

## **Re: Discussion Forum: Mid-Month Planning Chat - Zoom NOTES**

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Hi Paul and Joelle,

We had a good discussion on the Zoom this evening, kicking off with Paul's map of local parks & playgrounds (thank you, Paul!)

John had visited about a half dozen of these parks/playgrounds - including Oakwood, the Triangle, Wade, Glen Alla, etc. - and noted what they offered such as shade, seating, parking, etc. Upon learning Oakwood Rec Center didn't have any open restroom when he visited on a weekend, I committed to find out when the restrooms are available to the public, if ever. John will continue researching the rest of the parks, and will add days and hours restrooms are open if limited.

We talked about what we might do to try to improve local parks/playgrounds, hopefully with some easier to do/ less costly measures such as shade sails and benches/seating (vs more expensive additions such restrooms/ running water.) There was mention of what else might be done to better publicize these park/playgrounds, perhaps with signage, colored crosswalks, etc. Merhnoosh will try to find out whom we can talk with at Parks & Rec. Regan offered to post Paul's map along with John's detailed listing, when completed, on the Venice Moms website.

We also planned to focus on Venice parks/playgrounds, rather than Santa Monica, Culver City, Marina del Rey, the thought being that those areas may have more resources. Paul, we were hoping you would be able to differentiate between the Venice parks/playgrounds and other cities, perhaps by keeping the red circles for Venice and having a different color circle for SM, CC, etc.

John talked about the plan to begin opening First Lutheran's playground each Saturday, perhaps from 9am-11am or 12 noon. I strongly recommended 12pm, as it's hard for parents to get out of the house in the morning so they'd have a good 3-hour window. John will look further into liability insurance. (There was agreement putting up a warning/disclaimer sign might seem off-putting and not actually offer legal protection against being sued.)

John and Joelle have discussed a kick-off event, perhaps a Saturday in May, for which Joelle might even provide a bouncy house. John will get in touch with Coeur d'Alene and Westminster Elementary Schools to talk with them about spreading the word to local families. He also promised to coordinate on the date with me so I may help publicize to all Venice Moms and personally attend to join them as a greeter.

Am I forgetting anything?

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p.s. Next official meeting will be on the fourth Thursday of the month, April 27th.

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Good Morning, all! It'll be nice to see you tonight. A draft Parks Location Map pdf is attached for our review and discussion. Thanks! Paul Paul Davis AIA, CPHD PAUL DAVIS Architects 10575 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90064

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