Members Present: Veslemoy Zwart, Dave Card, Julie Silliman, George Wolfberg, Ronnie Anderson

Absent: Susie Turner, Teena Bebe,

Staff: Paige Barnes Park Director, Kathryne Garcia

I. Welcome & Introductions

HELLO!

II. Approval of Minutes

Approved.

III. Open / Public Comments

Phillis D - Thank you to Paige and staff for their assistance with this past week’s event that was put on by the Conservancy.

Talking to you as a private citizen that is very concerned about this property. 14924 Camarosa Dr. in the Huntington Palisades. In June 2018, it was requested for this home to be demolished. Someone did not like the sound of that and did research about the house - not only architechtry, the people who lived there, it used to be owned by the Perry’s. It has a 90 year old Dearder Cedar tree. An application was put in to preserve the house. It was on of the first two houses built in it’s area. April 25th, 2019 they did a walk through after the petition to prevent demolition was approved. The current owners are trying to build a case against the prevention of demolition by trying to get information that contradicts reason to preserve it.

Point is, we are looking for people who will like to take a look at it and help preserve the structure. We would like to have a meeting where the architect could go through the house and the petitions for and against demolition, and to learn of the cultural significance of the property.

Vesh - Should get in touch with Randy and turn that location into a historical landmark.

Phillis - We want to educate the community about its importance and get assistance in preserving it.

Ronnie - Are the owners working with the preservation?
Dave - No, they’re working against them.

If you are interested in helping preserve this particular location, you can contact Phillis Dudick 310-395-5557.

**IV. Wi-Fi Report - Paige**

Paige - Contacted by Camerona, current point person for the project, and they asked for maps of the area. It’s going to cost ____. It’s expensive because they have to go underground, and create different hot spots because the signal will not pass through the concrete walls.

Vesh - Will they know to keep the historical aspects of the building?

Paige - No. When they come out we’ll express that concern, because right now it’s just a job order. IF the city is going to pay for it, not sure if they’re going to follow the historic blueprints. Do we have a proposal on how it could be done?

Julie - Might want to be ready to modify and place them where it’s most needed.

Paige - We’ll at least need it in the lobby, by the shed, in the office, and by the co-op nursery.

Vesh - Can we go back to the allocated? Can it be used for this?

Paige - We put in a wishlist, and it kind of goes from there.

**V. Off Leash Dogs**

Paige - They will be out, patrolling, and ticketing people. They actually came by today to get it done.

Vesh - I’ve stopped going out there because there has been about 20+ dogs out on the field. Thank you for finding the grant which says that the field is for the enjoyment of kids. Sent that proper paperwork to Google to finally remove Rustic Canyon RC as a dog park in their search engine. We need to place more signs to express the law of the facility.

Ronnie - I didn’t get the vibe that the people were mean, but rather that they were more elderly.

Paige - Not sure how with all the signage, this keeps going on.

Dave - Saw someone with two dogs asking someone in a car asking if this was a dog park, and being nearby I mentioned that this is not a dog park.

Paige - Was talking to Keith K. and we spoke about the ticketing of the dog’s off leash people, if it’ll rub the wrong way and interfere with fundraisings when it comes to Rustic Nights.

Vesh - They’re not the same people. So it shouldn’t. It’s not fun.
Paige - No it’s not. I won’t bring Bella (my dog) to the field because of all the dogs, and even in the Grove, a big dog approached me and my dog and it was terrifying not knowing how both the dogs will interact.

Vesh - If this doesn’t work, then we should just ban dogs all together for the safety of the community.

VI. Rustic Night 2019 - 1920s Magic

Paige - I would like to get a flyer/save the date, so we can advertise during the Summer.

Vesh - We’ll make a list and all of it will be done before I leave. Who will we have as an honoree?

Julie - Have we honored Randi before?

Vesh - Yes, they were honored at the first Rustic Night.

(mixed matched chatter)

Dave - What if we get one of those certificates and have a council member present the lead painter with it.

Paige - What about who we wanted last year, Laura Dern?

Vesh - Oh yes, we asked last year but she was away.

Katie - Josh and Zoe?

Julie + Vesh - Yes.

Paige - It would be nice recognize Kim Jacobe.

Julie - What about our caterers?

Vesh - What about Moy Susman who made a lot of the honoree presents and the tiles in the Courtyard.

Ronnie - Maybe even like a giant portrait of the building - a lithograph.

Julie - I would love to put her name on one of the picnic tables.

Paige - The only thing about the picnic tables is that they come and paint it.

George - What date is Rustic Night on?

Vesh - It’s on September 28th.

(more chatter)
We also need to start planning and getting ready for the big event in 2023 (for the centennial). Some stuff we can work on for that.

