

RUSTIC CANYON RECREATION CENTER
PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 8th, 2024
6:30PM / Library
Minutes

Members Present: Eric Balfour, Steve Gianoli, Ronnie Anderson

Absent: Brennan Cassidy, Pierson Williams

Recreation Staff: Paige Barnes, Talia Tinari

Public: Daniel Stern

I. CALL TO ORDER- Paige Barnes-6:02pm

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2024 MINUTES-
Eric Balfour motion to approve Ronnie Anderson second. All in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Playground Project

Paige- focus on the upper area near preschool right now. Possibly adding foam padding or other alternatives. Both areas need to be refurbished. Playground down below requires ADA compliance for the area and that is coming up against budgetary issues. We should focus on what we can do now near the old preschool. New playground would require us to be put on the city list for getting it done.

Eric- Suggested fundraising for overall things needed in the park, not strictly for playgrounds

Paige- little things to refurbish. Will put together a list of things to fundraise for

Ronnie-What time of year would that be? Spring? Same as Rustic Nights Fundraiser?

Paige-Probably spring. Would not be the same as Rustic Nights, as this would be an off site fundraiser.

B. Halloween

Paige- Theme is mad scientist, using the old preschool. Thinking about homegrown games. Do we want a sensory type experience of something more scary?

Ronnie: Are we selling food?

Paige- Not selling food. Everything has to be free. We need volunteers, even to help with simple things

Ronnie: High school kids from Crossroads school. High school actors would love that.

Paige-: Kids would be great to help. We need to decide if it's scary or not so scary.

Steve- What was last year like? What's the age group? At Easter there were lots of little kids.

Ronnie- So we would want more sensory, like spaghetti and other touch type things?

PB: Yes, mini things of slime. The only challenge would be of hand sanitizing.

Eric: a couple of kids last year were scared, making it more little kid friendly would be preferred.

Paige-Okay, sensory, then?

Ronnie- yes, more hocus pocus than nightmare on elm street

C. Preschool

Paige-Eve is gone, room is cleared out playhouses gone, nice to refurbish the area. Rustic will be taking it over, to use as a multipurpose room or for preschool activities Using it for the haunted house for Halloween, then permitting it out. Decide as a board what we should do.

Eric- Check for moisture/mold a remediation may be needed

III. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Fundraising/Jason Blum-

Eric-Hoping Jason invites some of his friends-

New energy, trying a different new type of format. Having it at his home. Getting away from the old format of Rustic Nights.

Paige- PAB will decide the best route to go on selling tickets or how the fundraising will work. PB to put together a list of items we're fundraising for.

Ronnie- Will we use the LA Park foundation?

Paige- Possibly

B. Treasury Report-tabled for future meeting

C. Potential PAB members-Daniel Stern

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. New time capsule
- B. Rustic Nights 2025 possible daytime event?

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Park Advisory Board Meeting will be TBA at Rustic Canyon Recreation Center, 601 Latimer Road, Santa Monica, CA 90402.

VII. ADJOURNMENT-6:29

Steve-motion to adjourn
Ronnie-Second
All in favor.