

McLaren Park Collaborative Meeting – Monday July 25, 2011

1. Attendee Introductions
2. Mission Focus for this meeting
 - a. Define “Collaborative” background, history
 - b. Various groups joining together
 - c. No leader/leadership
 - d. Sharing info
 - e. Sharing expertise
 - f. Committees – duplicating existing groups? Don’t want to take on a role already in another group
3. Operating/Mission: How we want to operate (leadership?)
 - a. Rotating chair each meeting – they choose date, agenda, location (Schlage lock model)
 - b. Neighborhood leaders/ Liaison to community
 - i. Change collaborative to reflect concept of clearing House (“Hub”)
 - ii. Goal: Communication
 - iii. Mentoring opportunities between groups
 - c. Counsel as a decision-making body
 - i. Delegates making decisions
 - ii. Baseline structure – 2 people per each section
 - ii. Keeping on top of events
 - iii. Following orderly process (Robert’s Rules of Order?)
 - iv. Have real operating budget
 - d. Advocacy Group
 - i. Support community member initiatives
 - ii. Get the word out to others
 - iii. Brainstorm community-wide concerns
 - iv. Develop 5-10-50-year plans so this group doesn’t need to exist. Future: we don’t have to fight for every nickel
 - v. Need full buy-in for advocacy
 - e. Handling whatever comes along
 - i. Finding common ground & working together on that item
 - ii. Bring in people from larger area – McL is a huge park, a citywide resource, not just local neighbors who live around the park
 - iii. Take out “neighbor” in charter to include broader base
 - iv. Focus on Master Plan’s focus to support surrounding communities
4. Path Forward

- a. Adopt the goals we originally wrote down
 - b. Everyone has something to contribute; we welcome diverse viewpoints & support advocacy, Abstract this to deal w/processes to approach issues, highest best use for the greatest number of people
 - c. Coming up w common ground, how as a group we can get things for the park; Phase in group that grows
 - d. Start with info sharing, Documenting planning, history, etc. What's unique about this place
 - e. Advocacy comes later
5. Plan/Structure & outreach for next meeting
- a. Announcements Committee readouts
 - b. Adopt initial goals and move on those Mission stmt & structure
 - c. Communications (include Website report/Ken, connecting through listservs)
 - d. Create Collaborative Fact Sheet/Handout (Summary, meeting dates, contacts)
 - e. Hosted by Bill Carlin – Sutter Roundhouse; Date TBD via Doodle