

**RUSTIC CANYON PARK**  
**ADVISORY BOARD**  
**November 19, 2019**  
**6:30pm Gallery**  
**Minutes**

Members Present: Veslemoy Zwart, Dave Card, Ronnie Anderson, Elizabeth Thomas

Absent: Susie Turner, Teena Bebe, Julie Silliman, George Wolfberg, Steve Slavkin,

Staff: Paige Barnes Park Director, Kathryn Garcia

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Hello all, we currently only have 5 active members on the PAB board, and therefore we have a quorum with 3.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- Vesh - any comments to the minutes?
- Ronnie - I nominate Robin to be on the board.  
Dave - I second.  
Paige - Approved.
- Vesh - Any other nominations for the board.

**III. Open/Public Comments**

- Robin - So I noticed that there has been asbestos in the Preschool and under the stage, what is being done about it?  
Paige - Currently all asbestos is sealed. The preschool run by the recreation center has them under the tile and the Gallery in the glue in the ceiling tiles and under the floor tiles as well. Further education on the location of the sealed asbestos can be found in Rustic Canyon Rec Center's Masterplan.
- Vesh - It would be good to have a full hazardous report.  
Paige - What kind of report?  
Vesh - The air, how safe it is under the ceiling and floor tiles.
- Ronnie - Since it's a historical building, is there funding to take care of issues like this?  
Vesh - They do not have the funding to fix the issue.
- Robin - What would also be nice would be getting some more trash cans, dog poop bins, recycling bins in the lower park as well as fixing the watering system so the baseball field by third base is not flooded.

#### IV. Wi-Fi Report - Paige

- Paige - Paid the \$12,000 to move forward because I had to pay a year in advance. They came out and discussed what needs to go where to make it work, but then was informed that it would then cost around \$50,000 - \$100,000 to get completed. They also expressed that we would also have to put in conduits throughout the building for the wi-fi to work. We currently do not have the budget to complete this project and currently waiting for another quote from the company.

- Vesh - Isn't the park an election site? Aren't they working on making the voting system more technical.

Dave - Yes, they're updating the system where it'll be accessible for about 5 days so you can do it around your schedule, but wouldn't work here without wifi.

Vesh - So we might not be one of those polling places without it.

- Vesh - When I went to the meeting for the wi-fi they said that they would get it done. Why couldn't we call the satellite company in LA?

Dave - Frontier?

Ronnie - I think this area is now Spectrum.

Paige - We are currently waiting for them to give us a report with what exactly needs to be done and how much it would be.

Ronnie - Can we get a timeline of how long this would take?

Paige - Yes.

- Vesh - What about the grant we were allocated to use.

Paige - Quimby and Prop-K.

Vesh - Let's see where that money is and if we can use it for wi-fi.

Robin - I think we need to see how they plan to restructure the wi-fi in a couple years before we choose not to do it at all because it's going to change soon.

Vesh - We should get a report so we can understand why things the way they are.

Paige - Sounds good.

- Ronnie - If we didn't use the Quimby for the wi-fi, what would we use it for.

Paige - The parking lot.

Vesh - Windows, doors, patio, stage, and storage.

#### V. Off Leash Dogs

- Paige - I'm thinking that the emails from the patrons aren't working, and that the city is stretched thin and can only do so much. We might have to go a different route and do a town hearing with LAPD, the community, etc... There's not enough people to help us do what we need to do.

Robin - Maybe do a community meeting before a town meeting?

Paige - It'll be better with authority in the meeting reminding people that this is a public park, not their personal park.

Vesh - The grant for when this park was donated to the city was that this park is for the kids, not dogs.

Dave - It's illegal to have your dogs off leash in the park.

Vesh - It used to be nice to enjoy the park with your dog when there was 5 people

coming down, but times have changed and the 5 has multiplied to 30+.

Katie - Like dog walkers who bring around 10 dogs just to let them off the leash.

Vesh - I'm for the dogs to enjoy the park, but we need to find a way to make it safe for others as well. The numbers have increased immensely that there is less control over dogs and it has created an increase in safety issues.

- Vesh - Has anything else come from the city about fixing the dog issue?

Paige - It was suggested to do a fencing, and then suggested not to do fencing because it creates an area for the dogs, however, those throwing parties at the picnic areas will be within the vicinity of dog feces. We've had rangers coming out periodically, however, there's only so much that they can do.

Vesh - We are within their jurisdiction, and the issue should be addressed. Those with the authority should ticket. The community shouldn't have to police each other.

## **VI. Rustic Night 2019 1920s Magic - Canceled**

- Paige - It's canceled for this year.

## **VII. New Winter / Fall Fundraiser**

- Ronnie - Before we do ideas, what date are we thinking? February?

Dave - Some schools are off during that time as well.

Robin - There's a group of women interested in doing an event themselves to raise money for the park.

Ronnie- Was there an idea that was brought up?

Robin - It was to take part in the Spring,

Ronnie - What I have done as an event in the Spring is a fashion show.

Paige - Maybe a mother & daughter fashion show.

Ronnie - I work with an organization that puts on fundraisers focusing on kids singing, and parents come out for this when their kids are involved.

Paige - I like the idea of doing another Murder Mystery using C.A.T.S. kid, but also the idea of a fashion shows.

- Vesh - Should we try to narrow down a schedule for events?  
Moonlit Music in the Canyon on February 8th, 2020.

## **VIII. Foundation Benches**

- Paige - No longer an issue. Has been taken care of.

## **IX. Storage/ Clean Under the Stage**

- Paige - Touched upon under section iii.
- Vesh - What about an open roof and prefab shed to put in the back of the park for storage.

## **X. PAB Treasury Report**

- Tabled.

## **XI. Extra Trash Cans for Rustic Update**

- Vesh - Need recycling bins for the lower park.

## **XII. Grove Update - David**

- Dave - There are trees hanging over power lines and Hightree, but I think it's ridiculous and going to try and see if they can avoid removing the trees. So maybe some pruning to keep the trees away from the power lines might help keep the trees and make it safe for them to keep existing. There's no need to pull the whole tree, just need to shorten the tree to avoid the power lines.

Vesh - I think it's best to keep the trees in the Grove. It was heartbreaking when they took some of the trees out a while ago.

Dave - Does DWP know that this is a historic place?

Paige - Yes, that is why they're waiting for comments.

- Dave - An Eagle Scout to earn a badge planning and fixing up the flower beds by the pool area with more plants and better irrigation to keep them hydrated. Will be planting plants that are drought tolerant. Plan to start in January or February if we can get the irrigation fixed.
- Vesh - Can you [Dave] give a list of the plants around the park and photos to turn them into cards.

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

- Paige - Motion to elect new officers in January. If anyone would like to nominate anyone for that meeting?  
Ronnie - Second.

## **XIV. Adjournment**

- Paige - Adjourned.