

DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Monday, August 16, 2010 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center (63rd & Catharine Streets)

Notes

3:00 – 3:05	Greetings and Sign-In
3:05 – 3:10	Welcome and Introductions Delores Capers, President of the Advisory Council, <i>Friends of Laura Sims Skate House in Cobbs Creek Park</i> shared a brief story about Cobbs Creek.
3:10 – 3:20	Project Updates Khiet Luong, <i>PEC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Recreation will be focusing on the Cobbs (program ideas include: bicycle clubs with Neighborhood BikeWorks, urban agriculture spring 2011, collaboration with Bicycle Coalition) • Cobbs Creek West Community Association held 2nd potluck and community movie. Sept. 25th is their next one. CCWCA also hosted a Park to Park tour with people from Hunting Park United. • DRAFT Park Incident Report Form was shared and Jean will share it directly with Mark Focht (ED of Fairmount Park) and Susan Slawson (Recreation Commissioner)
3:20– 4:30	Cobbs Creek 5k Walk/Run Joe Caesar, <i>Philadelphia Parks & Recreation</i> Jean Hunt, <i>Philadelphia Parks & Recreation</i> Jim Marino, <i>Philadelphia Parks & Recreation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim has technical expertise in organizing running events (Broad Street, Philly Marathon) and answered questions for us. He emphasized that we want this to be a family-friendly event for all ability levels. See additional notes on next page • Group decided that • Jean would determine in next few days if Parks & Recreation could sponsor the fall Cobbs Creek 5k event and let Joe Caesar and Khiet Luong know.
4:30 – 4:50	Summarize & Review Next Steps Khiet summarized next steps
4:50 – 4:55	Announcements & Calendar Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership website: www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs • Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership Calendar: www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs • Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ and search for <i>Green City, Clean Waters</i>

4:55 – 5:00 **Closing and Schedule next meeting**

- Set future mtg date

Cobbs Creek 5k Walk/Run Discussion Notes

- This event falls in the heart of running calendar and will compete with other events. Expect about 300-500 people. Do a good event and others will come out next year. This event would likely attract local people.
- Jim suggested the following schedule for the event: 5k runners go first, 5k walkers go second, 1 mile “fun walk” participants go last.
- The USA Mid Atlantic Track & Field certifies courses and does timing for races.
[<http://mausatf.org/>]
- Suggestions for trail route include: avoid cross crossing or loops, keep people in the park vs. street so as to avoid conflicts with traffic, make event friendly to all ability levels
- The group’s focus is to encourage people to use the park and specifically the creekside trail.
- **Brainstormed Questions**
 1. How many volunteers would be necessary? 50
 2. What would be a typical budget for an event like this?
 - T-shirts are the biggest cost
 - \$200+ for course certification
 - \$200+ sanction for insurance
 - Porta potties
 - Water
 - Medical staff
 - \$450+ for scoring (bibs & clock)
- **Brainstorm about incentives for a Walking Event**
 1. Needs an incentive
 2. Do walk in morning
 3. Organize thematic walks (ID native or invasive plants, stream conditions, birds, health)
 4. Bike rentals
 5. Oral histories

Next steps

- Jean would determine in next few days if Parks & Recreation could sponsor the fall Cobbs Creek 5k event and let Joe Caesar and Khiet Luong know.
- Jean will contact Fairmount Park Conservancy to let us know if they would be able to handle registration and \$\$ for a race event.
- PEOC will continue to advance planning and trail clearing work.

Announcements

August

- **Thursday, August 19, 11:00am-2:00pm** – *Urban Sustainability Forum Tour: Innovations in Green Infrastructure*. Join a guided tour of existing, new, and planned green infrastructure projects in Philadelphia. Green infrastructure attempts to provide a more natural approach to systems typically addressed by existing gray... infrastructure; or the pipes, concrete and other engineered products on the average streetscape. Tickets for the tour cost \$20 and seats are limited to just 35 people. Students and seniors are eligible for a \$5 discount. You may also purchase a boxed lunch from Weaver's Way for \$11.50. Register today!: <http://usfaughtour.eventbrite.com/>
- **Saturday, August 21, 9:00-10:30am** – *Plant Walk and Nature Hike in Morris Park: 66th and Sherwood*. <http://morriskparkphiladelphia.org/>
- **Saturday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** - Philadelphia Streets Department's 2010 Tire Round-Up Program - Can we get volunteers to help make \$\$ for Cobbs groups?
- **Saturday, August 28, 11am – 2:00pm** – Participant Appreciation Cookout at The Cobbs Creek Environmental Center [63rd & Catherine Street]. You and your family are invited to celebrate our participants with a day full of food, music, activities, games and fun! Join us as we bring the summer to a close and prepare for the upcoming school year. RSVP to Jamila Harris-Morrison, by 8/21/2010

September

- **Thursday, September 9** – *DEADLINE for 10th Annual Friends of the Heinz Refuge Photo Group Photo Contest*. www.fws.gov/heinz
- **Saturday, September 11, 10 am-3pm** – *Healthy and Safe Community Fair* at Laura Sims Skate House in Cobbs Creek Park, (200 S. 63rd St.). There will be health screenings, information, programs and activities for children and adults. Healthy food cooking demonstration, food samples and free lunch. This is a joint venture between the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Nursing Community Outreach Program and Friends of Laura Sims Skate House Advisory Council. For information: 215-685-1995 or laurasimsskate@aol.com
- **Saturday, September 11** – *Pennsylvania Coast Day*, Penn's Landing, Walnut Plaza, Walnut and Columbus Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Pennsylvania Coast Day is a free festival for families. Visitors will have four ways to experience the Delaware River. These include free tours on the RiverLink Ferry (first 1,200 people), \$5 kayak lessons, and \$5 pedal-boat rides. Pennsylvania Coast Day—brought to you by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.
- **Saturday, September 11, 11am – 4pm** – PHS Fall Garden Festival, Navy Yard,
- **Sunday, September 12, 11am-6pm**, - GreenFest Philly, 2nd and South Streets.
- **Saturday, September 18th (usually 12– 4pm) [TENATIVE]** - Delaware County Riverfront **Ramble**, Heinz Wildlife Refuge, Marcus Hook, Market Square, and Wharf at Riverton.
- **Saturday, September 18th (11am– 3pm)** – Street Games Philly 2010, at Park West Town Center, <http://streetgames.eventbrite.com/>
- **Sunday, September 19** – *DCVA Governor Printz Canoe/Kayak Challenge and Ramble Start* at Heinz Wildlife Refuge - contact Jaclyn Rhoads 610-532-5105 Jaclyn_Rhoads@yahoo.com or www.dcva.org/upcoming.html

October

- **Saturday, October 9** – *Cobbs Creek Walk event*

November

- **November 21** – *Fall for Your Park!* www.morriskparkphiladelphia.org