

PROJECT GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006
Silver Springs Recreation Center

Present:

1. Alex Heindl
2. Kristine Lowe-Martin
3. Curt Chandler
4. Patricia Honea
5. Mike Zaccagnino
6. Evelyn Gajowski
7. Mike Colety
8. Susan Stater

Committee Reports:

1. Signs: Kristine brought an example of signs for the trails and bench areas. She also brought a picture of a diamond shaped sign. It was decided that we would use 4x4 wood posts (\$8.00 ea.) and the trail signs will be white with black print, a diamond shape with our tree logo at the top, the directional arrow in the middle and the name of the trail underneath. At the very bottom we will use the words "Provided by neighbors".

We decided we would only name the three main trails. Suggested names were: Cat Claw, Desert Willow and Salt Brush. The signs will be put at the junctures and not along the trails.

For the bench areas there will be a picture of a bench on the signs. Kristine will talk to the high school art teachers about having a student draw a picture of a bench. Suggested names for the bench areas were: Gambel's Quail, Morning Dove, Desert Cottontail and White Tail Antelope Squirrel. Trails will be named after plants and bench areas will be named after animals.

On the interpretive signs there will be a picture and the wording that Alex provided for us. The pictures were taken by Alex and the graphic artist for the City.

Maps will be put on the kiosks at the trail heads. Mike C. brought a new map to the meeting.

2. The trail built by the scouts on May 27th came out great. Mike Colety helped the scouts. The concrete slab was poured but the bench hasn't been installed. If we plant by the new bench we will have to use dry water and have people replenish it.

The scouts are also interested in making a dry river bed by the culvert behind the recreation center.

3. Mike Z. suggested that we finish the trail to Valle Verde before we start on the south trail. We also need to start thinking about the kiosks at the trail heads. The Conservation Corps would be a great help with the trail heads between Valle Verde and Arroyo Grande.
4. We will be getting about \$90,000.00 from the City because of the sewer break. Curt suggested using that money between Valle Verde and the railroad bridge. We need to plant and build trails. The railroad fixed under the bridge and covered exposed concrete with boulders. We should try to have a planting day like they do in the Las Vegas Wash.
5. Patricia suggested we put out a sign to remind the public about our meetings. She has a sign that she will chain to the trail head sign and then it can be taken down after each meeting and put up again before the next meeting.
6. It was suggested that we could have an informational meeting and take people through the wash and talk about the habitat. We could also have some informational meetings at the amphitheater and meet a little later so it wouldn't be so hot.
7. At the June 29th public meeting Curt will give a brief history of the project, introduce the committee members and talk about ideas for future projects. Alex may speak about the habitat if he is in town. Stephanie from the City will coordinate the volunteers. The meeting is primarily for recruiting new members and volunteers.
8. Kristine told us about Make a Difference Day which is on October 25th and Public Lands Day that is in September. She suggested that we plan some activities for those days, such as planting, building trails and clean-up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS JULY 20, 2006

Minutes submitted by Susan Stater