
DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, February 03, 2011 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Laura Sims Skatehouse (Catherine & 63rd)

Notes

Greetings and Sign-In

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and review agenda
- Round-the-room introductions

Project Updates

1. Laura Sims Skate house
 - Reopening in November to be a year round now and have enclosed rink
 - Fundraise for new skates
2. An Elementary Charter School proposed at 61st & Callowhill (formerly the Francis Cabrini nursing home)
 - The husband & wife team that bought the land are sensitive to community needs. Khiet will send contact information for: Tom Witmer, Joan Blaustein, and Mark Focht to Kesho Watson.
3. Trail Map for Cobbs Creek
 - Joni Carley (PPR) will draft a trail map for Cobbs and Joe wants it to include watershed amenities
 - PWD will provide the watershed layers and PPR will provide the Parks & Recreation layers to create a *watershed amenities map*.
4. Mitzvah Mania – April 3
 - The annual Mitzvah Mania will be on May 15th, organized by the Jewish Federation. They expect 300 people. There is a mandatory training & staff prep event on February 27th.
5. Interfaith May 15th event
 - Will focus on the section South of Marshall Road. For more information, contact Joe Caesar.
6. Cobbs Creek West Community Association
 - The first mtg of the year will be on 2/16 or 2/23, to plan a clean up on trail in March, potentially the section from Walnut Str. to Marshall Rd Bridge.

Cobbs Creek Community Mtg

- The meeting happened end of January and Jean Hunt will soon share the notes. The mtg focused on getting feedback on new programs & infrastructure for the PPR facilities in Cobbs Creek.
- Ideas for new programs included Bike clubs, Movie nights, Photography club, concerts, and family events that bring more people to the park. Ideas for Infrastructure changes included upgrades on buildings, more lighting outside of trails in park, and better signage.
- Participants expressed safety concerns with ATVs, loud music during picnics, and dogs. Participants also expressed concerns about lack of police officers patrolling the park, and response time for disturbances.

Cobbs Creek April 2011 Cleanups
Discuss volunteer needs

#	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
1	April 2	Great American Clean Up + Philadelphia Mayor's Clean Up	Philadelphia City Wide (Focus on Woodland & Island Ave.)	Keep Philadelphia Beautiful
2	April 3	Mitvah Mania* <i>(*Mandatory training on 2/27)</i>	Bocce Woods (North of Market Str.)	Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR)
3	April 16	Love Your Park Millbourne Borough Clean Up	Philadelphia City Wide Millbourne Borough	Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR)
4	April 22	Earth Day		Sierra Club, others potentially
5	April 23	Cobbs Creek 5k Run/Walk	Cobbs Creek Park (Cedar Park – Bocce Woods)	PPR, Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership
6	April 30	DCVA Watershed-Wide Cleanup	Watershed wide	Darby-Creek Valley Association
7	May 15	Interfaith clean up event	South of Marshall Rd.	Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR)

Cobbs Creek 5k

- We agreed to provide bag check for the event.
- We discussed and edited the budget and brochure.
- See calendar of project tasks.

Announcements & Calendar Review

- Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership website: www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs
- Partnership Calendar: www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/> and search for *Green City, Clean Waters*