



# CROCKER AMAZON PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

## MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to everyone who attended our September Park meeting. Our meeting's objective was to discuss topics impacting Crocker Amazon Playground/Park: recreation programs, playgrounds; clubhouse and park open space and assigns tasks to follow through for next meeting's discussions. ~ *Linda D'Avirro*

### **Terence Yang: Crocker's Recreation Programs – Youth Survey Results:**

Terence collected youth comments at the Youth Speaks event asking youth what events & recreation programs they'd recommend for Crocker Amazon. Comments varied from "live nearby, never in park," "better park features, like benches," "new clean bathrooms," "more events", "concerts", "talent shows." One comment was "Who knows? I've never seen programs here." This was a good start for planning future programs as part of the Community Recreation Council. We'll continue seeking more comments through the year as opportunities come up.

### **Recreation and Open Space Element/ROSE**

The 20 year plan for Parks & open space in SF's General Plan, the Recreation & Open Space Element, is nearing final approval. Linda D'Avirro said that she was part of a small group meeting with SF Planning Department's Sue Exline to propose revised wording to the draft policy plan. Areas proposed for revision include Policy Sections 1 and 6 to focus more on recreation and open space, emphasizing passive recreation, increasing open space, philanthropy and community process. Proposed wording aims to clarify or remove terms including "activation," "no net loss," structures on park plans, corporate support more appropriate than current practices and preserving clubhouses green and open space for residents. Final Planning Department is planned for mid-October and may be postponed. Members are asked to look over the document located on the SF Planning Department and NPC's website.

### **G.O. Bond – For Parks**

Discussion on what the community wants in RPD's proposal for a capital general obligation bond. Linda D'Avirro is on RPD's General Obligation Bond task force to shape a GO Bond for a ballot measure. The Bond will not increase property taxes as bond monies can only be funded when a current bond is retired under current rules.

One RPD proposal in the proposed park bond for Crocker Amazon is to construct a multi-million dollar indoor basketball gymnasium to further create Crocker as a "sports complex." Members rejected that proposal, instead saying if RPD builds any new structures the community wants the stars by Dublin Street replaced with ADA access pathway, fix the

irrigation and standing water problems, and build the long-promised 2-floor clubhouse promised years ago so we could offer more indoor programs for different ages.

### **Recreation Programs – Planning For Crocker Clubhouse Programs**

Discussion by groups about currently offered programs and enrollment levels. Warren Robinson said the Yoga class held on Tuesday 6-7PM and Saturday 10-11AM offered for \$7 a class and both need more people so it can be renewed. May Wong asked Warren “Where would the community find posted schedules of classes and “free/open” clubhouse availability in the park? Members asked Warren to post the schedules outside the clubhouse and in the kiosks. He said he will & send it out post-meeting (Attached). May said Warren should be contacting the nearby schools to let them know about events and asked to let group know about upcoming events so community contacts can publicize them.

Linda asked Warren to contact Jackie Battle at Minnie Lovie Rec Center to see if Crocker could be part of the event with local youth taking part this year and suggested contacting McRae Parker at GOB and partnering with him. Terence will work with Warren after hearing back to see whether some youth are interested.

### **Conclusion & Assigned Tasks :**

- 1) **Terence Yang:** Will work with member Linda Litehiser to coordinate park workdays with RPD’s Kimberly Keifer. Linda L is also the point person to work with Terence to firm up his Build-On group possibly assisting at the Excelsior Festival. **Linda D’Avirro** will contact Linda L to advise post-meeting.
- 2) **Warren Robinson:** will contact Jessie Battle to get Crocker Amazon’s name in the Turkey Cook-off. **Terence** will let group whether teens are interested in participating and Linda will contact McRae Parker from GOB so we can coordinate with his youth.
- 3) **Warren** asked to communicate our park capital priorities to his managers of Crocker’s GO Bond priorities: **ADA structural repairs:** steps from Dublin Street into the park; **Erosion:** a) Steps up to pathway near dog play area & La Grande Community garden; b) Hillside at end of football field; **Irrigation:** repairs/replacement to eliminate standing water.; **Lighting:** path lighting, both solar & LED for more safety in several identified places. Consensus that no one wants an indoor basketball complex at this time, preferring a 2-storey clubhouse.
- 4) **Warren** will begin posting open and schedules on bulletin Board outside & in kiosks to encourage the community in park to come in for classes. Warren asked to let group know about upcoming events so community contacts can publicize them.

### **Announcements :**

- 1) Scaregrove 2011 at Stern Grove – An RPD sponsored Halloween event on Oct 28th
- 2) Bike Skills Meeting #3 – Saturday September 24th 2PM at Herz Playground
- 3) NPC-Parks Trust Merger – October 2nd – New organization is called “SF Parks Alliance”