

Steering Committee Minutes from 4/30/08

Housekeeping

The minutes from 4/2 were reviewed and passed

The treasurer reports that we received \$10 in dues, had no expenditures in April for a grand total of \$904.

There is a copy of a letter sent to the residents of 2596 College as part of the party policy.

A roster of the 2008 SC members has been handed out. That is not for general distribution.

Berkeley Project

Berkeley Project is a student organization that works on large service projects that students and local residents can work on together as part of community outreach.

They are currently planning 2008 and would like to expand on last year—possible projects include working on the park, school and swim center.

There is grant money that is possibly available from the University.

The original rebuilding of Willard Park would not have happened without help from the students

There was a motion to enter into a community partnership with Berkeley Project for the purpose of getting the Chancellors Grant and volunteers for future projects

The website is <http://bp.berkeley.edu/>

Move Out

There is help for the spring move out

This help was a specific request based on past years.

There will be debris bins in the neighborhood on or around 5/15. These bins are for students to dispose of garbage and not for residents. Residents have the option of calling the City of their once a year bulky trash pickup.

Flyers were handed out to give out as you see fit

If you see a full dumpster, you can call 510-981-6620 to have it picked up

If you see contractors illegally dumping or other activity in and around the dumpsters either take pictures on your cell phone or better yet call the Berkeley Police Non-Emergency line

On May 24th, 25th, and 31st, there will be a volunteer drop off center on Haste by the park for students to bring stuff including electronics. There will be re-use opportunities.

Southside Safety

Is about crime, safety, disaster prep and quality of life issues.

David Cottle will be the point person

Currently working on structure, sub-committees etc.

National Night Out

A national event to get people out into the community

Last year there was an ice cream social

This year the event is on Tuesday, August 5th

Most likely will be another ice cream social—time and location TBD

Part of this is Project 365 which is one safety related project for the year

There was a request for authorization for funds for National Night Out related items. Last year we purchased whistles that were popular. Perhaps get another 50 of those (\$0.82) a piece and either wrist bands or temporary tattoos.

Public Safety/Crime

Meet with ASUC on Neighborhood Watch

Will have more next meeting

Must have something over the summer

Land Use/Parking/Transit/BRT

Willard has been involved in this for a couple of years

Willard is opposed to BRT but in favor of a rapid bust system

Petition going around to put on the November ballot a measure for Berkeley residents to vote on the lane removal along Telegraphy. Removing the lanes is a major land use change and roads are very much part of the modern day ‘commons’ and should be treated as such.

What followed was a lively discussion about BRT.

We should all read the Environmental Impact Statement, which may be found here, http://www.actransit.org/planning_focus/mis.wu but I wasn't sure. It is a good start no doubt.

Party Policy

There is a new party house at 2596 College. They have been sent a letter

We attempt to engage the landlords and other measures. If 3 people on the SC think there is a problem, then a letter is sent.

The new laws passed by the City have been very helpful.

Retreat

An agenda was handed out

A worksheet was handed out for people to fill out

There will be car pooling. Please work it out amongst yourselves.

Lunch will be provided

Conrad is bringing breakfast

Please bring by-laws and draft agenda

Community Information

Neighborhood directory including name and phone number, kids and ages, professions, hobbies etc that may be useful. Possibly a roll for block captains

Disaster Preparedness

174 water barrels were purchased and distributed

The University is getting a little better at disaster planning

Somehow encourage landlords to provide water barrels etc—need more of a carrot approach than a stick