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Angels Gate Steering Committee,

We have spent a good portion of the weekend reviewing all the Angels Gate Master Plans, maps, proposals, matrix's etc., on the web site. The Izaak Walton League presentation was not included on the web site or written material for months after our President gave a presentation.

We are currently working on our calendar for next year and it is difficult to plan when we don't know what will happen to our grounds or building. We have been more involved than any group in the park and are now the only group whose whole program is being affected by the current plans. We have always invited the public to join us in any of the programs we do. Membership is not required. This has always been our 'grass roots' way of telling the community about our programs, as well as other programs in the park. We have shared our building with 20-30 groups for meetings in the last 10 years.

We own all our own chairs, tables and kitchen supplies in the building. In the yard we have all tools, camping supplies and wood for programs we do. All the cost of materials and supplies for our programs has been raised by our own fundraising efforts. We also paid to renovate and put in a full size kitchen. We have never asked the city to do anything as this was our understanding that we were responsible for the maintenance of building. We have done our fundraisers to comply with the City policy of 'no alcohol policy'. We have lost members over this, but they are being replaced with better people. This year we have increased our membership by 200%.

At the last 'Public Meeting' we should have brought in our membership/friends to support our organization in the public comments periods. We did not want to make fools of our selves or waste your time. We noticed the Young Marines did this and the end result is they are getting what they wanted done. Out of consideration for this ongoing process, we will do same at next meeting as well as send letters of support of our organization to outside groups and city agencies.

We have decided we need to give the Steering Committee a review of what our ongoing programs are and ask you to reconsider our needs and why we have been ignored.

1. **Adopt a Beach**-ongoing Beach education programs on the importance of community groups helping to clean beaches. Our group plans and organizes Beach Clean-ups at Royal Palms Beach 2-4 times a year. Royal Palms/White Point was adopted by our chapter thru the California Coastal Commission 10 years ago.
2. **Adopt a Park**-at Angels Gate, whenever a need arises or 10-12 times a year. This is to educate the public to come and help instead of only complain. We have always coordinated the cleanups with the Point Fermin Maintenance Staff.
3. **Wildlife Habitat**- 3 years ago we started a program to maintain and provide a natural habitat for the wildlife in Angels Gate. We added some flowers to attract the butterflies and birds. This area is between our yard area and the entrance area on the South side of 36<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. Note: any morning you will hear and see the birds singing and the new butterfly at different times of the year. This is educational for children to see the beauty of nature in a city park. This took 3 years to establish and get results this last year and a half.
4. **San Pedro Chapter, IWLA**-meeting and dinners.2-10 times monthly.
5. **California State Division, IWLA**-State meetings and Conventions, as needed 2-4 times year
6. **Chuck Wagon Cookbook**-working on the second book of outdoor cooking recipes and outdoor skills for families.

We have various ongoing projects we work on in the Clubhouse, as well as flyers display boards etc for our programs. You are welcome to come and see our scrapbooks, photo albums and displays of programs.

We have maintained the grounds beyond our boundaries to assist in the upkeep of the park. Plants have been donated by various members and groups and we always make sure they are compatible with the area and the maintenance staff.

Angels Gate Park is not White Point-fences are needed for security and safety of the children and adults who participate in our programs. The area at the south of 36<sup>th</sup> street has been hit by cars on a regular basis and is not an area to be made into a 'public or parking area'. Accidents have ruined many of the plants and the trees, the barrier poles are the only thing that has saved the Youth Hostel building as well as the Izaak Walton Building. Accidents happen both daytime and night. The Police

report on your web site stated that exterior fences are needed for security. As part of our Adopt a Park Program we have cleaned up and trimmed the plants and picked up debris from accidents.

We have been in our location for 30 years and have over 60 years of History in the community. We ask that you allow us to continue to teach the public about the beauty of nature and how important conservation and community involvement is. We need to have out building and grounds to continue doing this ongoing service in the community.

Thank you,

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