

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

AGENDA

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: 25th 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