

Russian Jack Park Community Council February 8, 2006, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Last month's balances were \$5062 for the tot park, \$949.65 for the Community Patrol, and \$18739.18 for the Weed 'n' Seed program.

APD Report - Sgt. Cindi Stanton

1. Police reports guide the assignment of extra officers.
2. In 2005, 2550 felony charges were referred to the district attorney's office, of which 1700 were filed. Most resulted in plea agreements, though 30 did go to trial.
3. The state needs to update its illegal drug schedule to match the Fed's - this will make it easier to include mimic drugs.
4. A recent violence case in RJCC is not going forward because the victim refuses to cooperate with APD.
5. Weed & Seed is funding extra police officers for Mountain View and Russian Jack.
6. Do not leave vehicles unattended with the keys in - against the law.

Dept of Transportation - Tom Dougherty

1. DOT met with the ROW (right of way) owners at St Anthony's to explain the Bragaw interchange and its effects on them.
2. The \$39 million will pay for ROW acquisition, relocating utilities and residents, and construction.
3. 7th Avenue at Bragaw is too narrow for three lanes.

Legislative Report

Gretchen Guess - moving bills on identification theft, sexual abuse of minors and juvenile vandalism.

Sharon Cissna - the Health & Human Services budget is \$2 billion (compared with \$42 million in 1972). The major expenditures are for chronic care, especially as a result of alcohol and drug abuse. To limit these impacts, the Prevention Compact is presented to encourage discussions about all aspects of health.

Bettye Davis (Richard Benevides) - working on mental patient rights, infant hearing screens, and the use of psychotropic drugs with children.

Renaming Conifer Park to Dave Rose Park - Arliss Sturgulewski & Jack Roderick

Dave opposed a plan to rezone this land for high density housing. After a lawsuit, he got the MOA to buy the land and make the park, though it was named after the development company.

Mike Gutierrez moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

RJCC supports changing the name of Conifer Park to Dave Rose Park.

Passed unanimously (7 - 0)

Home Depot - Diane Ellis & Ken Smith

1. Has a large volunteer effort nationwide. In 2005 employees contributed 300,000 man-hours.
2. For building picnic tables and park benches (with planters), Home Depot is giving \$750.
3. Materials selected affect costs. Plastic planking is fireproof, but brittle in cold weather and expensive. Pressure-treated wood is flexible and resilient, but is more susceptible to vandalism and needs to be water-proofed each year.
4. Construction will be March 2, 9 am to 3 pm, at the Abbott Loop Home Depot. Russian Jack volunteers are needed. There will be nine Home Depot workers with us.

Ed Leach moved and Mike Gutierrez seconded:

RJCC matches Home Depot's contribution with \$1500 for the San Antonio Tot Park.

Passed unanimously (8 - 0)

Northeast Park District - Teri Peters

1. Kaboom is a program for building playgrounds. We can apply for a \$35 thousand grant (which requires a \$10 thousand match from us) to put in a playground in Williwaw Park. The playground would be adjacent to Malaspina Trailer Court for easy access by all trailer park children.
2. A Rasmuson Foundation challenge grant could match these monies.

Mike Gutierrez moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

RJCC should apply for both grants.

Passed unanimously (8 - 0)

Mike Gutierrez moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

RJCC supports changing the Parks Master Plan to allow development of Williwaw Park.

Passed unanimously (8 - 0)

Mike Gutierrez moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

RJCC promises to provide \$10 thousand dollars if either the Kaboom or Rasmuson grants are accepted.

Passed unanimously (8 - 0)

Weed 'N' Seed - Tim Sullivan

Free tax preparation is available at the Muldoon Mall and the First Free Methodist Church.

Elementary School Boundary Task Force - Ed Leach

From Williwaw: Penland Park and KBL apartments will go to Airport Heights, and Brighton Park will go to Tyson. (BP students will not have to cross Bragaw as they do now.)

60 more students from Airport Heights will transfer to Russian Jack.

The new boundary between Williwaw and Wonder Park will be 6th Ave (from Bragaw to Boniface). While this will nearly fill Wonder Park, no new construction is expected, while leaving room at Williwaw if Totem Trailer Court is developed. Public hearings will be February 27 at Williwaw and March 1 at Russian Jack.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.