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## DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Achieveability (59 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Str.)

### Notes

#### Greetings and Sign-In

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Nijah Famous, Community Development Manager, AchieveAbility, introduced the center and the work of the organization. Boundaries are from 63<sup>rd</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> (north) and 54<sup>th</sup> (south), from Girard to Baltimore Ave. AchieveAbility will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2011.

#### Project Updates

- Joe Ceasar reported that details for training events for interfaith leaders would be released soon. Events will occur in April and May of this year.
- Khiet mentioned that the DCWP will have 2 more Cobbs Creek Vista Fellows in the upcoming years, and we will need to discuss how best to work with future Vistas.

#### Cobbs Creek Safety Mtg

- Reviewed the **Cobbs Creek Park Incident Report Form** and received some comments that Danielle will integrate.
- Khiet will ask Jamie Hazelton, Ranger Operations Manager (Fairmount Park), about data that had been collected by Fairmount Park for Cobbs Creek area.
- Comments on form can be sent to Danielle: [intern@pecpa.org](mailto:intern@pecpa.org) by **Monday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Once the form has been approved by PPR, everyone will assist with its distribution.

#### Cobbs Creek 5k

- Reviewed purpose, route, budget, and registration for the event. We had a lengthy discussion of the purpose – see notes on next page.
- There was general consensus on expanding the event to be more of a *spring festival* that would feature the 5k, while providing a variety of opportunities for residents to participate in.
- We divided into working groups to discuss tasks for 1) sponsorship, 2) logo, and 3) volunteer recruitment.
- Partnership CDC will donate a cool roof as a prize.

#### Announcements & Calendar Review

- Everyone will email organizational logos and upcoming events to Khiet
- Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership website: [www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs](http://www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs)
- Partnership Calendar: [www.phillywatersheds.org/whats\\_in\\_it\\_for\\_you/events\\_and\\_programs](http://www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs)
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/> and search for *Green City, Clean Waters*

#### Closing and Schedule next meeting

- Thurs., Feb. 3, 3-5pm at Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center

## Annual Events in the Cobbs Creek

January	February	March	April	May	June
MLK Day (Papa)	<i>Thursday, February 10, 2011</i> at Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park		Spring into your park (Fairmount Park)  Cobbs Creek Interfaith Training	Cobbs Creek Interfaith Stewardship Event	
July	August	September	October	November	December
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Clinic (Friends of Cobbs Creek)	Darby Creek Clean up	Fall into your park (Fairmount Park)  Governor Prince Canoe/Kayak Challenge (DCVA)  DelCo River Ramble  Coast Day	Octrolley Festival (Darby Creek Valley Association)  Achievability 30 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration		

### Notes from Discussion on Cobbs Creek 5k

- Scott – We should focus on doing a good event that will attract participants in the subsequent years. Also, we should open up all the recreation centers for open houses that day.
- Joe P. – Each event helps get people in the park. More people will reduce crime.
- Pete – Suggested that we connect with Senator Anthony Williams’ 5k Walk event. And our event could be similar to an environmental earth day celebration.
- Nijah – We need to focus on what we are raising money for. Also, we need to consider how to market this event to people who are not interested in running a 5k – what other activities can people do that day with us?
- Gerald – The original discussion about the Mayor’s Walk event was to make it a Fall Festival. Let’s make this a family-friendly event with lots of activities.
- Karen – The community needs programs that will give kids something to do.
- Alix – A community festival would reduce the pressure of trying to brand a race.