

**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**