

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Final Reports for the Monthly Meeting  
January 8, 2018**

The HPAC meeting was held at 7:00pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse

**Attendance:** Peter Schlossman, John Friedmann, John O'Connell., Deb Groh, Carol Maher, Erica Beutler, Stacey Anti, Daniel Honigman, Larry Hodak, Alan Mueller

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from the November and December meetings were distributed prior to the January meeting. They were approved, pending attendance updates to the December minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Net income in December 2017 was \$2654.53; \$1250 of which was from DFA, \$1250 from general contributions, \$150 from Famer's market income and \$4.53 from interest earned. Full financial details were distributed separately.

An E911 surcharge form must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Revenue. John F. will be looking into this and taking necessary action, as this is likely related to HornerFest.

**Dog Friendly Area Committee Report:**

- 2018 got off to a good start, as DFA received an anonymous donation of \$500; including online donations \$600+ has been donated so far this year.
- There will be a fundraiser at Nick's Pizza on Thursday, February 1 from 4-10pm. Just mention the DFA and a portion of each check will be donated.
- The Doggie Egg Hunt will be held March 31
- The [Great Hearts Initiative](#) is a community website dedicated to connecting organizations with potential volunteers and donors. There was a discussion about setting up a profile as HPAC, and will include content related to the DFAC. Erica confirmed it can be modified later as needed.
- Peter will be working on construction drawings for the fence build, which will be submitted to the Chicago Park District for approval. Once approved, the project will be sent to its Rapid Response Pool for bidding
- 2018 DFA calendars can be picked up from [Stay: A Modern Dog Hotel](#)

**Concert Committee Report:**

- The Concert Committee has received \$100 in donations so far
- John O. is finalizing the acts. There are two more nights still to book. This is important for materials that will be sent out to promote the acts via letters, etc.. Goal is to finish booking acts by 1/15

- More materials need to be ordered (e.g. stationery, brochures). John will be working with Amy on this.
- John O/ will be coordinating advertising efforts with John O. for HornerFest

#### **HornerFest Committee Report:**

- There was discussion about whether Bumpus would be performing on Friday for HornerFest, as the band prefers to play for an audience. It was decided that we would try to keep Bumpus on that day, vs. moving to Saturday.
  - A new band must be booked for Saturday, if Bumpus is kept for Friday.
- Related to this, it was discussed whether the music stage for Saturday should be positioned closer to the movie screen, as electricity is already running out there. No consensus was reached.
- Regarding the Saturday movie, it was decided that we would try to screen “Toy Story 2.” John will check to see if there’s a Disney blackout date on July 14.
- 2017 HornerFest actual gross for both Friday and Saturday was roughly \$14,000. Expenses were roughly \$6800, with the net roughly \$7000.
  - Related to this, the rough budget for 2018 HornerFest will be \$6500 for Friday and Saturday.
  - While 2017 had 400 people, 12 breweries and 50 beers, the goal will be to get 600 people, 25 breweries and 50 beers. John F. noted this will be difficult because of the loss of DNA Info, and proposed some potential re-seller partnerships. This conversation was tabled for Committee.
  - A cause needs to be picked for 2018 HornerFest. (e.g. riverfront improvements, DFA). This conversation was tabled for committee.
- There was a vote for John F. to remain the HornerFest committee chair. He was voted in as chair.
- There will be a committee meeting Thursday, January 11 at 7pm at John’s house.

**Farmer’s Market Committee Report:** None (Gretchen was absent, but yes – there will be a Horner Park Farmer’s Market in 2018)

#### **Park Briefs:**

- **Horner Park:**
  - There will be a Valentine’s Day dance on February 9. Ticket price will be \$5 per person.
    - There was a vote to approve \$100 for pizza for the band.
  - The “Lunch With Bunny”/Dog Easter Egg Hunt will be 3/31
    - Deb will be looking into whether the pizza can be donated (from Lou Malnati’s or someone else)
  - The Art Room air conditioning situation was discussed; Diane is looking for an AC unit.
  - There was a vote regarding the purchase of a balance beam. It was approved, with an expenditure of up to \$300 (including shipping)

- Stacy discussed the current state of the tennis courts, and uploaded a letter to the Capital Improvement Plan
- There's been no update or follow-up on the Walking Museum/Horner Ring
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
  - Deb will continue to try to get the drainage issues addressed. John O. suggested doing a better job of seeding, but concerns were expressed about maintenance. It was suggested that this might be an Earth Day project or a project once the soil is loosened.
- **Jacob Playlot, Sunken Garden and Buffalo Park:**
  - No updates

**Website Committee:**

Carol suggested that we promote some of the improvements HPAC has recently funded (art room kiln shelves, balance beam, etc.) in social and other digital channels. It was generally agreed. Deb and/or Carol will be connecting with Amy about creating and distributing this content.

**New Business:**

John F. requested we consider creating a Riverfront Committee to address improvements, and promotion of the ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 1. Stacy will try to get plans for this, and the agreement between the Chicago Park District and the Army Corps of Engineers (i.e. what can/can't be done to improve the area). Peter will follow up.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held February 5 at 7pm in the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

## **Horner Park Advisory Council**

February 5, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:10pm

### **In attendance:**

- Alan Mueller, RMIA
- Gretchen Helmreich, Farmers Market
- Diane Sutliff, Treasurer
- John O'Connell, Stewardship and Concert Committee
- Carol Maher, neighbor
- Daniel Honigman, neighbor
- Peter Schlossman, President
- John Friedmann, Vice President
- Amy Jahnke, Co-Secretary
- Kevin Anderson, past Finance Chair
- Cat Howerton, TheatreHikes
- Erica Beutler, DFA

### **- Treasurer's Report**

- Full report given under separate cover
- Diane to sweep money out of PayPal into the standard account going forward
- E911 form is taken care of. To get license for BeerFest, we need a revenue tax number, however that license requires monthly reporting. Workaround is that once the event is over, they cancel the number, but need to apply for it again. Diane recommends moving this to a sub-committee to discuss.

