

Joint POS Area 6 Meeting January 12, 2017
Durant Library

Jeffrey Masino, POS Chair, Susan Proffitt Wattles, Area 6 Chair presiding with Patty Dryden, Environment Chair present.

12 stakeholders (SH) attended. Catherine Landers, CD4, also attended. Walt Young of MRCA was out of town and could not attend.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Patty Dryden gave an update on the Runyon Park Tree Planting scheduled for January 28th. She reported that she will meet Clarissa Boyajian of TreePeople, HHWNC's partner in this event, at the nursery one week prior to the planting to purchase the 12 trees. Everything is progressing well with no problems. A poster for community outreach has been posted at the Runyon kiosks, CD4 Hollywood Field offices, St. Thomas Church, Wattles Community Gardens and Temple Israel of Hollywood. Patty and Susan will be handing out the flyer version of the poster January 15 at Upper Runyon, and explaining the event. In the event of hard rain, the event will be rescheduled, with TreePeople contacting those who have signed up. The event will proceed with drizzle or light rain. Parking has been arranged for attendees at St. Thomas Church, and attendees will receive parking information directly from TreePeople (it will not be publicly posted). Patty is in touch with Womens Club of La Brea about additional parking.

Susan Proffitt Wattles spoke about Upper Runyon traffic concerns, with Catherine Landers (CL) providing additional information. Susan has proposed a DASH bus connecting Hollywood Bowl and the Skirball Center, which would stop at the Overlooks, Runyon, Laurel Canyon, Tree People and Franklin Canyon, Beverly Glen and Steven J. Weiss Temple. It would alleviate some of the Runyon traffic, and also serve a community that has had no public transportation in this area. CL noted that METRO is currently reviewing DASH routes, and feels this may be a real possibility.

Susan noted that the current Upper Runyon parking situation has not been resolved. Several SH expressed frustration at enforcement over the recent New Years holiday, when SH were promised additional enforcement that CD4 had paid for, and had not appeared. CL said CD4 had paid for 4 days of additional enforcement and there had been a communication problem within LADOT, but enforcement had arrived later that day. SH expressed continued disappointment with enforcement of parking and traffic, and deep concern as to the safety of their area, as well as the hardships they are experiencing getting to and leaving their own homes. SH said the problem is the parking lot and it should be closed, a statement many (9) of the SH present agreed with. CL said they are looking for long-term solutions for Runyon, including a DASH bus line and pet-friendly ride-share services (such as Uber). She noted CM Ryu had personally spoken with RAP and DOT about the situation there. SH asked that visitors be deflected away from Runyon. SH said that they are getting 'band-aid solutions', every day a different approach, and said that we need consistent enforcement and response. Susan asked

SH to meet with her to develop a suggested cone protocol based on their observations , and she will take it to CL / CD4. SH also expressed concerns for their safety and security, citing the frequent fights and smoking. SH said that Runyon is an 'environmental disaster'. SH asked for more 'candlesticks'. CL said she will work with Susan on the cone protocol developed with SH, and see whether installation of candlesticks is a possibility. SH asked about repainting the pavement at Desmond and Mulholland, and CL said she would followup on that. SH asked about parking signs, and Susan answered that the Permit Parking Only Beyond This Point are already in progress. CL answered that in order to have the parking and towaway effective holidays and weekends, new signs must go in and for this there is a repetition process. SH all agreed they wished to repetition to get revised signage. SH asked for clearer entry and exit signs for the parking lot, and suggested spike strips at the exit. SH is concerned about inconsistent locking of the gate and night time enforcement.

Jeffrey Masino spoke about Lower Runyon and parking mitigation. CL noted that a rideshare dropoff point has been discussed, but there is not one in place now. SH said that the valet experiment, using a private lot and having valet service to the Hillside Fuller entrance had been successful. CL noted that it is difficult to have arrangements with nearby parking facilities.

SH said that a holistic, big picture approach needs to be taken with Runyon, and all SH present expressed strong agreement.

Susan described the new MOU in place between RAP and FOR. She noted that any proposed projects would be reviewed by RAP, and then RAP would present them to HHWNC. This way, the community will be informed and have an opportunity for feedback.

Susan said that Runyon needs to better inform visitors about No Smoking regulations. Patty suggested a more visual sign, rather than simply words, for the non-English speaking visitors. The use of wood signs to replace metal signs going forward had a strong, unanimous consensus among all assembled. SH asked for a posted map, as well as trail maps. SH suggested mile makers, with kilometers on the reverse, in the form of short wooden stakes. SH felt the 'poop fairy' signs were effective. SH asked for trail markers, also to encourage people to stay off hillside areas. In response to SH question, Susan said that 'Habitat Restoration Area' is the term used in CA state parks.

SH asked about the old wood bench at the top of Runyon, and wondered what happened to it.

Jeffrey said that the guidelines for community posting on the kiosks need to be developed. SH expressed concern about litter from posting, and misuse of this. Patty suggested that paper postings are becoming obsolete as people use social media. Susan said that the community of Runyon users had developed their own method of dealing with lost keys and small items by hanging those items on nails on the kiosks. Jeffrey asked about bailment language. SH noted that this had been self-policed and worked the way it was, leave it alone.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.