

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 5, 2019**

Meeting attendees:

Daniel Honigman, Peter Schlossman, Gretchen Helmreich, Jason Sperling, Emily Meizis (Spark Montessori), Nina Twanow, Jackie Aguilar, Alan Mueller, Amy Jahnke, Diane Sutliff, John O'Connell, James Martin, John Friedmann

- **New attendees:** James Martin and Nina Twanow

Meeting was called to order.

Minutes: May's meeting minutes approval vote was tabled.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Sutliff Reporting):

- Concert Series money coming in; DFA money coming in
- DFA expenditure for roughly \$10K
- Staying with current bank, Fifth Third, because no compelling reason to switch, given the complexity.
 - John O'Connell to share branch manager details with Diane
- Full balances in Balance Sheet dated 5/31/19.

Farmer's Market Report (Gretchen Helmreich reporting):

- First 2019 market on June 8.
- 18 market days in 2019, ending October 5
- Nine people on the committee this year
- New vendors include: cupcake vendor, energy bar maker, compost services provider, Avrom Farms (replacing Mint Creek as meat vendor)
- Gretchen will send full financials to Diane, but PayPal payments in as expected
- Hasn't done formal call for volunteers, but could use some
 - Two people per market, especially with setup and take-down.
- Will have Horner Fest table for two markets before
- Grass not coming in as planned. Amy to take pictures of area and Peter to connect Gretchen to reach out to [grass guy - Bogdan?]

Concert Committee Report (John O'Connell reporting):

- Program books in mail
- First show Friday, 6/7
- Will be close to budget of \$17K; \$4K still outstanding, but should be coming in soon
- Postmortem to come for 2020 planning

- Can always use more volunteers
- Amy question: HP Jazz Fest same time as folk concert in Manor Park. Any chance to coordinate better? John: Will work better in future.
- Shakespeare's Motley Crew confirmed for Horner Fest (7/20) and the day after (7/21), both evenings starting at 5:30pm.

Horner Fest / Horner Brew Fest committee (John Friedmann reporting):

- Horner Brew Fest:
 - All permits in
 - Invoice for event application fee in. Peter Schlossman approved
 - Angelo's will be the glass sponsor; donated \$350 cash and a lot of froze (and cherries)
 - Other sponsors: People's Gas (\$1K), 33 Ward office (\$1k), Jaime Andrade office (\$1K or bounce houses + smaller cash amount)
 - Still working on Twisted Hippo for beer on Saturday
 - Virtue Cider in
 - Need to finish selling early bird tickets. 75 sold, roughly \$2300 made so far
 - Received permit to sell t-shirts
 - John O. to give John F. Lisa's information to possibly design shirts.
- Horner Fest:
 - still needs more volunteers, who will receive free drink tickets
 - Still finalizing band, but the movie is set
 - Diane knows someone w/ band "The Blisters"; will connect with John F.
 - Potential ribs food truck for Friday or Saturday
- Committee meeting next Wednesday, 6/12, 7pm @ John's House

Stewardship Committee (Peter Schlossman reporting):

- Horner Park:
 - It's Your Park Day:
 - Mulched trees, pulled up some netting, did not transplant sapling trees away from water because no truck
 - James Martin has truck; will connect with Peter to coordinate
 - Henry Horner Monument: Plantings in process
 - Side notes:
 - Losing some trees with too much water lately
 - Issues with people letting dogs off leash in the nature area. Peter asked question about adding signage - tabled for subcommittee.
- Manor Park: Planted trees
- Buffalo Park: Plantings doing OK; Amy with question about mulch loading spot

Dog Friendly Area Committee (Erica not present, but email report pasted below):

- Nothing new to report on Phase II progress. Awaiting park district response on 95% submittal as you know. We hung a new banner in DFA to remind people about Phase II and to donate. Volunteers cleaned up the DFA last Saturday. Things in good shape. Even have some grass growing there now.
- Calendar contest entries are in. Voting on FB June 3-9. Encourage people to vote. Hope to have calendar printed by the end of the month.
- We are still accepting volunteers for Ribfest if anyone wants to help June 14, 15, or 16. We get grant money for each volunteer shift covered.
- Looking forward to being at the Farmers Market this weekend.
- Starting to collect donations for online auction in September. If anyone has anything they are able to donate, it would be appreciated.

Park Briefs (multiple reports):

- Horner Park:
 - Ecuadorian Festival (Jackie):
 - Looking at August 10-11;
 - 8/10: setup 7am; event 12-10pm
 - 8/11: event 12-9pm; close down until 10pm
 - Event details:
 - Parade on Montrose towards Kimball
 - 24/7 security
 - Sell beer both days in general area (one entrance in/out); no separate or internal enclosure
 - Motion to approve, contingent on parameters (e.g. dates/time)
 - Peter moved, Diane seconded, all in favor. **Motion passed.**
 - Neighborhood parking issue
 - Issue with construction (e.g. new water, sewer pipe + Peoples Gas all at once) creating parking issue for nearby residents
 - 33rd ward office is OK; reached out to Deb to confirm. 17th police district OK with it.
 - Park District now talking to Department of Revenue
 - John printed flyer to post
 - Use of baseball fields by non-leagues: nothing to report
 - Irving Park fence: Done!
 - Walking Museum: Moving forward; still submitting paperwork to Army Corps. Still some concerns about excavation and remediation, and staging area
 - Nature Play Space: Wants to do table at Horner Fest
- Manor Park:

- Just put trees in, but one might not make it
- Nothing on the idea of Christmas tree lighting
- New planters soon? (Suzanne and Sarah on it)
- Jacob Playlot: No report
- Sunken Garden: No report
- Buffalo Park:
 - Will plant planters (Suzanne and Sarah)
 - Need to submit receipts for reimbursement

Communications report (Amy Jahnke reporting):

- New MailChimp policy on free accounts
 - Can use existing lists for volunteer lists
 - Amy will continue to investigate and report options for July meeting
- Goals:
 - Wants to produce meeting summary to share three days after meetings
 - Half-page flyer this year, promoting concerts, Horner Fest, Kids Day, etc.
 - Put sponsor logos in emails as part of marketing efforts. (To coordinate with John O.)

Website report (Kevin Anderson not present, but update via email summarized below):

- Still working on the website redo list of features we need to preserve, (e.g. existing links) and how to go about that. Will add it to the Redo Google Doc ASAP.

New Business:

- Deb Mell Recognition:
 - Letter turned out well.
 - Tree planting at Horner - John F. to identify spot and approach Chicago Park District memorial tree division for permission

July meeting moved from July 3 to July 10, 7pm @ Fieldhouse

Meeting adjourned.