### **- Concert Committee**

- Letters, doorstep flyers and envelopes are at the printers
- Stuffing day is Sunday, February 25
- Season schedule is set
- Permits still to be done, John to follow up on sponsors
- Cat Howerton: TheatreHikes is presenting 3 plays this season. Tales of the Arabian Nights, Importance of Being Earnest, Frankenstein. There is a need to get a room for changing, etc. on performance dates – she will talk to Deb Groh about this and possible rehearsal space.
- HornerFest: July 13/14
  - Permits are submitted
  - 2 new corporate sponsors; Subway and People's Gas
  - Committee has met; Friday night goals this year are 25 breweries, 50 beers, 600 people.
  - Bumpus is playing Friday night

- Saturday: Polynesian group that was at the concert last year is going to perform
  - River Tours will happen again (for the last year!)
  - Bateman will do the chess tournament again
  - Planning to serve beer and wine this year on Saturday
  - Movie – there are 2 ways to do this; borrow from another park, or use the city service that provides a large screen and popcorn. John to talk to Stacy Anti about what they have available. Dan to put a list of movie title possibilities together.
  - Maybe DFA could do a concession stand here?
- **Dog Friendly Area**
  - Had successful fundraiser at Nick’s Pizza
  - Fence drawings are in to CPD in preparation for putting it out to bid
  - Doggie Egg Hunt, March 31. Looking to expand events this year; approaching agility course in the tennis courts, Musical Mutts game. Looking into the possibility of bringing in food trucks
  - New banners to be coming in the next few weeks.
  - May 3: shopping benefit event at Embellish on Lincoln
  - Possible Pup & Pint Pub Crawl in the spring
- **Farmer’s Market**
  - 2017 numbers: \$4210.87 netted. Combined 4-year income is \$16,083.19. Going to 18 markets this year, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June. (June 9-Oct 6)
  - Permits & Partnerships are in
  - Applications are online
  - Discussion of seeding the market area
- **Park Briefs**
  - *Horner Park*
    - Art Room A/C: Cole’s Appliances was able to match the Amazon price, Diane will order in the Spring. All electric is ready to go.
    - Balance Beam: Already purchased
    - Tennis Courts: Capital request has been made
    - Walking Museum/Horner Ring concept: Ring idea is no longer on the table. The group is looking to do an art project this summer at one of the riverfront parks with an artist specializing in Indian Mounds.
    - Wifi: Discussion tabled until Deb is here
    - Riverfront opening celebration: Fence down by Labor Day, definitely down by 9/13. Setting up a committee about an event for when the construction fence goes down, and what amenities will be added to the shoreline. Mayor is committed to coming out to a ribbon-cutting (hoping on September 8). Goal is to engage community and

environmental groups to make this a river day. Peter has been working with Kathy and Lauren r.e. amenities and what planning parameters we have to work with.

- The park district hasn't anticipated putting any funds into fencing, etc. when the project is finished; this may be something HPAC needs to consider. Maybe a fine mesh fence that is used near other nature areas.
- Carol in the Art Studio is loving the new Kiln shelves; there may be another request for more new shelving
  - Ravenswood Manor Park: needs new grass
  - Jacob Playlot: no report
  - Sunken Garden: no report
  - Buffalo Park: no report
- Website Committee:
  - Add Carol to the Facebook HPAC Admin list
  - Kevin possibly to create PayPal buttons for each individual initiative
- Stewardship Committee
  - Working on Earth Day April 21
  - Not sure about River Day (May 12) activities
  - Manor Park boxes and Buffalo Park plantings are in the works
  - Repair of grapevine fence at Manor Park
  - Grass on Eastwood
- New Business
  - Motion approved to fund money for Doggie Egg Hunt supplies, to be reimbursed with Brown Paper Tickets sales
- Announcements
  - PAC Conference, Malcom X College, Feb. 10
  - Family Valentine's Day Dance, Feb. 9
  - Doggie Egg Hunt/ Lunch with the Bunny, March 31

## **Horner Park Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

April 2, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:15pm

### **Attendance:**

Cynthia Fox  
Diane Sutcliffe  
Kevin Anderson  
Peter Schlossman  
John O'Connell  
John Friedmann  
Carol Maher  
Amy Jahnke  
Erica Beutler  
Alan Mueller

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Full financial report provided
- Discussion about expenses for Lunch with the Bunny

### **Stewardship Committee**

- Earth Day is coming up; leadership is set for all parks.
- John O. cleaned up Ravenswood Manor park last week
- Brush needs to be cleaned up on the entrance walk of Horner Park
- Earth Day advertising on website, email, and Facebook next week
- Friends of the Parks have volunteer registration signup online
- Re-seeding of Eastwood at Ravenswood Manor Park; Deb has contacted the CPD to get this done, along with protective fencing
- Motion passes that Italian Gardens will water the grass seed for \$200 over the spring; the company can donate a fence if necessary
- Cynthia and John O. to talk offline about contingency plan if re-seeding doesn't happen
- River Day: Bea Tersch and Luke Ross are organizing events at Jacob and Sunken (respectively)

### **Dog Friendly Area**

- Egg Hunt went very well, despite winds!
- \$3,500 was made
- Additions of food trucks, agility course, etc. went very well
- DePaul Prep volunteers were greatly appreciated
- Erica spoke with CPD about timing of the bid of the fencing; hoping it comes in by next week
- Possibly organizing a group on Earth Day to work on aerating and seeding the dog park area, to try and prevent mud this spring
- May 3: Shopping event at Embellish in Lincoln Square

- Working on a Pups'n Pints bar series (starting with Montrose Saloon, Lizard's Lounge, Templestowe)
- Thank you to Deb Mell for judging the event
- HPAC is very appreciative of Deb Groh and Park District staff efforts!

### **Concert Committee/HornerFest Report**

- 3 full page ads have been lost this year
- Looking to sell more ads
- Renewed request to not duplicate concert mailings
- Request to send a list of solicited businesses, etc. so people aren't solicited twice
- **HornerFest**
  - o Family Day: band and dancers are committed
  - o Movie is lined up with the park service
  - o Riverfront tours are happening again
  - o Bateman will do chess tournament
  - o Bouncy house (with supervision) will be there
  - o Beerfest: looking to finalize brewery list this month. Permitting process is moving along.
  - o Not sure when tennis court resurfacing is occurring
  - o CPD providing staging
  - o Cynthia coordinating quotes for tenting the courts

### **Farmers Market:**

- No report

### **Park Reports:**

#### *Horner Park*

- Resurfacing large tennis court is happening this summer. Mention of using HPAC funds to put a few benches and plantings in once they are resurfaced (also along the basketball courts). Possibly adding lines for pickleball to the courts.
- Tennis court lights are always on, need to investigate better timing these
- Art Room A/C: Units have been dropped off and are ready to be installed
- Walking Museum/Horner Ring Concept: Possibly using the south end of the park along the river for an art installation. Working session meeting at Horner Park on April 12, 6:30pm
- Wifi: Coming soon to Horner Park!
- Trash heap at S. end of parking lot; Deb has put in a request to have this removed
- Vagrant activity; they are back, encouraging people to call 911 when they see them after 11am
- Army Corp gate by Irving Park isn't shutting properly; Peter to ask Army Corp about this
- Mention of sidewalk flooding issues

#### *Ravenswood Manor Park*



- See Stewardship report

*Jacob Playlot*

- No report

*Sunken Garden*

- No report

*Buffalo Park*

- See Stewardship report

### **Website Committee**

- Kevin is working on PayPal button page
- Minutes to be updated

### **New Business**

- Possibly reaching out to Horner Park Baseball to participate in the Earth Day cleanup

### **Announcements**

- April 25, North Region PAC Conference
- June 1: Horner Park Jazz Band 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration concert behind the fieldhouse (create HPAC event)

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday May 7, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

MAY MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Attendees:**

Jackie Aguilar, Ecuadorian Festival  
Manuel Aguilar, Ecuadorian Festival  
Kevin Anderson  
Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary HPAC  
John Friedmann  
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District  
Daniel Honigman  
Michael Leff  
Carol Maher  
John O'Connell  
Peter Schlossman, President HPAC  
Liz Simpkin  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

➤ **Meeting started at 7:06 pm.**

Ecuadorian Parade representative talked to the group about adjustments to the space that they would like to use for the parade. The first week of August 4-5th. The hill is the only place that is likely not taken or would be affected by construction issues.

