

Pioneer Park Partners Team
May 15, 2008 – noon – 1 pm
Residence Inn by Marriott, 285 West 300 South

Meeting Summary

Mark Your Calendars: The next Pioneer Park Partners Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **May 29, 2008, noon – 1 pm** (bring your lunch if you like), **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**, 279 South 300 West (location to be confirmed).

Between-Meeting Assignments:

- Report back to your constituency about the meeting.
- Discuss with your constituency possible commitments to provide regular activity in the park after the June 14th re-opening – any time of day, all days of the week. What can businesses and residents around the park do to make Pioneer Park your Neighborhood Park ?

Increase Daily Active Presence at the Park

Commitments made prior to 5/15 meeting:

- Fourth Street Clinic – Tuesday running club
- Mayor's Office – Monday walk-and-talks
- Bocce and BBQ – Sundays, residents to sponsor

Commitments made at 5/15 meeting:

- Monthly staff luncheon – Residence Inn
- Police Academy runs through park
- SWAT team – exercise / run through park
- Police line-ups in park on occasion

City programming in park – ideas

- Activities didn't last long enough through 2007 summer season – tie programming to duration of Farmers Market
- Dedicated programming resources for Pioneer Park (intern? Use Gallivan staff?)
- Move activities from City-County Bldg / Library Square to Pioneer Park – need to change rental structure? Offer use of Pioneer Park for free? Incentivize use of Pioneer Park / encourage its use as way of making park safer for whole city
- Tents – can City or other non-profit own them? How to make it easier to find supplies for non-profits / community groups to use in park

New ideas:

- Engage homeless in activities for them in the park
 - Get input from The Road Home population about what they would enjoy / participate in
 - Engage homeless service providers' staff in using park
 - Use homeless people as park monitors

- Social service provider fundraisers – offering food in park may be problematic
 - E.g., chili affair
- Other activities that social service providers host
- Other community activities at park
- Hosting existing sports events in park
 - City’s three-man basketball tournaments
 - X-game exhibitions (skaters, BMX bikes)
 - Bicycle races / foot races – terminate in Pioneer Park area (vendor fairs)
- Outdoor Retailers ???
- Tai chi master in neighborhood – Cindy Kindred to follow up
- Supplement with portapotties at **all** park events

Safety Issues

Police presence after park reopens:

- 2 bike squads
- Police Academy runs through park
- SWAT team – exercise / run through park
- Police line-ups in park on occasion
- Are there any specific police activities that the public would like to watch?

Ideas related to safety:

- Callboxes to police department
- 6/14 – highlight for opening of dogpark – K9 unit show?
- No-sleeping ordinance in park
- Creative legal options to address illegal activity in park?
 - Jail space to accommodate arrests?
- Cameras in park
 - Big-D – putting cameras in parking structure, could also point to park
 - Uffins Apts – putting cameras in parking structure, could also point to park
 - SLC PD – 13 businesses will install cameras
 - Place notices in park regarding cameras in action

Challenges related to safety in park:

- Homeless population does not define the problem; substance abuse and illegal activity is the appropriate focus for efforts to increase safety
- Liquor store near there –
 - Upgrade it?
 - Move it?
 - Timing of opening for new bulk-purchase liquor store?
- Homeless service providers adjacent to park
- Park bathrooms as problem ?
 - Wiegand Center bathrooms available during week, but not open during weekend
 - Other cities have built different type of bathrooms
 - Expense is an issue
 - SLC Police in support of changing bathrooms

5/15 Meeting Participants:

- Luke Garrott, City Council (welcome)
- Allan Ainsworth, Fourth Street Clinic
- Abigail Anderson, Neighborhood Watch (for Mickelle Weber)
- Tony Caputo, Caputo's Market and Deli
- Tyler Curtis, SLC Events Planning
- Bob Farrington, Downtown Alliance
- Michelle Flynn, The Road Home (for Matt Minkevitch)
- Chris Gamvroulas, Greek Orthodox Church
- Christian Harrison, Downtown Community Council
- Arthur Holman, Marriott Hotels
- Detective Andy Jackson, SLC Police
- Cindy Kindred, Vanguard Media and Friends of Pioneer Park
- Shaun Off, Big-D Construction
- Sgt. Michelle Ross, SLC Police
- Joyce P. Valdez, Mayor's Community Liaison
- Carla Wiese, Downtown Alliance