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MEETING RECORD

To:

From:

Date:

Project Name: Van Buskirk Park Reuse

Project #:

Subject: Stakeholder Discussion

Meeting Date: 03/09/2021

Start/End: 2:30-4:30 pm

Meeting Telephone Conference Call

Meeting Attendees:

- Steve Noll- Design Workshop
- Madison Pong- Design Workshop
- Trevor Wilson -City of Stockton
- Darryl Rutherford- RSSC
- Fred Sheil- STAND Affordable Housing
- Joe Frausto- San Joaquin County Housing Authority
- Kimberly Warmsley- Stockton City Council
- Anita Renteria- Jobs Plus
- Kennetha Stevens- Kipp Charter School
- Erin Reynolds – REACH of Stockton

General Questions:

Discussion Questions:

1. Please describe what future improvements to Van Buskirk Park would be most beneficial to your group.
 - Kim- need for community gardens for food insecurity, youth programming, community programming, add a skatepark to the site.
 - Erin- good feedback from prop 68, programming benefitted all generations, add in cultural elements that relate to youth needs, relate to young people in general.
 - Kim- there needs to be a bathroom at Van Buskirk.
 - Fred- more sporting could be provided, but there may not be enough funding or staffing for these uses. There has been a lot of graffiti issues on site and at surrounding parks, parks and arts in Stockton have suffered because of lack of funding.
 - Darryl- easily accessible gathering places, provide opportunities for people to be active, possibly add sports fields, add areas for other kinds of sports. Heard from nonprofits that there are lot restrictions and complications when trying to forge relationships between non-profit groups and city government to fund and maintain public projects. Need to be aware of language barriers when working the community in Stockton. Adventist Health event example for partnerships, encourages faith-based groups to work with civil groups and city government to

create partnerships for the park. Get faith-based groups involved in the stakeholder process, to gage their support for and interest in partnerships.

- Kennetha- the first tee groups used to use the course, is this group still operating? Schools could pick up service days at the park to help offset maintenance costs. Community groups Boys with Color could be involved with the park as well. Reach out to other groups providing health care services to families to be a part of the process.
2. What specific facilities would your group like to see included in Van Buskirk Park?
 3. What do you see as barriers that need to be addressed? (Including physical, regulatory, administrative, safety/security)
 4. What would make Van Buskirk an iconic park that represents the diverse community of Stockton?
 5. Are there current conditions (COVID-19, mobility/accessibility, demographics, etc.) that might impact how your group uses Van Buskirk Park?
 6. Are there any example facilities in other places that we should use as a case study for Van Buskirk Park?
 - Kennetha-Tracy has some water parks, add spray park features, Mountain House, Sacramento
 - Kim- Eldorado Park as a skatepark example
 - Darryl- McKinley Park
 7. Do you have any further comments related to Van Buskirk Park?
 - Joe- looking for large open areas for soccer, have accessible bathrooms, add covered gathering spaces at the park, opportunities for groups to contribute community service to the site.
 - Joe- Youth build group at home depot? Could this be assistance for building or any of the features of the site? County program