➤ **Approval of the Minutes – April 2018.** Daniel moved to approve and John O'Connell seconded.

➤ **Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Diane passed out the financials as of April 2018. She provided an update on the Lunch with the Bunny event expenses. We now have a money market account.
- Dog Friendly Area - The park district said estimate for fence was \$52,200. Alderman Mell and Pawar are splitting the costs. Thank them for their support. Need to continue to fundraise for the park. 10 cubic yards of mulch were distributed on Earth Day. Talked about additional signage for the park beyond the CPD signs that tell folks at tennis courts and other areas to let folks know the areas where dogs are allowed and specifically the dog friendly area at the Irving Park end of Horner. Once the fence is done, we would like to sell pavers, water fountains and benches for fundraising but we need to talk to the CPD to get permission. Additionally, we need to work to find a professional engineering firm to provide the stormwater management permits and more, ideally pro bono.
- Farmer's Market - **HPFM Report to HPAC, 5/7/2018**  
We are gearing up for our 5th season! The 2018 market season is June 9 through October 6. We have lots of returning vendors and some new faces this year too (Italian ice! vegan treats! maple syrup!). It's shaping up to be a great season. We did get some not-so-good news though in that Global Gardens is not able to participate this year. We are actively seeing another farm to fill that void. We are reaching out to lots of farms that participate at other Chicago markets and such. However, if anyone happens to know a farmer/farm they think would be a good fit for our market, we'd love to hear about them; email us at [farmersmarket@hornerpark.org](mailto:farmersmarket@hornerpark.org).

Peter - you had a question about moving the space to the California side. We had looked at that before and talked to our vendors about it. Short answer is that we can't move over to the California side - it's difficult to access the space for vendors to load in. We also felt it doesn't have as good street visibility to encourage newcomers who are driving by. We had explored moving across the staff driveway toward the basketball courts, but that likely doesn't work this year with the bike path coming in. To address the grass issue, we would like to use market funds to fund reseeding in the fall, immediately following market closure. If we don't have to use a CPD vendor, Italian Gardens would be a great choice for this work (they're located at [2849 W Montrose Ave](#)). How can we go

about getting that setup to make it happen this year? Again - please reach out via this email address if there are questions.

- Cynthia read the report provided via email. Grass - We will agree to not ask the park district to seed the area since the window is so small. The group agreed to just pay for the seed and take care of it when the farmers market is done. Free yoga will be happening again confirmed with McFetridge Park.
- Park Briefs
  - Horner Park
    - Art Room air conditioning - Service request has been sent out to have them installed ASAP.
    - Tennis courts - Remodelled coming but we asked them to finish before or start after Horner Fest. (That is part of the bid at this point.)
    - Walking Museum concept - May 30th, 6 pm they are having a meeting at Horner Park where the artist will be unveiling the art sculpture concept for Horner and other updates.
    - Wifi - Very close to having wifi.
    - Vagrant activity - Please report it if you see it.
    - Community bonfire this wednesday 6 - 8 pm. Deb asked for HPAC for smore supplies. Diane moved to spend \$50 for marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate for the community camp bonfire. Peter seconded the motion.
  - Ravenswood Manor Park - Watering is happening at RMP by Italian Gardens on the grassy area installed on Earth Day.
  - Jacob Playlot - none
  - Sunken Garden - none
  - Buffalo Park - none
  - Summer registration started and is already almost full.
- Website Committee - Kevin Anderson was able to make seperate donate pages for our different programs. He will do his best to switch to these buttons once other website updates happen. Draft button will be circulated to the group for review.
- Stewardship Committee
  - Earth Day Report
    - John asked Deb about garbage pickers. HPAC might want to suggest to purchase some of these for the park.
    - Thank you to the park captains for all of our HPAC parks. Horner - John Friedmann and Aliza Becker; Sunken Gardens - Luke Ross; Jacob - Bea Tersch; Buffalo - Sue Davenport; Ravenswood Manor - John O'Connell and Cynthia Fox
    - Horner has the biggest group of volunteers yet. Mulching, litter cleanup, raked and seeded the whole area by the DFA.
    - Buffalo Park had a big pile of mulch distributed.
    - RMP - litter cleanup, repair nature trail, seeded concert area and moved mulch.
    - Motion to reimburse John Friedmann, Peter Schlossman and John O'Connell for up to \$500 for expenses incurred for Earth Day activities. John O'Connell seconded. Motion approved.
    - Motion to approve up to \$300 for sundry expenses for the planter for Buffalo and RMP - plants and soil. Erica seconded. Motion passed.
    - River Day - Nothing at Horner but Jacob Park (Bea Tersch) will likely happen
  - Concert Committee - We need sales for the concert committee. Horner Fest Family Day now has three big sponsors in Jamie Andrade, Deb Mell and People's Gas is sponsoring each at \$1,000 each. We have not heard from three of our sponsors but we are hoping of hitting our goal of \$15,500. DFA, Gretchen/Farmers Market need to follow up with John to put free ads for those HPAC initiatives in the program for all concert series
  - Horner Brew Fest - May 15th is ticket sales and volunteer sign up. We just found out that the Square Roots Festival to compete with our event. Family events on Saturday we are having blues band in the afternoon, Polynesian fire dancing in the evening, and river tours.
- **New Business**
- **Announcements**
  - Chicago River Day - May 12
  - North River Commission - Annual Environmental Committee Meeting - June 5, 7 pm at Horner Park. Update on park and discussion to come to river centric things to youth in neighborhoods.

- Chicago Astronomer Mars Viewing Session - July 31
  - Nominating committee will need to meet end of July/August
  - Riverfront Opening Celebration – Sept. 8
- **Attachments**
- Minutes from April 2018 meeting (under separate cover)

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**June 4 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**Horner Park Advisory Council**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2018

**Attendance:**

Peter Schlossman  
Gretchen Helmreich  
Jason Spalding  
Amy Jahnke  
Erica Beutler  
John Friedmann  
Diane Sutcliffe  
Carol Maher  
Alan Mueller  
John O'Connell

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

**Treasurer's Report**

(under separate cover via Diane)

**Farmer's Market**

Starts this weekend, it's year #5. Have returning vendors and lots of new vendors. Two new farms are going to be there. New vendors include maple syrup and vegan meat and cheese, Little LuLu's Italian ice, vegan cookie vendor. Last year we had 18 stalls, and this year we have 21 stalls. Most days we have 19+ spaces filled. Space for volunteers is still open. At the end of year we want to use Italian Gardens to replant the lawn. Kids' day is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Concert Committee**

Posters are printed, should turn a bit of a profit this year. First show is this Friday! Thanks to John F. for finding some advertisers.

