

**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**