

To: Albany Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Eddy So and Rochelle Nason, Commissioners
Re: Terrace Park Gala of May 1, 2014
Date: May 5, 2014

We are pleased to report that the Terrace Park Gala was held as planned on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Approximately 50 park users attended, including 18 children (many of whom participated very actively in both the socializing and the discussion).

Participants expressed great enthusiasm for the park, support for the work of the city parks & recreation staff, and appreciation for the gala event, as well as many constructive thoughts on park maintenance and improvement.

Liam Kelly and Chelle Putzer led the event very skillfully and made it a successful community outreach activity. The two of them, and Tony Wollcott, provided the community (and us) with a great deal of helpful information.

Photos and notes from the event are attached. We look forward to reporting in person to you all on Thursday.



Friends of Albany Parks: Terrace Park Gala
Thursday, May 1, 2014

Notes from Community Input:

- Where will the dogs go when the grass is shut down for re-seeding?
- Re-seeding schedule?
- Kids want more climbing trees
- Camphor trees are non-native need to be removed at some point-plant native trees
- Trim back bushes near 2-5 year old playground so the playground is visible from street (neighborhood watch concern)
- Change the sand-cats!
- Concerns about dogs and kids
- Dog owners and dogs are respectful
- More swings for older kids, adjust the height of the current swing
- Add motion sensor lights to discourage late night parties
- Fix men's toilet
- Add a pay phone or emergency phone
- Clear trash and sort trash after picnics
- Clear signs about putting trash in cans after picnics
- Increase font size on picnic schedule
- Add a sign or cross walk at Francis entrance
- Litter control
- Grass is lumpy
- Dogs in tennis courts
- No more mulch on sidewalks
- Add a tennis hitting wall/hand ball court
- BBQs are smoky are they necessary?
- More bike spaces
- Clear ivy behind small playground
- Keep sand off sidewalks
- Better trash cans
- Add lost and found box
- Add tiny library
- Drinking fountain is clogged
- Why is there a rail near the walking path? It gets congested
- Light timers synched inside bathrooms

Possible Clean Up Projects

- Add natural benches
- Weeding
- Add lost and found box
- Add Tiny Library
- Add broom, rake spot, brooms in Tennis