**Stewardship**

- Manor Park seeding is coming in; it is a little spotty. 20 rolls of sod and 8 bags of dirt were put down in May. Discussion of branches for the fencing at the park. Planters were planted in Manor Park.
- Jacob Playlot on May 26<sup>th</sup> was cleaned up behind the fence, thank you to Bea Tersch for organizing. There may be an opportunity for something (i.e. canoe launch) along the riverfront at some point.

**Dog Friendly Area**

- Funded on May 11, the contractor was approved; still waiting for construction to start. Erica has sent multiple messages to CPD regarding the project and has yet to hear back.

- Embellish fundraiser made just over \$300.
- Will be at the Farmer's Market 6 times this summer
- Great Hearts initiative has been started, but it didn't raise what they had hoped (probably because website is difficult to use).

### **Horner Fest Committee**

- The construction of the bike path has been delayed, so we don't need to worry about construction interrupting where event items like the bouncy house will go
- Jaime Andrade, People's Gas, Deb Mell, Angelo's are all major sponsors
- Angelo's will sponsor wine and bring a Frozen Rosé machine for Saturday
- Twisted Hippo will sponsor beer for Saturday
- Nearly \$6k in tickets have been sold (128 early bird, 47 general, 9 volunteers, 7 designated drivers)
- Surge Billiards has sponsored beer glasses
- 18 breweries are lined up

### **Park Briefs**

#### *Horner Park*

- Jazz Band concert had about 100 people; thanks to all who attended
- Art Room a/c: only one unit has been installed, they're trying to get the carpenters back to complete the job
- Wifi: Not yet, but hopefully soon
- First gym show took place: storybook adventures
- Friday at 11: Kiddie College Graduation
- Tennis court construction will start at some point after July 13<sup>th</sup>; requests have been put in for pickleball lines (yes), benches (yes, outside the fence if HPAC funds them; discussion of putting benches inside the courts), plantings (need to be approved, if HPAC funds it).
- Fieldhouse HVAC assessment: a feasibility assessment has been done, but we are looking for an update.
- Bonfire: weather was bad, the guy who did it tried to back out at the last minute and brought a small fire pit.
- Nature Play Space Grant: a proposal was sent around from NRC two weeks ago to fun \$10k for a nature play space like Welles Park (that one was \$150k). Peter submitted it with the intention of using Wendell's Garden as a site for the project. If/when HPAC gets this grant, further discussion and next steps will occur.
- Walking Museum Proposal:
  - American Indian Center is working with this; getting funding to do 2 sculptures at either end of this trail (Irving/River to Schiller Park).
  - Santiago X, a Native American artist and architect, has been hired to create the sculpture at Horner Park
  - The optimum site is just east of the path triangle north of Irving Park on ACOE land.

- Sculpture is reminiscent of an Indian Mound; John F. presented an illustration of the mound
- Initial CPD reaction has been positive; it's at the beginning of the approvals process

*Ravenswood Manor Park*

Garbage bins are overflowing

See Stewardship report

*Jacob Playlot*

See Stewardship report

*Sunken Gardens*

No report

*Buffalo Park*

No report

**Website**

- Email from Kevin: Dreamhost provides free SSL certificate, he's applied for one for HPAC
- Update old Brewfest info on the website

**New Business**

- There's an updated bike path map that shows what trees are going to be eliminated
- NRC has a program where first responders teach kids to fish; HPAC has written a letter of support for expanding this program
- RiverFest, coming in 2019 to support performing arts programming along the river
- Riverbank Neighbors; starting a mentorship program to train stewards to take care of the river

**Announcements**

- HornerBrewFest/HornerFest: July 13/14
- Chicago Astronomer Mars Viewing Session: July 31
- Dance in the Parks: August 18
- Riverfront Opening Celebration: Sept. 8

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

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Horner Park Fieldhouse**

JULY MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Attendees:**

Jackie Aguilar, Ecuadorian Festival  
Manuel Aguilar, Ecuadorian Festival  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary HPAC  
John Friedmann  
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District  
Daniel Honigman  
Michael Leff  
Carol Maher  
John O'Connell  
Jim Peters  
Peter Schlossman, President HPAC  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

❖ **Meeting started at 7 pm.**

- ❖ **Approval of the Minutes – June 2018.** The June minutes had not been emailed by the start of the meeting. Approval was delayed until the minutes could be reviewed.

❖ **Reports**

- ❖ Treasurer's Report -- Diane Sutliff provided a brief report on the state of HPAC's finances.
- ❖ Concert Committee -- John O'Connell gave a report on upcoming concerts that will be hosted at Ravenswood Manor Park. All dates and performers are listed on the HPAC website and will be posted on advisory council social media platforms by John.
- ❖ Farmer's Market - There was no report provided by the Farmer's Market committee. Carol Maher reported that the past weekend's yoga was very well attended by approximately 60 participants even with the excessive heat warnings. It was also noted that vendors seemed to be doing well even with a slower than normal day due to the heat.
- ❖ Park Briefs
  - Horner Park
    - ❖ Air Conditioning - Deb Gohr reported that hopefully the units would be installed in the next few days. Discussion was had about box fans and other options for other rooms in the field house. Deb said she would think about what she needs and get back to the council for discussion.
    - ❖ Tennis courts - No updates on the construction. Discussion was had regarding our desire to add seating around the tennis courts. An ad-hoc Bench Committee was created that Diane volunteered to lead. John Friedmann and Daniel Honigman offered to join with the goal of coming up with recommendation and budget for the council.
    - ❖ Walking Museum / Santiago X proposal - They have been in contact with CDOT and the Irving Path will be closed for two years due to new construction. The native mound can not go in the proposed location. They toured the park for another option and suggested the savannah area. They asked for soil from the excavation for the mound. There is interest in a combined ceremony/ribbon-cutting in early September with the riverfront opening.
    - ❖ Riverfront Opening - After a series of emails to HPAC and Deb, discussion was had about the whether or not the Riverfront Opening Date on September 8 was flexible. John Friedmann was going to reach out to the Mayor's office this week to see if there is a request to push the date to accommodate the Mayor's attendance. There is a potential date conflict with a request from DePaul College Prep for a city-wide track meet at the park. John F said he would contact the city to get clarification and get back to Deb within a week to let DePaul know if they can use the park that day.
    - ❖ Wifi - no update



