

GGPNC
Education Committee Minutes
February 23, 2010
Ranger House

Attendees:

Sarah Napier	Rex Link
Dorothy Lee	Marian Dodge
Debbie Simons	
Tim Bower	Harry Talbot

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:20 by Chair Sarah Napier.

3. LAUSD Beyond the Bell

Tim Bower and Harry Talbot from LAUSD described the variety of before and after school programs available to schools through the district. Beyond the Bell consolidates all the programs with federal, state, and district funding. (See Beyond the Bell Branch Fact Sheet attached.) Currently Los Feliz Elem., Franklin Ave. Elem., and King Middle School have after school programs. Most grants require that a school be designated a Title I school in order to qualify. Franklin Avenue is not a Title I school.

Civic Center permits: School facilities are available to communities. LAUSD used to be the only district that did not charge a fee for a permit. They are now charging direct cost fees for evening recreation. The fee for adults is \$28/hr. The child rate of \$10/hr. will increase gradually to the adult rate. The district does not require groups to have insurance so it is a great liability to the district. Many communities want open access to school playgrounds and fields, but the district cannot allow it because of liability issues. New campuses are being designed so that the athletic areas are separated from the classrooms to make it easier to provide public access.

Sarah asked about LAUSD and the city Dept. of Rec. & Parks working together to provide recreational activities. Talbot said they don't do much. LA's Best is operating at 180 elementary schools. Rec. & Parks helps manage the programs. LAUSD does not charge the city for its programs.

People for Parks is working with LAUSD to provide access to green sites. The district can provide supervision. At Helen Bernstein High School the fields will be used by the city in the summer. They need to address the issue of parking at the facility so that they do not negatively impact the local residential areas.

Sarah asked which of their many programs would be best for the Los Feliz area. They can link us up with vendors who are supervised by the Youth Services program. They have Youth Development Programs at many middle schools. They outsource many services, but are doing more in-house now. They have fee-based programs to provide child care. Creative Kids is funded by the PTA. STAR, Champions. Rock on Education is at Marshall.

4. Reports

A. Marshall Big Blue M Project - Dorothy Lee

Marshall won the \$10,000 City Beautification Grant. The committed funding so far is:

Beautification Grant	\$10,000
GGPNC	\$5,000
CD 4	\$2,500
<u>LFIA</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$18,000

Dorothy attended a meeting on how to actually access the money. Water leaks inside from the concrete posts on the top of the wall. It needs to be sand blasted and sealed before the tile work can begin. LAUSD will submit a bid for the waterproofing of the wall. Sarah made it clear to them that they need to come in with a good bid; she has had bad experiences with LAUSD bids being three times as high as private vendor bids. A private vendor has given them a bid of \$1,200. The tile will have an anti-graffiti sealing. Volunteers will work in small groups to assist the tile artist Yuriko. They need \$20,000 for the project. Yuriko needs some up-front money for the materials. Alum Mike Haynes has said he would autograph Raiders jerseys and balls to be auctioned on eBay to raise money for the project.

B. Los Feliz Elem.

The principal thanked Sarah for funding new library furniture. The problem now is to figure out how to label the furniture so that the GGPNC will get credit for its donation. Marian suggested that instead of small individual labels on each piece of furniture that a plaque be placed by the door recognizing the donation.

C. King Middle School

King's request for funding to maintain the Vanishing Race statue will be referred to the GGPNC Beautification Comm.

D. Franklin Ave. Elem.

The white boards that they requested are on the way. They also have the problem of how to recognize the donation.

5. Next meeting - Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 - 7:00 at the Ranger House.

6. Sarah announced a forum for the candidates for the State Superintendent of Education on Thursday, Feb. 25, 5:00 - 8:00 p, at the Visual and Performing Arts High School downtown at 4450 N. Grand Ave.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Marian Dodge