

Friends of Silver Terrace Community Meeting

June 16th, 2009 at Portola Family Connections

NOTES

In Attendance: Matt Silva, Lara Ettenson, Nelly Pino, Judy Cheng, Li Cheng, Richard Cendak

I. Review of What the Group Has Done to Date

- a. Initial community meeting in April of 2008 to talk about park issues at Silver Terrace
- b. October 2008 playground cleanup with students from Metro Arts & Tech High School
- c. Harvest Festival and Holiday Party in late 2008
- d. February 2009 field cleanup day with students from Paul Revere Middle School
- e. Garden project with Portola Family Connections parents groups

II. How to Start a Park Group

- a. What do park groups do?
 - i. They organize activities, events, and cleanup days at the park
 - ii. They hold meetings to plan these activities
 - iii. Some park groups fundraise to make physical improvements to their park or playground (example: Franklin Square in the Mission District)

III. Questions/Discussion

- a. Access to the park
 - i. The gate on Elmira is currently closed and cuts off access for neighbors on that street. Also, the Ledyard Street gate is not consistently open or closed on any regular schedule.
 - ii. The lighting in that area of the park is not sufficient
 - iii. **Action Item: work with the Department to determine a consistent and suitable gate locking/unlocking schedule**
 - iv. **Action Item: work with SFPD to determine patrolling schedules around the park**
- b. Field Turf
 - i. The current field turf gathers quite a bit of trash, and some neighbors are concerned about its safety. What materials are being used in the field?
 - ii. **Action Item: Matthew Silva will forward along a report of the Artificial Turf Task Force, which discusses these questions at length. If you're**

interested in receiving one, please email msilva@sfnpc.org or call (415) 621-3260.

- c. Clubhouse and Restroom Access
 - i. Currently the clubhouse is only staffed from 3-6pm on Monday through Friday due to budget cuts. Previously it had been staffed 1-10pm Monday through Friday.
 - ii. Bathrooms are only accessible through the clubhouse. This makes it difficult for people playing night games on the field to use the restroom, and for families at the playground during the day.
 - iii. **Action Item: Consider ways to install a temporary bathroom on site.**
- d. JCC Maccabi Games
 - i. The Jewish Olympics (Maccabi Games) will be held in San Francisco this year, and as part of that event there will be volunteer service projects happening at Silver Terrace.
 - ii. The games will be on August 4th.
- e. Outreach
 - i. **Action Item: Consider having a meeting in the daytime to attract parents who are busy in the evenings.**
 - ii. **Action Item: Consider hosting a social event to recruit more neighbors**