- ❖ Nature Play Space Grant - no updates
- ❖ Ecuadorian Festival - Festival organizer Jackie Aguilar talked to the council about event planning concerns. Alderman Mell suggested that they look into Horner Park after Roosevelt HS was no longer an option. She presented to the council at the May meeting. Their permit application has been started with the park district. The dates are August 4 and 5, 2018. On Saturday, they will host a small event ideally on the hill at the northern end of Horner Park for a small festival with live music and have a volleyball tournament (3 on 3 equiball). They will serve beer. The parade organizers will be providing power via generators, porta potties, and 24-hour security for both days. There will be simple kids games but no carnival. The entrance to the event will be controlled through wristbands within a fenced area that will be overseen by their security. Sunday is their parade through the neighborhood. Sunday will be live music until 10 pm. **The Horner Park Advisory Council approves of this event as permitted by the Chicago Park District.**
- Ravenswood Manor Park
  - ❖ Ravenswood Manor History Display - Jim Peters from the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA) presented a request from RMIA to install two metal signs as their "history station" on the back of the existing kiosk at Ravenswood Manor Park. **After a brief discussion, Cynthia Fox made a motion to allow RMIA to put their history station signs on the back of the current Manor Park Kiosk. Diane Sutliff seconded. The motion was approved.**
  - ❖ John O'Connell reported ongoing issues with ongoing and unsightly defacement of the pergola at the park. Chalk and mud being put on the structure was difficult to clean and created an eye sore for the Friday concerts.
  - ❖ Deb reported that the park district is bringing back the Rolling Rec Program. It's a mobile education van with activities for kids in the park. They will be at the park Tuesdays and Thursdays between July 5 - August 17 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
- Jacob Playlot - no update
- Sunken Garden - no update
- Buffalo Park - The north planter is being planted soon.
- ❖ Dog Friendly Area - John F said that the grass is coming in nicely. Erica was expecting the fencing after the July 4 holiday and hoping to be up by the end of July.
- ❖ Stewardship Committee
  - Horner Entry Garden at Field House - Diane has talked to a few landscape architects about those planters. Diane would like to have a Garden Sub-Committee that Diane would lead. She thinks the hired folks would come in this year one day and then have a big community work day to plant the plants into the empty spaces. The sub-committee would take on coming with a plan to deal with refreshing and long term maintenance and budget. The plan would also look at Buffalo and Manor. Diane will send an email through the stewardship email list with the new date for the committee and then anyone interested can participate.
  - John O reported that he had not heard from Serro's about the bill for the watering the new grass and sod at Ravenswood Manor. He said he would follow up about the bill.
- ❖ Horner Fest Committee
  - John F - Friday is the Beer Fest. We have 247 tickets have been sold as of today with the total capacity set at 600. He reported that 18 breweries are currently committed. The park district permit came through earlier in the day and the liquor license is waiting to be issued. John reported that there is still a need for reliable event volunteers. John F was asked to resend the email asking for volunteers to the DFA and stewardship list for solid volunteers that we know. He also reported that there could be a tent over the tennis courts if weather requires it.
  - Saturday - Family Fun Day with free admission. The schedule and timing was provided on a flier. Deb said that she put a call out for park district seasonal staff to help monitor the bounce houses and other activities that HPAC would pay for working. There were also need for volunteers for Saturday.
- ❖ Birding website link / article - Discussion was had about possibly sharing the information/website provided by the individual who reached out via email. Daniel said he would talk with Kevin about the feasibility and desire to do so.
- ❖ Nominating Committee - John O reported he is always looking for new folks to join the council.

❖ **New Business**

- ❖ August HPAC Meeting - Diane requested that HPAC meet in August even though we have not done so historically. She pointed out that we have a lot of events in the summer and taking the month off did not seem like a good idea. **Diane motioned to have a HPAC meeting on Monday, August 6 at the Horner Park Field House. Seconded by John F. The motion was approved.**

❖ **Announcements**

- ❖ HornerBrewFest / HornerFest - July 13 & 14
- ❖ Chicago Astronomer Mars Viewing Session - July 31
- ❖ August HPAC Meeting - August 2, 7 pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse
- ❖ Riverfront Opening Celebration – Sept. 8 (Tentative pending confirmation from Mayor's office)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday August 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Attendees:**

Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary HPAC  
John Friedmann  
Daniel Honigman  
Alan Mueller  
John O'Connell  
Jim Peters  
Stacey Rosenberg  
Peter Schlossman, President HPAC  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

❖ **Meeting Started at 7 pm**

- ❖ **Approval of the Minutes – July 2018.** The July minutes were emailed prior to the meeting. John O'Connell moved to approve. Diane Sutliff seconded. John O also mentioned that the June minutes needed to be officially approved pending the changes presented at the prior meeting. Cynthia Fox indicated she would resend June with the requested changes.

❖ **Reports**

- **Treasurer's Report** - Diane Sutliff provided a brief report on the state of HPAC's financials. Diane noted that we had filed our 990 recently noting that our fiscal year October to September. Diane also reminded attendees that HPAC has multiple credit card processor to meet the needs of any project. They include PayPal, Square, Stripe, and Ecwid. If anyone has need to use one of these processors for HPAC event needs, they are to contact Diane directly.
  - Erica Beutler requested consideration from HPAC to use money from the general funds, after all other expected expenses were addressed, to dedicate additional funding to phase two of the DFA. The money was needed for construction drawings and permitting in phase two. This would cost approximately \$10,000-\$15,000. Erica proposed that everyone think about HPAC's spending needs and what we would like to see funded in 2019. This will allow a thoughtful conversation at the next meeting where we could create a budget for our 2019 fiscal year.
- **Farmer's Market** - The market is half way through the season. We are excited to have several new vendors and all vendor spots for the rest of the season are taken. A note of concern is that attendance is down. The committee was working on other ideas to promote and remind folks that it is there. The committee will also be purchasing grass this year.
- **Concert Committee** - John O'Connell presented. John stated that we may net \$3,000 from the concerts which is very successful. He announced that four shows will happen the weekend Aug 17, 18, 19 including the make up rain date dates. Next year will be the 25th year of concerts season.
- **Nominating Committee** - John O'Connell was looking for more people for the executive committee. The nominating committee needs to meet soon to recommend people for the group. There will be nominations at the September meeting and an October vote. If you have an interest in becoming an officer, please let John know.
- **Stewardship Committee** - John O'Connell talked about how the watering schedule has been difficult to maintain. We will be working to get another buffalo box key to have more access to the water especially at Ravenswood Manor Park. Cero, from the Italian Gardens, said that his work to water the new grass at RM Park in May and June was gratis as his gift to the community. John mentioned that small tree planted at the point of RM Park is dead. He suggested that we think about new ideas for the future.
- **Horner Entryway Gardens** - Diane reported about a meeting with Bogdan Bogdan, Chicago Park District employee who manages plantings throughout district to discuss the front garden. He indicated that the CPD would take care of the entryway path including all planning and labor. HPAC would be responsible to pay for the project's plants. Plantings will start in the spring and they will remove the plants this fall. We will need to order the plants for the spring in the fall. He will prepare us a plant list

and we will pay pending a water plan. Regarding the water plan, there is no water out front. Deb Groh, Horner Park Supervisor, said that as soon as the farmers market is over the water main will be fixed. The grass will be replaced after the water main is fixed. The repairs on the water main will create the delay for the water needs of the project. Diane was going to talk to the CPD about what happens if there is a delay in the work.

