

**- Southside Park -**  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**March 13, 2023 — Neighborhood Meeting Notes**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm - 8:00pm

- **Introductions**
- **SPNA Updates / Announcements**
  - Park Neighborhood Association (SouthsideSPNA)
    - NextDoor Group (Southside Park Neighborhood Assoc.)
    - Facebook (@SouthsideParkNeighborhoodAssociation)
  - Show SPNA pride with:
    - Lawn Sign Designs (Diversity and SPNA Member) - \$10 each
    - Friends of Southside Park T-shirts - \$10
  - Annual membership dues: \$15/person or \$50/business
    - Payments are accepted via cash, check, or Paypal  
<http://paypal.me/SPNASacramento>
  - Next Park Volunteer Day: Saturday, March 25 9-11 am
- **Vote on SPNA Bylaw Amendment**
  - Article III Section 1: "GENERAL MEETINGS: There shall be monthly membership meetings held on days decided upon by the board."
    - Proposed to change "monthly" to "regular" to allow flexibility in scheduling meetings and activities. **Amendment Passed**
- **Sacramento Police Department** - Lieutenant Jason Start
  - Noted that the Park clean up on March 25th is at the same time as the annual Cesar Chavez March. People will probably begin arriving around 7:00am, with the march beginning around 10:15am (up T street to 10th, back down 9th) along with a lowrider show. This will be the first event with Park Rangers in attendance and monitoring.
  - It will be busy the next few weeks in and around Southside, with a St Patrick Day Parade in Old Sac and several other events.
  - The Mental Health Team began operation on Valentines Day. Police can make a referral, the the behavioral health team takes over, offers voluntary out pt referrals, maintains contact with people to try and break down barriers to getting help
- **Community Development Department / YPCE**- Sean DeCourcy, Preservation Director, Ray Costantino, Park Planning and Development Manager, Dana Repan, Senior Planner, Shawn Aylesworth, Parks Maintenance Manager
  - **Historic building on the east side of the park:** The building is one part of the former building (by architects Deane and Deane who also designed Memorial

Hall) which originally had 3 parts, and is identified as a historical feature of the park with national register designation. An independent 3rd party (Page and Turnbull) has been retained for a historic district analysis to evaluate its significance. The survey work will begin soon and in 6 weeks to 2 months there should be a draft report. Historical Analysis is focusing on demolition as the building is beyond repair with extensive termite damage. **Questions asked:** If we could provide someone to rehab it, would the city be open to it? And did parks do a structural analysis (if so should be in public record). **Ray will look into both issues.**

- **Amphitheater improvements:** Electrical plans are to be completed this week, a second cycle review will be done and then the project will be bid, with a planned construction winter of 2023. It will include ADA access and updated electrical. The bathrooms in the amphitheater will not be updated. The project also includes the **Hidalgo Bust Renovation:** The project is in the second cycle review then will go out for bid, with hopefully to start in April and finish in May for a Mexican Consulate event. The original bust will be replaced with a new base, and a mini plaza with benches will be added. It is a \$700,000 project, with funds coming from the Mexican Consulate and from 2022 Park Impact Fees. Picnic benches are also planned for near the bust. Concerns were raised that a picnic area there would interfere with tents/ vendors during events, and that is not a logical place for people to gather otherwise. **Ray will check to see if the benches can be moved to the east side, which is where the SPNA Park Committee had requested the city put more picnic tables.**
- **SPNA Park Committee requests regarding missing picnic tables and more benches on the east side:** Shawn is aware of missing picnic benches as it is a maintenance issue. He is trying to find funding for benches on the east side.
- **New trash bins** are being installed - 6 metal banded and decorative bins have been funded through special impact fees, as well as the new bollards that have been installed. **Questions asked: What was the budget for this project?** Pickleball overlays on the west court have been approved. The request for a backboard is being assessed, will need to check for line of sight concerns.
- **East restrooms** still need to be repaired- in process. The water main that ties into the restroom, and some irrigation needs to be repaired and the fixtures in the men's bathroom have been removed. The bench which was removed from the north end of the lake is still in the bathroom. **Shawn will find out the status of the repairs and will push to get the repairs started and will work on getting the bench put back.**
- **Fishing line containers:** 2 rounds of containers have been stolen. Shawne is looking for something harder to steal.
- **Ray would like to attend more SPNA meetings.**
- **District 4 Councilmember Katie Valenzuela's Office - Zach Freels**
  - **Zach will also try to follow up regarding bathroom repairs.**

- **The WX Project:** The councilperson's office did not hear back from Caltrans regarding the project and the return of the Farmer's market. They had been told in February. CalTrans is not responsive to the city, Zach suggests contacting our state representatives.
- **An Outpatient mental health clinic** will open 14th and X run by the Hope Cooperative and will serve both housed and unhoused people, offering outreach housing and work support. They have a website. Working to bring 11 centers to the area. They have a good neighbor policy and the executive director lives 2 blocks from the 14th and X location.
- **The Miller Park** site will reopen with trailers
- **Lots of events** are planned including the Youth Resource and Employment Fair March 25th at City Hall, Street circle soccer, Movie in the park for late summer, Second Saturdays starting again in May
- **Question:** Would the council person be interested in office hours in the club house? Katy is very busy but may be interested in doing an introductory event. Her office does have park involvement as a goal, and is happy to partner with us for park events.
- **The Pool** is going to be closed this summer due to renovations. The SPNA was not aware of this. Several concerns were raised. The councilperson's office is working on transit to other pools, which may include using RT and RT shuttle service, Ray reported that the pool needs to be resurfaced, and the city does not have funding to do it. The SPNA was not aware of the pool closure, and several concerns were raised, including that this pool is used by kids in the underserved Marina Vista community. **Ray will relay our concerns to the city, and ask recreation to get back to us with any information about the pool's status.**
- **Earth day:** the Councilperson's office is a contributor, and is happy to participate.
- Gig Car is leaving Sacramento. **Zack will get back to us regarding any policy changes / changes to the charging stations this will cause.**

#### Follow Up Items:

##### Ray will follow up regarding:

1. Would the city be willing to rehab the historic building if we could find funding, and has there been a structural analysis?
2. How/Why was the area near the bust chosen for a new picnic area, and can it be moved to the north or east side, where the park committee has previously requested picnic tables?
3. Relaying our concerns regarding the community impact keeping the pool closed all summer (after having it closed early last summer), and asking the Recreation dept to get back to us.

##### Shawn will follow up regarding:

1. The budget for the trash cans and bollards.
2. The status of the east side bathroom repairs and getting the bench from the north end of the lake (which is in the east side bathrooms) replaced.

**Zach will follow up regarding:**

1. The bathroom repairs.
2. The possibility of the councilperson scheduling a “meet and greet(?)” at the clubhouse.
3. Any changes that Gig Car leaving might mean for the charging stations (6th and W) and related policies?