

Parks and Schools Minutes of April 19, 2021

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Frank B. Anderson.

Members Present: Army Linderborg, Lou Caravella, James P. Allen, Frank B. Anderson

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

A comment was made to change the name of the Park from "Anderson Memorial Senior Citizens Center" to "Central San Pedro Park."

3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Consideration of the Agenda

No items were moved.

5. Agenda Items

A. Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center Update

There was no report. However, the importance of the Park Advisory Board (PAB) in helping to promote future change at the Park was mentioned.

B. Quimby Funds for Anderson: Next Steps

Army reported that there had been a "walk around" meeting with representatives from CD 15, CeSPNC, the Anderson PAB and community members in order to generate ideas related to Park improvements. Ideas discussed included:

- 1.) The PAB would provide a list of priority projects.
- 2.) Playground equipment should be age appropriate.
- 3.) The basketball courts require constant upkeep.
- 4.) Installation of security lighting is a priority.
- 5.) Handicapped access needs to be improved.
- 6.) Park activities should focus on young people.

More frequent communication between CD 15, Recreation and Parks, the Anderson PAB, and the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council needs to happen not only to go forward with park improvements, but also to inform the public and the surrounding community. It was suggested that the neighborhood council take the lead on input into Park projects.

C. KIPP Charter School Letter: Opposition

A motion by Army, seconded by Lou, was passed to oppose the establishment of a KIPP (Knowledge is Power for People) charter school at the Alice Baxter site, and to invite a representative from LAUSD's District 7 to make a presentation at May's meeting. Reason's for opposition to the charter school included:

- 1.) Charter schools destabilize local non-charter public schools.
- 2.) Charter schools don't adequately serve the needs of all students, especially those at risk.
- 3.) There was a lack of transparency with respect to the proposal to establish a charter school within the community.

D. CIS on CF 21-0182: Oppose DONE Youth Advisory Council

A motion by Army, seconded by Frank, was passed to oppose the DONE's proposed Youth Advisory Council. Concerns raised were that DONE cannot adequately handle its own matters, and often spends its time interfering in neighborhood council matters. Further, it was unclear how the Council would be funded.

E. North Gaffey Street Park (East Leland)

A proposal to improve East Leland park along North Gaffey Street was made.

Suggestions presented were:

- 1.) Select and clear a one acre plot for clearing and planting.
- 2.) The coastal poppy was mentioned as the plant to be used as ground cover.
- 3.) Care of the plot would include the planting of seeds at the appropriate time, and adequate watering to firmly establish the ground cover.
- 4.) Costs of between \$500 and \$600 for seeds was mentioned, with possible funding

from CD 15, Recreation and Parks, or the neighborhood councils.

A motion was passed to provide no more than \$1000 to seed East Leland between the Elberon Bridge to an area directly across from the Animal Shelter with native, drought resistant coastal poppies.

6. Future Topics

- A. Invite Recreation and Parks to give an overview of Anderson
- B. Invite the promoters of the Freedom of the Seas Park to speak at a committee meeting.
- C. BOHC presentation preparation
- D. Change of Committee meeting night

7. Adjournment/Next Meeting: May 17, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes Presented By:

Frank B. Anderson

Parks and Schools Committee Chair