- **Garden Stewardship Initiative for Manor and Buffalo** - Diane is asking that we consider hiring a resident gardener to help maintain these parks without asking the same five or six volunteers to maintain/continue the work gratis. Money needs to be raised to have dedicated individuals to properly maintain these park areas. Additionally, she mentioned that we are looking for more folks to join the stewardship committee.
  - Stacey Rosenberg asked about the oak savanna area to incorporate a nature area for the park similar to Wells Park. Additionally, she stated her motivation for attending the August meeting was to discuss litter. Most of the issues are around the basketball courts and baseball fields. Erica Beutler suggested Stacey empower herself to start a group to address the litter issues for the park and come back to the advisory council with recommendations.
- **Dog Friendly Area (DFA)** - Erica Beutler reported on the successful opening of the DFA. In regards to DFA funding efforts, Erica mentioned the online store is open though Eswidto sell calendars and their would be an online auction Sept 23 - 30, 2018 both supporting the DFA . She offered that anyone who had donations for the auctions should contact her directly. She also mentioned that the Rib Fest donation was coming soon. She mentioned that the committee was looking to establish regular monthly Saturday cleanup days to deal with ongoing maintenance. They wanted a garbage can inside the DFA because the park district will not allow because garbage collectors won't pick up bins inside the fence. Their pick up schedule isn't consistent enough for the committee to arrange to move them out in a timely fashion. Peter Schlossman questioned the need for HPAC to review insurance needs for the DFA. Erica mentioned the need for some sort of dog behavior policy / instructional notices to deal with some ongoing issues. Peter suggested we create a sign that would reference what aggressive dog behavior is for the park. Urban Pooch said they would help us come up with an informational sign about DFA friendly practices. In response to the incidents at the DFA, people should call 911 if it's an emergency or Cook County Animal and Rabies Control as the agency responsible for enforcing DFA rules. Daniel suggested that we look into a spanish language translation for signs at the park. Peter noted that Erica has done an amazing job leading the DFA efforts and appreciates her dedication to the DFA.
- **Horner Brew Fest / Horner Fest Committee report** - John Friedman provided the Horner Fest Report. This year's Brew Fest attendance was 480, a notable increase over last year. Ticket sales went up \$6,000 from last year's event. John F reported that we increased the number of breweries from 12 last year to 18 this year. The beer garden on Saturday was also successful raising \$1900. John F thanked the handful of sponsors who supported all of the events the weekend of Horner Fest. He noted that Friday had plenty of volunteers to help with Brew Fest. Saturday was very successful with a lot of children's activities. John F also mentioned that there were about 160 people for the riverbank tours and estimated 1,200 - 1,500 people on Saturday for free day of activities. A few notable issues from the weekend: (1) there was not enough power for the music and other needs, and (2) We were short volunteers on Saturday for cleanup that was an ordeal. John F suggested that we either expand our volunteers or increase the budget to hire people.
- **Park Briefs**
  - **Horner Park**
    - Tennis courts - Resurfacing was underway, new nets and signs are coming and the courts are being repainted. New tennis racks are being constructed by the woodshop and we will receive a request for paint. Pickleball lines will also going in.
    - **Walking Museum / Santiago X proposal** - John F started discussions. Erica was concerned about having the sculpture in the oak savannah noting that it merited discussion with the community. She offered that we should have the discussion about the impact of the sculpture in that location before we officially approve putting it there. The artist and the people from the Chicago Public Art Group were measuring the space with three park officials earlier in the day measuring where they want the earth mound to go. They understand their might be mitigation required with the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a 10' pole where they want to place the mound and noted that it would sit approximately 60' wide and 12-15' tall. HPAC attendees had a lot of discussion about needing a community meeting about the walking museum proposal. It was suggested that the Chicago Park District hold a community meeting ASAP to discuss the future plans. HPAC would be willing to host a meeting in August to facilitate dialogue where they present plans to the public to solicit community input before HPAC officially endorses the

project in its current iteration. Chicago Public Arts Group is the group that we need to reach out too.

- **Wifi** - for staff only at the moment
- **Nature Play Space Grant** - No report
- **Ecuadorian Festival report** - We received emails that it was too loud and went too late into the evening. If HPAC supports this parade again, we would make adjustments to the plan for the weekend before we would approve. We welcomed a more collaborative process to adjust the issues moving forward before we support the event as is for next year.
- **Vagrant activity** - The human waste and drinking has gotten pretty bad. The issue is escalating. There is a group of interested neighbors to facilitate a meeting with the city to help mitigate ongoing issues.
- **Bench committee report** - Diane reported that there is a standard vendor and style for metal benches. The cost is \$6,000 per bench on a cement slab. This idea is now now cost prohibitive based on the email from the park district furniture person. The issue will be tabled.
- **Drum circle** - People are registering complaints and we will look into the issue.
- **Riverfront Opening** - The tentative date is September 15, 2018 from 12 - 3 pm. The committee is looking into crafts for kids and a scavenger hunt along the nature trail. This event is growing leaps and bounds because politicians and non-profits are signing up to speak. John F suggested that the earth mound plans would be rolled out with ceremonial Native American activities for the roll out of the earth mound. **Alan made a motion to send a letter to the Chicago Public Art Group to offer to host a community meeting in August to present the program in its proposed location and solicit community feedback. Diane seconded the motion.**
- **Ravenswood Manor Park** - No specific report outside earlier mentions
- **Jacob Playlot** - No specific report outside earlier mentions
- **Sunken Garden** - No specific report outside earlier mentions
- **Buffalo Park** - No specific report outside earlier mentions
- **Website Committee** - No report

❖ **New Business**

❖ **Announcements**

- Riverfront Opening Celebration – Sept. 15

❖ **Meeting ended at 9:30 pm**

**Next Monthly Meeting  
Sept. 10 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**Horner Park Advisory Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday September 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Horner Park Fieldhouse**

AGENDA

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**Attendance**

- Deb Groh, Chicago Park District
- John Friedman, HPAC
- Peter Schlossman, HPAC
- Gretchen Helmreich, HPAC
- Diane Sutcliffe, HPAC
- Amy Jahnke, HPAC
- Daniel, Honigman HPAC
- Erica Beutler, HPAC
- Larry Hodak, HPAC
- John O’Connell, HPAC
- Kevin Anderson, HPAC
- Alan Mueller, RMIA

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

August 2018; minor changes per annotated copy passed around at meeting.

