

**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.