

Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Stonehurst Recreation Center

Friday, September 15, 2023

Park Advisory Board Meeting

Zoom # 883-3194 7845 Passcode 2000

Attendance:

Facility Director: Iliana Ortega-Salazar

Members: Maria Luisa Lopez, Aymie Guerrero, Brenda Chavez, Sara Mason, and Michelle Dohren

Opening of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Facility Director Report

1. An updated Park Advisory By-Laws is presented and will be redistributed via email. Live Scan and Covid-19 Vaccinations, as of this date, are still requirements as mandated by LA City Parks and Recreation for onsite volunteers.
 - a. Official PAB elections were not held on prior meetings due to not meeting quorum requirements.
 - b. Members of the community and PAB have expressed interest in fulfilling executive Board roles.

2. Youth Sports participation continues to grow at Stonehurst. There has been an increase in teen youth participation. Play LA Basketball League continues to be a popular participation at Stonehurst and will continue in the Fall season. As a result, there was not enough youth interest in soccer to sustain a soccer league for this Fall season. Class offerings for the Fall season are as follows:
 - a. Play LA Basketball
 - b. Play LA & GPLA Volleyball and Soccer Classes
 - c. Kids LA Free Ballet and Self-Defence Class (cap at 20 pupil per class)
 - d. Piano and Guitar 30 minutes of one-on-one instruction by a music instructor at a community rate.

3. Currently, the director is seeking instructors for additional class offerings to include inclusive, cultural, and adaptive activities at the park for all ages. Possibilities include cooking classes, chess, knitting, loteria, and low impact exercise classes. Additional classes are to be offered in the AM.

4. At the Stonehurst Gymnasium, Adult Model Airplane Glider meetings have been increased to Monday and Wednesday. Additionally, the gymnasium is open on Thursday during specific hours for the community to utilize for basketball practice.

5. There has been an increase use in group picnic area #1 and #2. Park personnel are enforcing permitting reservations. It is encouraged to report to non-emergency police if park personnel are unavailable or violations occur after-hours. Additional signage has been ordered and will be placed around the park as a reminder of park rules and regulations. Furthermore, an active community member also contributed to park signage to help law enforcement clearly identify violations of rules.

6. Special Event and Park Programs
 - a. Halloween Costume Contest and Trunk or Treat, Tuesday October 31 4-8 PM "Oogie Boogie" themed
 - b. Winter Holiday Program with Santa, proposed date Saturday December 23.
 - c. Winter Camp for pupils (December 18, 2023- January 5, 2023)

Business

1a. Self-nominated members are Sara Mason, Phil Tabby, and Michelle Dohren for Executive Chair “President” and Vice Chair.

Aymie Guerrero self-nominates to be treasurer as long as meetings are flexible (via zoom, days of the week, and or time) to meet attendance requirements.

All members in attendance agreed to a voting election to be held at the next PAB meeting Wednesday, October 4.

As suggested by a member, recruitments for PAB members will be presented at the September 16 basketball banquet. Recruitments will continue with attachment to Halloween Trunk or Treat flyers.

2a.b.c. Inquiry was made on the continuance of Play LA Grants Monies and Kids LA Free Classes. Grant monies will continue through the PlayLA program. Members ask that the Facility Director emphasize the PlayLA program mission of inspiring youth in the Olympic movement during park program events.

6a. Halloween Costume Contest and Trunk or Treat volunteers are needed for cars, booths, and candy donations. Members will continue to participate and recruit volunteers for this event as needed. Member Brenda Chavez presented a craft fitting the theme to be recreated at the event.

6b. Winter Holiday Program with Santa, proposed date Saturday December 23 in order to have charitable organizations donations fulfilled.

In order to be more cost effective, it is suggested that the event be “Brunch with Santa” and to have pizza offerings in lieu of breakfast with Santa. With the cost savings, it is proposed that children would be gifted with limited offerings (raffle tickets) of big ticket items such as bicycles, skateboards, or electronic devices.

Facility Director Iliana Ortega-Salazar will continue with reaching out to known and previously donated organizations to assist in this event.

At this time, member Sara Mason has reached out to various local organizations for donations to this event and awaiting replies.

In addition, we are seeking networking connections to the newly built studios on Peoria to contribute to the Winter holiday event.

Next meeting dates (subject to change)

Fall- October, 4 2023 at 6:00 PM

Winter- November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Dohren