

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday July 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Kevin Anderson
Cynthia Fox, Co-Secretary
John Friedmann, Vice President
Daniel Honigman, Co-Secretary
Amy Jahnke, VP Communications
Emily Meizis, Spark Montessori
Peter Schlossman, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes – May & June 2019:

The minutes from the HPAC's May and June 2019 meetings were sent to the email list by John O'Connell. **Peter moved to approve the minutes from the May and June 2019 meetings. Daniel seconded, all approved.**

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Financials: Diane sent the financials via email although could not attend the meeting.
- **Concert Committee**
 - Manor Bash Report: The 25th Season of free shows continues. We had a successful ManorBash weekend highlighted by the Hokulea Polynesian Dancers, and a full day of fun events and music. The Series continues with several more shows planned in Ravenswood Manor Park, as well as HornerFest.
- **Horner Fest / Horner Brewfest Committee**
 - John Friedman said our current tickets sold are 218. He also provided fliers for both the Brewfest and the Horner Fest. Our ticket revenue currently is set to cover all of our expenses. 16 confirmed breweries and 10 maybe's as of today. We are still looking for volunteers for Saturday. Setup at 3 pm to help setup is critical and tear down at 9 pm. Volunteers will get two free drinks for their effort on Saturday.
- **Farmer's Market**
 - Peter reported that the market seems to be going very well. No report from Gretchen before the meeting.
- **Stewardship Committee**
 - Manor & Buffalo planters: Sarah and Peter planted the planters at both parks.
 - Gardens at Horner: Amy said she would talk to Diane about a watering schedule. Bogden has finished the plantings and the gardens are looking spectacular.
- **Dog Friendly Area**
 - Erica sent a report. We have received the Park District's comments on the 95% complete set of engineering drawings. We are working to address their concerns and to make any required changes to the drawings now, and hope to have a final set prepared for submission by the end of the month. The Park District will not put the project to bid until we have raised the estimated cost of construction which is approximately \$250,000. To that end, we continue to fundraise. The 2020 Dogs of Horner Park calendar is off to print and we expect to have them available for sale in a couple of weeks. The online auction will be held September 15th-22nd, contributions are welcome. Our June day at the Farmers Market went well and we are looking forward to setting up again on July 27th.
- **Park Briefs**
 - **Horner Park**
 - Parking for HP East residents: No one has received a progress report on this issue for the park district so the issues is stalled.

- NW Portage Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project: working to raise money for the effort.
- Nature Play Space: The Play Space committee will participate in HornerFest, bringing small pieces to demonstrate how a Nature Play Space would work.
- Misc. repairs: split rail fence, bench, garbage cans, pavement - Repairs have been reported to Deb. The split rail fence is broken in a few places. It was suggested to move some of the fence that being climbed over on homemade paths and moving it to replace the broken pieces.
- Port-a-Potty explosion: The main biohazard issues were cleaned up after the explosion.
- Overturned dumpster complaint: The dumpster reported was a large cart that was dumped over and left from the remediation crew since the work was done.
- All the ash trees were treated and should be good for the next three years. They were able to work within our \$7,500 budget.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:** no report
- **Jacob Playlot:** no report
- **Sunken Garden:** no report
- **Buffalo Park:** no report
- **Communications Committee**
 - Amy said she would send out the email again and push out the volunteer needs for Brewfest/Horner Fest and the concerts. Pumpkin patch is the last farmers market of the year and will be the first weekend of October. No updates to the most recent black and white event flier. Discussions about flyer ideas for the fall.
- **Website Committee:** no report

New Business

- Recognition for Deb Mell: Discussions continue about ways to show thanks to our former alderman and her family as longtime park supporters.

Announcements

- Horner Brew Fest: July 19
- Horner Fest: July 20

HPAC will not hold an August 2019 Advisory Council meeting. The next monthly meeting will be September 4 @ 7:00pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.