

Educational Opportunities in Pioneer Park

Monday, July 28, 2008, noon – 1:30 pm
Cannon Room, City & County Building

Meeting Notes

Ideas for Activities in Pioneer Park – can be implemented soon

- Service learning (Westminster, e.g.)
 - Writers workshop (September)
- Student-led activities (Bennion Center, e.g.)
 - Sports – volleyball, basketball
 - Juggling sticks – lessons and practice
- Translate promotional materials into Spanish – suggested distribution
 - Spanish newspapers -- Mundo Hispano, La Prensa, and others
 - Spanish radio and television
 - Flyers are less effective

Ideas for Activities in Pioneer Park – may need more development and/or could benefit from an events coordinator

- Theatre of the Oppressed / Brown Berets
- Historical documentation
 - Include elementary, high school and university level students
 - “History” to include economics, art, sociology, ecology, history
 - Immigrant / railroad history
 - Involve SLC urban forester
 - Refugee population and their history
 - Partner with Utah Historical Society (Rio Grande)
 - Evolution of Pioneer Park
- Student-led activities (Bennion Center, e.g.)
 - Regular activities with a cultural theme
 - Utah pioneer activities (e.g., soap making, spinning)
 - Sharing cultural diversity (e.g., weaving, singing, dancing)
 - Performance and teaching
 - Demonstrations (e.g., ice cream making, Polynesian quilt making, tropical juice making, tortilla making)
 - Environmental / sustainability topics
 - Each group organize one day of the month (e.g., This Is The Place, Italian society, Greek community, Philippine Tinikling, Pacific Islander, etc.)

- K-12 school field trips to participate in activities
 - Hip-hop event
- Town square / “people’s place”
 - Place for talking and dissent
- Artists in the park – actually painting
- Classes in the park
 - Urban sociology class
 - Urban planning classes
 - Fly fishing and fly tying classes
- Annual childrens art festival
 - Global Artways
 - Children create art and sell it
- Car show

Suggested Next Steps to Develop Longer-Term Ideas

- Initiate conversations to explore how Pioneer Park can be meaningful to various groups – possible RFP for graduate student research
 - West-Side communities
 - K-12 students
 - Racial / ethnic / refugee population
 - Transient community / potentially displaced population
 - SLC police
 - Homeless service providers
 - Valley Mental Health
 - Health care providers
 - Teachers – what are good hours to do activities for their students?
- Learn about and coordinate with other existing efforts
 - America West Center – oral histories on west side (with UT Humanities Council)
 - Resident committee – cultural prevention centers
- Consider impacts of additional activities in park on any displaced populations
 - U of U – social workers and other professionals available to help
 - Volunteers of America – facilitate referral to treatment while provide services

Participants

At 7/28/08 meeting:

Linda Dunne, University of Utah Bennion Center
Lee Glines, BYU Salt Lake Center
Karen Hale, SLC Mayor's Communications Director
Rosemarie Hunter, University Neighborhood Partnership
Theresa Martinez, University of Utah Asst VP for Academic Outreach
Joanne Milner, SLC Mayor's Education Partnership Coordinator
Michele Straube, SLC Mayor's Salt Lake Solutions
Julie Tille, Westminster Center for Civic Engagement
Joyce Valdez, SLC Mayor's Community Liaison

Interested in participating, but could not attend 7/28/08 meeting:

Kathleen Christy, Salt Lake City School District
Mateo Remsburg, University of Utah Student Recruitment and
High School Services
Betsy Ward, SLCC Thayne Center for Service and Learning