



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Off-Leash Area Working Group





March 12, 2010, 9:00 am
Room 222- City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Robert J. DeRubeis
Interim
Commissioner






Attending: Bob DeRubeis, *Interim P & R Commissioner*, Wally Bernheimer, *P & R Commission*, Lee McIntyre, *Friends of Cold Spring Park*, Carol Schein, *P & R Open Space Coordinator*, Carol Stapleton, *P & R Recreation Manager*, Ted Kuklinski, *Citizen Representative*, Ann Dorfman, *Citizen Representative*

Also Attending: Harry Sanders, *Resident*

1. Interim Commissioner DeRubeis commented the group is making good progress:





-  Developed criteria
-  Identified unofficial OLA's
-  Rated potential green space as OLA sites
-  Currently evaluating areas in each City ward, using the 13 criteria

The group will continue to review the evaluations of the green space. When the review of evaluations is complete the group will have to answer the following questions:

-  What are the next steps?
-  When do we bring forward OLA's to the Commission?
-  Who brings forward the OLA? (presentation)
 - OLAWG
 - Community Group
-  When is the community informed of decisions?
-  What is the mechanism of informing the community?

2. Ms. Dorfman, Mr. Kuklinski, and Mr. Sanders presented the evaluations they completed in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4. The evaluations were completed on site, using the 13 criteria developed by OLAWG.

Comments made during the discussion are as follows:

-  Mr. McIntyre stated dog owners do want fenced areas to allow there dogs to run off leash. But the group should not require fencing in all areas. The concern is mandatory fencing will hold up the process. Unfenced areas do work in certain green space, people do control their dogs.
-  Mr. Kuklinski stated the option for seasonal OLA's should be considered for certain green space.
-  Mr. Bernheimer stated schools should not be considered as viable areas during the first round of evaluations.
-  Interim Commissioner DeRubeis is confident the group will be ready to present 3-4 potential OLA to the P & R Commission next month. Mr. Bernheimer agreed and stated he would like the group to present 8-10 potential OLA's.

3. Interim Commissioner DeRubeis stated at the next meeting the group will continue to review green space evaluations.

4. Interim Commissioner DeRubeis asked the members if the criteria used by the group to evaluate green space were ready to be posted to the website. All members present agreed the criteria were ready to be posted.

Action Items

1.	Review Pelligrini Park Master Plan	Carol Schein
2.	Post criteria to website	Robin

Respectfully submitted,

Robin McLaughlin, *Secretary*