

Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 7:09 PM

The Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and jumped right to the Bellevue Park item of the agenda. Each individual in the audience was here to speak about Bellevue park. Each person lives right on the park. Those present at the meeting were:

- Bob Avery (Leadership Team - Midtown Assoc. Rep)
- Matt Baldassin (Leadership Team - Chairman)
- Margaret Bossard
- Ed Childers (City Councilman)
- Hans Christiansen (Leadership Team - Community Forum Rep)
- Charles & Barbara Frey
- Rod Gabriel
- Lyn Hellegard (City Councilwoman)
- JoAnn Kleckner
- Wendy Lambert
- Colin & Fong Mah
- Sharon Price
- Judy Sanders
- Marolane Stevenson
- Ryan Sutherland (Leadership Team - Secretary)
- Carole Ulrigg (Leadership Team - Treasurer)

Mr. Baldassin opened the discussion by explaining the long process of the park's development and then turned it over to Hans Christiansen. Mr. Christiansen then gave a report on the status of the historical survey. Public Comment:

- Ms. Price: We don't want any of that stuff developed - what is our role in the process?
- Ms. Stevenson: We should get some say in what happens to our land. Schools need more money - why spend \$425K on a park?
- Mr. Childers - he's unaware of any \$425,000 - there is plenty of time to get your voice heard
- Mr. Christiansen - explained that there is a formal survey process.
- Mr. Avery - it is a city park that is owned by the city and some of what they want to do with it, we won't have much say in it.
- Ms. Kleckner - most of the people here don't want to see the park as a huge "playground park" and we need to be aware that Donna asks for input, but moves quickly once her mind is made up.
- Ms. Hellegard - wants neighbors to know that she is listening to their comments and will represent them at the City Council.
- Mr. Childers asked everyone what their concerns are:
 - Who will maintain it?
 - We don't want another playground.
 - We don't want bathrooms - this leads to older kids coming to messing around.
 - Ms. Lambert - Traffic concerns and already a lot of kids just playing around. No place to park and so people would be parking in people's homes.
 - Ms. Hellegard - safety concern with a bike trail - drugs, theft etc.
 - Mr. Frey - worries that the development of the park will lead to the deprivation of the neighborhood. Permanent fixtures is what leads to problems (drugs, etc).

- Mr. Baldassin asked if folks would like to have nothing but better maintenance? That seemed to sound good with everyone.
- Mr. Skousen would like Matt to ask Ms. Donna Gaukler of the Parks & Rec. Dept. if they have a different set of standards for parks? It seems that the definition of a park has all these developments. Is there room in her thinking for a more primitive type of park?

The discussion concluded with Mr. Baldassin explaining that he would talk to Ms. Gaukler about the park, but that the development of Bellevue is still a long ways out and that there would be plenty of time to continue the discussion.

Mr. Sutherland then read the minutes from the April Meeting. Ms. Ulrigg made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Avery seconded - all voted unanimously.

The drawing was then held for those present at the last general meeting - Mr. Skousen and Ms. Brodie each won gift certificates.

Ms. Ulrigg gave the Treasurers Report - We have \$0 according to the city. Mr. Avery Bob made a motion to approve and Mr. Christiansen seconded - all voted in favor.

Mr. Christiansen mentioned that we can apply for money that other neighborhoods don't use - he'll ask for \$400

We discussed the Park Pet - we need \$1000 down on the pet. Mr. Baldassin will contact Marty Rehbein for the \$1000. Ms. Ulrigg made a motion and Mr. Christiansen seconded - all were in favor.

We discussed the summer Ice Cream Social - Discussion commenced about a date. Mr. Baldassin made a motion that we have an ice cream social at 2:00 PM on July 12. Mr. Sutherland seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Christiansen will check into the McCloud ice cream social grant (\$200?) and see if we could switch it over to Boyd Park. Ms. Ulrigg will check with Big Dipper, Mr. Baldassin will check Dairy Queen & Baskin Robbins. Ms. Ulrigg will also try to line up a face painter for kids.

Mr. Sutherland gave a website report - it will be up and running soon

Mr. Avery gave a report that he is resigning from all his volunteer posts within the city. MRA, Neighborhood Council and Midtown Association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 - unanimous vote to adjourn