

Russian Jack Park Community Council September 14, 2005, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for June were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Accepted. Balance is \$5062 for the tot park, and \$1181.90 for the Community Patrol. Received \$25 from Brown Jug, spent \$72 on mobile radio service, received \$20000 from the Weed 'N' Seed program (for crime prevention), and spent \$448.85 for the Weed 'N' Seed office.

APD Report - Sgt. Cindi Stanton

1. Gang violence is up this summer from before. The gang task force was formed from the robbery unit with members of Federal law enforcement and others. Fortunately for the general public, the gang violence has been limited to hurting each other. The gangs are ethnically based. When the ethnic community leaders get involved, the strife between the gangs is greatly reduced.
2. The sexual assault unit is falling behind as more resources are allocated to the gang unit.
3. The first warning letters to nuisance violators have been sent out. If the owners don't rectify the situations, then in thirty days fines can start being assessed.
4. Call Crime Stoppers to report suspicious activity. Many patrolmen review the log for additional information to use while on patrol.

Northeast Park District - Teri Peters

The Clean & Green to beautify the parks happened with brush clearance, painting, etc.

Williwaw Park - Gold Nugget, Malaspina and Glacier Terrace trailer parks

Conifer Park - Seventh Day Adventists

Davis Park - Kathleen Plunkett

Ball field bollards - Park District employees

A problem noted with the San Antonio Tot Park is that trees at one of the corners blocks the view that drivers have of children crossing the street from Williwaw Elementary School.

Child Protective Services - Travis Erickson (269-3903)

1. Neglect is two times more prevalent than physical abuse.
2. Looking for more foster parents. The goal is to keep children in their neighborhoods for familiar support, even as the family is in trouble.

Friends of 509th Battalion – Matt Moon

This new unit at Fort Richardson is looking for community involvement opportunities as part of its training for urban duty assignments overseas.

Federation of Community Councils - Ed Leach

The website contract will be issued soon, which will result in an expanded and more timely site.

Williwaw Elementary School - Karla Hicks (PTA vice president)

1. The school is now Level 3 for failure to make yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind program. Since the school is already at 120% of capacity, there is no space to provide smaller classes, which is one of the required remedies.
2. Some additional problems are that the school boundaries are not compact with the adjoining neighborhoods, multiple languages are spoken among the students, and some parents are not sending the children to school or sending them unprepared.
3. Another problem is the lack of parking spaces for parents to use while visiting the school.
4. Cameras are now installed around the school. It is hoped that this will reduce the drug usage at the school after hours (as evidenced by the drug paraphenalia on the playground).
5. Need volunteers as crossing guards and recess attendants.

Assembly - Paul Bauer

1. Allocated money to APD for Drinking and Driving reduction efforts and to increase child seat belt usages.
2. He recognizes that Russian Jack needs a community center similar to the one in Spenard.
3. Action on limiting the sale of over-the-counter drugs that are methamphetamine precursors and action on the strip club ordinances have been postponed for review by the Public Safety committee (which he chairs).

Legislative Report - Gretchen Guess.

1. Actively working on constituent issues.
 2. Continuing to work on laws regarding identity theft and juvenile vandalism
- Proposed remedies for the vandalism include increasing the fines, forfeiting the Permanent Fund dividends and disallowing driver's licenses.

Weed 'N' Seed - Kathleen Plunkett

1. Received \$20,000. Already allocated \$5000 to the Community Patrol.
2. Exploring various ideas, beginning with ascertaining the public's needs and wants. One idea is to contract with private security during specific hours at targeted locations for crime.

POB Montgomery (proposed development on Mt. View Drive) - David Irwin & Roger Stange

1. Nationwide chain stores are interested in establishing stores along the Glenn Highway.
2. Have been working with the MOA for the past eleven months. The plan is changing with ideas coming from community and business involvement.
3. The present site would have large tenants in 5 - 20,000 ft² stores in three clusters, two strips of small stores, and two stories of housing above the store strips. Because of the slope, the stores would be like daylight basements for the housing (entry from up the slope).
4. The north section adjacent to the schools would become a campus-like area for the arts and culture. Pedestrian access would be emphasized from the north section to the main mall.
5. Both entrances to the mall would be from lower Mt. View Drive. The housing would have a separate entrance from Mt. View Drive.

Next Meeting - October 12, 2005 at Williwaw Elementary School.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.