

CCSEP Minutes May 1, 2019

Call to Order/Introductions - At 6:12 pm Phillip Murphy called the meeting to order. Present were Pamela Burgess, Dan Reza, Terry Hair, Andrew Garsten, Isa-Kae Meksin, Evan Rosenberg, Sallie Neubauer, Michael O'Brien, Courtland Jindra, Brad Thornton, Nate Stutz, Tom Gibson, Joe Losorelli, Sakae Koyama, and James Tye.

Minutes of Previous Meeting -

MOTION – Dan Reza moved, and Sallie Neubauer seconded, that the Minutes be adopted. The vote was unanimous.

Announcements – SMMNRA – Phillip Murphy announced that a motion had been introduced into Congress to add Griffith Park and the Los Angeles River to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Michael O'Brien noted that Elysian Park was already included.

Treasurer's Report - Terry Hair handed out a summary of recent transactions in the CCSEP checking account.

CD1 - No report.

CD13 - No report.

Dodgers Meeting - Dan Reza reported on the Dodgers meeting. The Dodgers are proposing to help with the trash pickup in the park after the games. Discussion was had about the stadium lights and game-day traffic. A new traffic light will be installed at Sunset and Portia in October. A proposed gondola to the Stadium from the east was discussed (it is a private proposal.) Andrew Garsten noted that the Dodgers did not seem to take responsibility for their impact on the community.

MOTION – Andrew Garsten moved and Sallie Neubauer seconded that a letter be sent to the Dodgers, with copies to the Council offices, expressing CCSEP's concerns about the impact of the Dodgers on the park.

Status of Elysian Park Projects – Tom Gibson gave an overview of upcoming park improvements.

- The 18 Acres expansion design (Walnut Hill at Elysian Park) has risen in the RAP design agenda.
- RAP forestry department is taking a census of park trees and identifying the ones that need removal.

- A new restroom will be added to the 18 Acres, between the basketball court and the parking lot.
- New 8 foot high fencing will be added around the community garden. What to do with the existing gates has not yet been determined.
- RAP has hired Clara Yoshihara to design new native plantings for the North Broadway entrance.
- Radio Hill has been proposed as the location of a new dog park. There is parking off North Broadway.
- A new soccer field is proposed north of the Adaptive Recreation Center in Solano Canyon. A new skate park is proposed north of the soccer field.
- The Solano restrooms will be refurbished.

Park Ranger Joe Losorelli announced that 18 new park rangers for the city had been approved.

Old Business -

Park Entry Gates - Tom Gibson presented ideas for the new entry signage. The designs were commented on favorably by those present.

Marion Harlow Grove Restoration - Phillip Murphy announced that work would take place on Saturday May 4th.

Police Academy Target Range - Early morning shooting re excessive sound will continue to be monitored.

New Business -

Tree Removal and Brush Clearance - Phillip Murphy noted that brush clearance will be taking place starting May 7. Marking of planted trees was noted.

Memorial Tree Planting - As the library was closing, the discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Closed Session - Annual Banquet, Retreat, – It was noted that the Annual Banquet is not a fundraiser, and the publicity should state this. Courtland Jindra announced the June 14 (Flag Day) ceremony at the Victory Memorial Grove.

Adjourn: At 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by consent.