22nd, 6:30 pm, which he said will focus on Opening Day. The Game is scheduled to start at 4:00 pm, three hours later than usual, which will mean more fans milling around and drinking for a longer time. A two-hour parking limit will be enforced along Sunset near the Short Stop to keep people moving. Also, barriers will be set up on Academy, and at Portia and Scott to keep Dodger fans from exiting that way through Echo Park.

Re: Homeless Encampments—Juan suggested taking photos and sending them to him and Captain Albert Torres, with a brief description on location.

WWI Memorial – Update: A WWI Memorial Flag ceremony is scheduled for June 14th. CD 13 is offering assistance with the event and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell will attend. According to Courtland Jindra, the memorial was first dedicated on Flag Day in 1921 and he wants to do something every year on that day to commemorate it, such as a planting or refurbishing the memorial. Isa suggested they get an old period flag to fly there with 48 stars but Courtland has already ordered a current flag with 50 stars.

Phillip mentioned that he'd asked Rachel at City Plants and forester Leon B. about getting a few trees to plant in the Memorial Grove, but City Plants does not have any more plants on hand, and Leon wants to wait until RAP's plans for that area are completed before he plants trees.

Ida Tallala reported that at the last Neighborhood Council Meeting, Tad Yenawine proposed that the \$15,000 in the NC coffers should be spent on legacy projects. As the Memorial Grove is a legacy project, Ida recommended we keep that in mind!

RAP/OPS/RANGERS: No report.

Gateways/Entryways – update: Phillip said that our Gateways Subcommittee (Sallie, Pete, Philip and Dan) elected Dan as chair of the subcommittee and Pete as second in command, and reviewed Terremoto's proposal. Dan met with Terremoto and decided to see what RAP has available in terms of signage as well as the contractors they like. Andrew and Pamela, leery of RAP aesthetics, questioned why we would want to approach RAP re their signage. Pamela mentioned the obelisk design by Withers & Sandgren included in the 2006 Elysian Park Master Plan that she emailed to the subcommittee. She and Christine encouraged the subcommittee to consider this design.

Art Selva reported that RAP was not cleaning up the side of the park where he lives and that RAP needs to do a better job with signage, too.

RAP/DWP Reservoir mitigation monies – Status Projects – Public meeting on Saturday, February 10th at Grace Simons Lodge: Phillip said the layout for the presentation was well done with photos of current locations and projected plans, along with comment sheets and sticky dots for the public to vote for their five favorite projects.

Ida read a statement that the organizers of the meeting had not taken seniors into account. She said there were no buses to shuttle people to the event and some folks she had brought were blind and could not get around to see the photos let alone write comments. Art Selva complained that the Spanish translation was bad; CD13 Field Deputy Juan Fregoso agreed, and said it would be handled better in future meetings.

Phillip stated that CCSEP had not hosted the meeting, and while he was not thrilled about every project (such as paying for the damaged roof of the RAP Maintenance Bldg.) most of the projects had been generated by a meeting Dan and Phillip had with Mike Shull about a year ago, and that our focus should be on getting the \$12.5 million spent in the park. Andrew and Christine reminded everyone that many of these projects were in the 2006 Elysian Park Master Plan, and that we need to stay focused on realizing that goal.

Ida said that the Neighborhood Council or the city should provide a bus for seniors to tour all the sites for proposed projects so they could see them.

Disc Golf Insurance: No quorum and no decision. Phillip proposed that CCSEP support the Disc Golf Project by paying \$705 for the Liability Insurance for RAP's Right of Entry for the Disc Golf volunteers. This met resistance from Christine Peters, who said it was a bad precedent for CCSEP to be paying organizations to do specific things. If anything she said, we could make a contribution to Disc Golf in general (if they are a non-profit) as a show of support but that it should be less money. Pamela was in favor of CCSEP contributing half of the insurance money

(\$350), and reminded the committee how successful disc golf has been with parkland previously used for drug dealing, prostitution, and homeless encampments. Phillip and Andrew made a case in support of Disc Golf.

Website update/social media presence/future: Kelly Erickson is making final fixes to the website. Phillip mentioned that we added an Erik Sandgren watercolor from the Master Plan to our Facebook page to tie it to our website. Michael O'Brien noted a potential confusion between the Facebook Page and the Facebook Group. Everyone at the meeting hopes that having a stronger online social media presence will attract more young people to CCSEP.

Annual Banquet –Sunday June 3, 2018 - update: The Lodge is paid for and we need to start collecting donations for the raffle. Phillip had some ideas for other bands to change things up, and mentioned that Dan is looking for names for a new caterer.

Christine suggested we serve the meal outside and keep the cash bar running because it's a moneymaker. She and Terry Hair believe that the energy dies when the event moves inside for the buffet and the noisy, lengthy raffle. The committee discussed doing a silent auction. Christine also suggested we hire two bands, so that we have music through dinner. Phillip suggested that we might have one band do an acoustic set for cocktails and then a more lively (electric) set later for dinner and dancing.

New Business: No report.

Adjourn: At 8:30 p.m. Phillip Murphy moved, and Andrew Garsten seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by consent.