Paige - Is there anything we can do as a wow factor before this year’s Rustic Night to make it look like we did enough with the donations we’ve collected through the event.

Vesh - We did the painting.

Dave - The curtains.

Paige - Those were part of a combo of 2018 - 2019 project lists. Want something to stand out. Let’s see if we can get the Gallery floor done before Rustic Nights if it’s in the budget, unless we do the awning. It’s a $4,000 project.

Vesh - Tried to call the Black Rabbit Theater Group about Rustic Night. Just in case they cannot do it, then we are back out looking for a flying circus group that can perform and still do magic. But what if we need to retract to super simple to the Grove. Make an enchanted garden in the Grove.

Katie - What about mosquitos and ticks?

Dave - No ticks. But sometimes dogs dig holes and people can get their foot stuck in it and hurt themselves.

Paige - People liked the old Rustic feel being in the gym.

Vesh - Okay, then it’s good where it is. What about sponsorship?

Paige - There are still outstanding donations since last year’s Rustic Night.

VII. Theatrical Draperies - Paige

Paige - They’re here!

Ronnie - We had a show recently and parents were saying how amazing they look.

Paige - We are up to code.

Vesh - Sitting in the room during the SMCCA meeting was great. It makes a change.

VIII. Project List 2019

IX. Storage / Clean Under the Stage
Paige - This is just a part of what it’s going to run to clean under the stage. It runs from the front of the stage all the way back to where the co-op nursery. It’s a combined space, it would be four weeks for them to get it done, and the area will need to be tented because of the asbestos. For all the work that needs to be done it’s going to cost _______, which is only a portion for the first half of what they need to do.

Vesh - We should make it one of the goals for Rustic Night’s fundraising.

Paige - Trying to get the city to pay for it since it is city property. The city is slow, yes, but the city knows the right way to do it.

Julie - The preschool tiles also have asbestos.

Paige - Yes, that we can put on the Rustic Nights list to cover the Preschool Room and the Gallery. Need to put something on top and encapsulate it.

Julie - I know when my kids graduated, we donated gifts to the center.

Paige - They think under the stage will be about $100,000. The asbestos might be not only in the flooring on the walls.

Ronnie - I have a project with my staff of a Summer clean-up to get that area all organized.

Vesh - That’s great. It’s one of our oldest stages in LA. It makes me happy to see how happy the kids in the CATS program bring their dreams to life on that stage.

X. PAB Treasurer Report

Paige - During Murder Mystery we raised $13,000.

Ronnie - We didn’t even spend that much on the event. Maybe $6,000.

Paige - In the end it’s like a wash.

XI. Extra Trash Cans for Rustic

Paige - Do we really need more trash cans? Or was it just because of that one event?

Dave - Maybe the next time there’s something that big, should warn them about clearing the trash.

Julie - I’ll contact Nicole about it. Who put all of that trash in the dumpster.

George - Can we get a lock on the dumpster.

Paige - We can look into it.
XII. Grove Update - Dave

Dave - We put in two Cycad to replace the two old Cycads. One outside in the Courtyard and one in the Grove. We’ve done about four monday afternoons worth of weed wacking. Next weed wacking is scheduled for next Wednesday with Randi Young. We changed the irrigation schedule to once a week than twice a week on Monday nights at 10pm. We have a request from Teena Bebe to turn on the valve on the Hilltree slope to have access to irrigating that side. Plan to email those near that location whether they’re okay with that, but it hasn’t worked in the past when we tried to have that due to a lack of maintenance and upkeep. They have to weigh the risk that there might be erosion and one of the trees falling onto nearby fences and houses. For the last few years we have not turned on that valve because that happened.

My inclination is not to do anything due to past instances.

All of the milkweed that was taken out before the meeting of our little group because an individual decided to pull them out anyways because they didn't want them. What was encouraged was to slowly remove the milkweed to not interrupt the butterfly migration. There’s a debate of the fungus growing here hurting them versus the milkweed hurting the butterflies. I’m inclined to leave it as is with no milkweed and see how it goes and touch on it again next year.

XIII. Anything Else for the Good of the Order/ Comments

Paige - Recently we had a broken window in the office that was replaced. We’re also going to tint the Jewelry room windows to match the tint we have on the restroom windows.

Julie - Tint? The film.

Paige - Yes, the film so if we don’t like it at any point we have the option to take it off.

Vesh - What about the outdoor courts?

Paige - They will be refurbishing them June 11th & 12th.

Vesh - As for a project before Rustic Nights, we can try and do the light sconces.

Julie - Should do some searching. Can put them up even if they don’t light up at the beginning.

Paige - Get me a quote.

XIV. Adjournment

Paige - Meeting adjourned.

Ronnie - I second.