

Friends of Silver Terrace Park – Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, March 7, 2011 6 - 7:30 pm
 Location: Portola Family Connections (PFC)
 Attending: 6 people
 Chris Waddling, Erica Rendón (PFC), Geoffrea Morris (Parks94124), Ron Walton Jr. (Recology), Victoria Bell (NPC), Rachel Russell (NPC)

Next Steps are listed at the end of these minutes.

- I. Introductions
- II. What do you like about Silver Terrace Park
 - a. Feels safe when the lights are on
 - i. Concerns about safety near the play structure in the back of the park
 - ii. Concerns about areas where there are no lights
 - b. The park has good curb appeal
 - i. The park is clean
 - ii. The park has a very nice looking and useful cement path around the soccer field.
 - iii. The turf looks nice
 - c. The Waterville or Elmira entrance (in the back of the club house) needs better curb appeal
 - d. The long mural, though fading, it is pretty and gives a sense of place.
 - i. Would like to see more murals and themes to give the park user a sense of place.
 - ii. The graffiti problem seems to be getting better
 - e. The park is very active and people use it often
- III. Concerns/Issues and Solutions

Concern/Issue	Potential Solutions
Public Urination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activate the areas by transforming them into (ex) a dog run or interesting landscaping. - Create signage that will direct people to the restrooms that are posted by public urination sites. - Have signs created by children to further the guilt factor for peeing in public
Restroom seems hidden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The soccer fields need restroom signs. - Signs should be in several languages (English, Spanish, Cantonese, Other) - Should include times the restrooms are open.

Missing equipment: Volleyball net, etc.	
Play structure is old Park Report Card rates STP a C	- New play structure could be great. - Sand is fine, but needs to be cleaned. - Directional signage to the playground area should exist, many people stop at the field and do not see the rest of the park.
Safety & Lighting (play structure and backside of the park)	
Lack of dog run/area	

IV. How do we get children to Silver Terrace Park to play?

a. Obstacle:

- i. The freeway separates the Portola Business District from the park, which is why many families and children go to Palega Park instead.
- ii. During the summer, RPD hosts a Summer camp (not an obstacle, just knowledge for the group when planning)

b. Solutions:

- i. Host events and activities
 - 1. Host an annual event at the park to encourage local use!
 - 2. Utilize the fields
 - a. Soccer Day
 - b. Have an "Open Play Day" and have flyers for neighbors that share when open play is on the fields.
 - 3. Utilize the Clubhouse
 - 4. Mommy Day at the park
- ii. Include other communities and groups
 - 1. Bayview Senior Center
 - 2. Portola Family Connections – hosting a health fair on 4/10
 - 3. Schools (MLK Middle, Phillip Burton HS, etc)
- iii. Show families how health can be outside!
 - 1. Add mileage markers to the track to educate people on how many laps = a mile, etc.
- c. Utilize pre-existing events and communities to create fun events
 - i. Activate through ethnic/cross cultural community event
 - ii. Cultural theme/holiday
 - iii. Chinese New Year/multicultural event/ Juneteenth/black history month/Cinco De Mayo/ Dia di los Muertos/ Carnival
 - iv. San Bruno Street Fair (September)- This is an opportunity to table and promote Silver Terrace Park
 - v. Somoan Community Center (Patsy)
 - vi. Maltese Festival

V. Goal: Wellness Day: A summer kick-off!

- a. The Friends of Silver Terrace will leverage the energy from the Portola Family Connections 4/10 Health Fair to host a May event that would be outdoors and include yoga, soccer, karate, jazz and a temporary dog run. The event should have healthy snacks and should be fun for all ages.
- b. Goals:

- i. Get mileage markers on walkway/track for relay race
 - ii. Partner with Portola Family Connection to conduct outreach and obtain a list of activities
 - iii. Temporary Dog Run talk to Pet Camp, Pooches play time, high tail hotel for partnership and staffing of dog area during Wellness Day event.
 - c. Potential donors?
 - i. Planting: Flora Grubb, Flower Craft, Lowes, Recology
 - ii. Food: Smart and Final, Fresh & Easy (going in on Silver)
- VI. What are your talents and skills that you can bring to the group?
 - a. Geoffrea
 - i. Skills: Community Coordinating (people and partnerships), interested in gardening and people to people interactions.
 - ii. Commitment: 40 hrs per month
 - b. Ron
 - i. Skills: Resources, Removal, delivering compost. Primarily work days, etc.
 - ii. Commitment: 10 hrs per month
 - c. Erica
 - i. Skills: Social networking, and technology, flyers, facebook, logistics, event partnerships, outreach
 - ii. Commitment: 4-8 hrs per month
 - d. Chris
 - i. Skills: Social Networking (D10 blog) D10 watch blog spot, Gardening and cleanup, Physical work, organizing
 - ii. Commitment: 8-12 hrs per month
 - e. Vickie and Rachel: General support for organizing, outreach and working with the Recreation and Parks Department
- VII. Next Steps and Tasks
 - a. Chris and Geoffrea have agrees to be point people for the group
 - i. Chris will represent Silver Terrace with Parks 94124
 - b. Erica
 - i. Talk to Anna (coordinator of Health Day) to collaborate marketing, etc.
 - ii. Get the agenda for Portola Family Connection workshops and list of activity providers
 - iii. Check room availability for March 28 meeting
 - c. Geoffrea
 - i. Look for health and wellness vendors
 - ii. Work on getting mileage markers for track
 - d. Vickie and Rachel
 - i. Add: Mariano, Robert Walker to the email list
 - ii. Find out times for Open Play on the soccer fields
 - iii. Connect everyone through email
 - iv. Provide notes of this email
- VIII. Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2011 from 6 – 7:30pm
Goal: Build the group, finalize date for Wellness Day, and create outreach plan