➤ **Reports**

- Treasurer’s Report (under separate cover)
  - Financials: We have \$48k in funds that aren’t earmarked. Next month, propose numbers for what to do with this money.
  - Tax filing: Diane will check if we are over \$25k in income to file for the IRS
  - HPAC pass through contribution policy
  - Spending requests for surplus funds : See Diane’s document regarding pass-through contributions.
- Nominating Committee – proposed slate for Oct. election per the nominating committee is as follows:
  - Discussion of addition of a new VP role for communications, new provisions for an VP President: Peter Schlossman; VP: John Friedmann and Amy Jahnke; Treasurer, Diane Sutcliffe, Gretchen Helmreich; Secretary: Cynthia Fox, Daniel Honigman
  - Discussion of heads of large committees and their roles on the board, per the bylaws. Bylaws would have to be amended to allow for a member at large; committee members are involved on most communications and votes that occur at this time.
- Park Briefs
  - Horner Park
    - Riverfront restoration
      - *Grand opening:* Discussion of games (boat races, fishing) and activities for kids. Jaime Andrade’s office will be bringing an inflatable obstacle course and sno-cone machine. Discussion of cross-promotion of the Kids’ Day Farmers Market and this event. Amy J to send out email that mentions these two events and the color run. Predicted to be sunny and in the high 80s. John F. detailed the full tentative schedule. Motion passes to purchase \$50 of bottled water for the event.
      - *Path edging:* Army Corps has been working on the path, re-mulching and working on path maintenance. Maintenance of the river area will be turned over to CPD on October 22. Possible installation of metal fence like at the Nature Center at Wells Park in the future to keep brush from migrating onto the path? Or is the issue that the path will encroach onto the brush?
      - *Signage:* Should be up soon

- Walking Museum / Santiago X earth mound project:
  - Concerns:
    - Want more clarity on cultural appropriation
    - Initial photos had kids running around and on top of it, that was exiting and it's felt it was false advertising (it's no longer a fun activity for kids)
    - With dog park and nature play space; "this might be a really cool thing, but not the right thing for Horner Park"
    - Discussion of why this site was chosen
    - Discussion of whether remediation will be necessary
    - Discussion of whether HPAC should endorse, this what the endorsement would mean
    - Talk about making these questions and answers public
      - Following up with WI concern
      - Children's space
      - Engineering of it
      - Remediation of it
      - Confirm with AIC their support of the project
      - Goal: to continue conversation with CPAG, second is a public statement saying that this is an idea the council thinks this is an interesting idea, however these are the reservations we have... (letters going to CPAG, then posted publicly).
- Nature Play Space Grant
  - Grant received, \$9600, committee has been formed (Diane, Gretchen, Amy, Sarah, Erica, Peter)
  - Tennis courts: All done! Peter writing letter of thanks for this.
  - Mini Soccer Pitch: People are using it, but it's not officially open.
  - Wifi: Building-wide is complete!
  - Vagrant activity: looks like the fencing used for a campfire wasn't taken from a completed fence. Deb has a meeting with the police commander, addressing the concerns and letting her know it's a community concern. Questions were asked for what the Park District can do, and what police should do. Commander is making sure that officers actually arrest people who are violating park laws and removing people who are in the park between 11pm-6am. Park security has been out and are now going to start calling the police and having them arrested. Last week they had an officer there every night and it was effective; not sure if that can continue.
- Ravenswood Manor Park
  - Yesterday, RMIA added a history sign on the back of the HPAC board; it looks lovely!
  - Two dead trees: one at the north point and one in the park near the play lot – would like park district to replace if possible.
  - Seeding that was done is doing well with the recent rains, possibly seeding again (John O is going to talk to Cynthia)
- Jacob Playlot
  - No report
- Sunken Garden
  - No report
- Buffalo Park
  - Suzanne Davenport, main steward, has lost all receipts and requests reimbursement for 5 years of planting at \$45/year. Motion passes to reimburse, although Diane requests yearly receipts going forward.
- Stewardship Committee
  - Horner Entryway Gardens
    - Deb found water! Spigot on the side of the building works! Just need a long hose; Deb and Diane will figure this out. Perhaps use soaker hoses for this? We will have a plant list ready to order and ready for the spring.
    - Motion made to spend up to \$5k on planting
  - Garden Stewardship Initiative for Manor and Buffalo: Discussion tabled for tonight
- Dog Friendly Area

- Update on future improvements / Phase II
    - Erica met with Staci Anti about policies and working with the park district. A sign has been put up with all of these rules. Park District is looking into getting signs in Spanish.
    - Continuing to pick up glass as it comes up
    - Cleanup cancelled due to rain; thank you to Home Depot for a storage bin and gift certificates for cleaning materials
    - Calendars have been ordered, hope to be for sale at the Sept 29 Farmers Market
    - Sep 23-30: Online Auction
    - Talk for a sign board at the dog park
    - October 19: Sleep Under screening of the Beethoven movie
    - Stay: Howl-O-Ween, October 27 10-12
    - Working on engaging a civil engineer for Phase II
  - Concert Committee
    - Finished up a week and a half ago
    - One more Theatre Hikes show: Frankenstein on Sept. 29
    - November 25: 25<sup>th</sup> Concert Season committee kickoff
  - Farmer's Market: Need help promoting Kids' Day. Gretchen asks to say you are coming to the event and share with friends on Facebook.
  - Website Committee
    - New version of Wordpress coming at the end of this year
    - Kevin just updated the calendar widget to reflect the Wednesday meetings; motion to amend bylaws to eliminate day from there.
  - **New Business**
    - Proposal to revise meetings to 1st Wednesdays
    - Motion passes; next meeting moved to October 3.
  - **Announcements**
    - Riverfront Opening Celebration – Sept. 15
  - **Attachments**
    - Minutes from August 2018 meeting (under separate cover)
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- Meeing adjourned 8:53 pm

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**Oct. 10 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**



**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday October 3, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

OCTOBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Attendees**

Kevin Anderson  
Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary HPAC  
John Friedmann  
Gretchen Helmreich  
Amy Jahnke  
John O'Connell  
Peter Schlossman, President HPAC  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer  
Aliza Becker?

- Meeting started at 7:05 pm
- **Approval of the Minutes – September 2018:** The minutes for the September meeting were not emailed in advance of the meeting so we will approve at the next meeting.
- **Reports**
  - Nominating Committee – The slate of officers were presented by John O'Connell. The slate is for two year terms.
    - President - Peter Schlosseen
    - co-Vice Presidents - Amy Jahnke and John Friedmann
    - co Secretary's - Daniel Honigman and Cynthia Fox
    - co Treasurers - Diane Sutliff and Gretchen Helmreich
  - Bylaws update - Peter presented the following changes to the by-laws with the following proposed language:
    - *Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on a monthly basis on a recurrent day of the month decided upon by members excluding August. ~~The Council meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park or at another date, site or time with adequate notice to members. [update the version of the bylaws from the website. Amy will update the website.]~~*
  - Treasurer's Report - Diane presented the year to date financials and the HPAC balance sheet and the profit and loss as of September 30.

- o Farmers Market - Gretchen reported that this would be the last weekend for the 2018 season. She reported that the area was quite muddy and that she had spoken to Cero from Italian Gardens about how to mitigate the issue.
  - **MOTION -- Gretchen made a motion to request an expense of \$1,300 for Cero to seed the front space used by the Farmer's Market. She noted that the group would need to deal with watering at a later date. The work would start after the last week of the Farmers Market. Diane Seconded. Motion approved.**
  
- Park Briefs
  - o Horner Park
    - Programming - Email from Deb with updates. Horner Park is going well and we are in the top 20 for programming. She would like \$300 for the Turkey Trot.
    - Riverfront restoration - Grand opening was a great success with lots of folks attending.
    - Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project - We got responses from the last round of responses. Peter reported on the questions and responses posed from the last batch of questions presented to the group.
      - **MOTION - John F. made a motion to support the mound project as proposed subject to approval by the Chicago Park District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provided that remediation is not required. Daniel seconded the project. Motion passed.**
    - Nature Play Space Grant - Peter is waiting for Sean Shaffer to find out what we need to do to keep the process moving.
    - Vagrant activity - Peter and John F reported that the park district security is doing more regular patrols at the time the parks close but there are still a few encampments popping up recently.
    - Information kiosks - Amy would like to start thinking about kiosks within the park that would serve as an information point similar to the one at Ravenswood Manor Park.
  - o Ravenswood Manor Park
    - Tree replacement - tabled
    - Grass reseeding - Volunteer day on October 20.
    - Pergola plantings - Lilacs were trimmed by park district arborist
  - o Jacob Playlot - Poison Ivy was reported to the park district and they will address it
  - o Sunken Garden - No report
  - o Buffalo Park - No report. The group agreed that Buffalo Park could use a workday
  
- Stewardship Committee
  - o Horner Entryway Gardens - Diane reported that entryway is in process.
  - o Garden Stewardship Initiative for Manor and Buffalo - No report outside of the workdays discussed earlier.

- o Horner Fall Cleanup Day - Aliza will be working to see if she can add a cleanup this fall once she reviews her calendar.
- Dog Friendly Area - Update on future improvements / Phase II - The DFA is looking a little muddy. On October 6 from 9 - 11 am. The silent auction is done and made about \$4,700. DFAC hosting a family movie night in the Horner Park gym on October 19th, at 6 p.m. October 27 at Stay from 10 - 12 am is a Howl-o-ween Party fundraiser for the dog park.
- Concert Committee - The season is over for 2018. John O is working on the 25th anniversary. We need to get a new sound system.
- Website Committee - no report
- **New Business**
  - o HPAC brochure - John F said that we would need to redesign and reprint the brochures.
  - o The process for getting things considered for communications should be directed to Amy as part of her new role for social media, etc.
- **Announcements**
  - o Oct 8 in the evening - Indigenous People's Day at Surge as a fundraiser for Northwest Portage Walking Museum.
  - o Mosaic Art Festival - October 4 - 7
  - o Turkey Trot - November 17 at 9:30 Horner Park
- Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**Nov. 7 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**Horner Park Advisory Council**  
**Monthly Meeting, Horner Park Fieldhouse**  
**November 7, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Peter Schlossman, President  
Erica Beutler  
Aliza Becker  
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District  
Alan Mueller, RMIA  
Amy Jahnke, Vice President

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

**MINUTES**

September and October Minutes: Voting to approve minutes for both months will take place via email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Balance sheet and summary of FY '19 expenditure requests were presented. A vote to approve expenditure requests was postponed until more voting members are present.
- Erica requests to take action on the budget in 2019, specifically the DFA funding request
- [Motion passes to move the January 2019 meeting to January 9, 2019](#)

**DFA UPDATE**

- Cleanups and raking were done on Oct. 6 and Nov. 3
- Discussion of perhaps adding another day to pick up leaves if needed
- Event reports: The Sleepunder Movie Night on Oct. 19 raised \$600; thank you to Deb G. and the CPD team for their help with this event. The Stay event on Oct. 27 raised \$600.
- The committee is working on new events for 2019 (including selling pavers) and continues to receive small donations.
- Moving forward with the civil engineering for Phase 2.

**PARK BRIEFS**

*Horner Park*

- Turkey Trot will be co-run with the Go Run group, who will handle registration and bib handouts. They will also add a 5k race to the event, and registration for this race will be handled separately than the CPD registration.
- Motion passes to approve \$300 for turkeys and pies as race prizes
- Overall, Horner Park has 1106 people registered in park programs, which is a huge number - congratulations to Deb and staff!
- The security guard has been very helpful in keeping the homeless presence in the park down

- Motion passes to approve \$199.99 costs for a Fender Rumble for the music program
- Still waiting on a response for replacing the fence along Irving Park Road
- No update regarding Earth Mound project

*Ravenswood Manor Park*

- Still working on getting a replacement tree for the park, along with replacement trees along the alley, which we've been waiting on for three years.

*Sunken Gardens, Jacob Playlot, Buffalo Park*

No report

**NATURE PLAY SPACE**

- Committee met in October and discussed a possible change of location to be closer to fieldhouse bathrooms for small kids
- Several sites in the park were discussed; committee is investigating these options

**STEWARDSHIP**

- From John O'Connell: A good day at RM Park on 10/20. About 15 volunteers came for seeding and sodding and cleanup. We also repaired the branch fence at the garden, and fenced off Eastwood to allow the seed and sod to grow. Thanks to Cynthia Fox for co-captain duties. I collected names and email addresses. Receipts submitted. Thanks to all who helped.
- We plan to have a Horner Clean up on 11/17. This is to be captained by Aliza Becker.
- Thank you to Peter Schlossman and Suzanne for taking milkweed down, trimming grass, and weeding at Buffalo Park.

**CONCERT COMMITTEE**

- From John O'Connell: Looking for final numbers on 2018 season, but it looks like a surplus of around \$1,300. A meeting for the 2019 season will be held at at John O'Connell's house at 7:30 on Wednesday, 11/14. All are welcome to discuss the calendar and budget of the 25th season. John is hopeful to recruit some new members, and will consider a ManorBash for the 25th year, likely in late June. A budget of approximately \$14,000 is anticipated, with costs and revenues for HornerFest to be instead transferred to Horner BrewFest overall budget in 2019.
- Thanks to Amy for the communications calendar. I will incorporate that into planning for both committees.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

No report.

**FARMERS MARKET**

New grass seed has been watered periodically by Amy.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Calendar document was shared for all committees to add in content; please continue to use this to contribute information to be sent out via email and social channels.
- FAQ document was shared; input still needed. Would like to get this up on the website in the new year.

## **WEBSITE**

Discussion of redoing website since it's 5+ years old to be more mobile- and user-friendly. Amy and Kevin have been discussing. Input to perhaps include a photo gallery.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to John Friedmann, named 2018 FotP Volunteer of the Year!

Upcoming events:

Horner Park Turkey Trot, Nov. 17 @ 9:30am

Horner Fall Cleanup Day, Nov. 17, 10:30am

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.