

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting, Horner Park Fieldhouse
March 11, 2019**

Attendees:

Peter Schlossman, President, presiding
Kevin Anderson
Erica Beutler
John Friedmann, Vice President
Amy Jahnke, Vice President
John O'Connell
Deb Groh (CPD)
Stacy Anti (CPD)

Meeting called to order 7:04 PM

MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 6th meeting were approved with corrections

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Diane Sutliff sent reports in advance, but was not in attendance for a presentation.
(Subsequently provided by Peter): As of 2/28/19:

\$16,396.76 in Checking

\$115,197 in Savings

\$704.42 in PayPal

Total \$132,298.83

Funds Allocation:

DFA \$67,467.19

HPAC DFA promise \$15,000

General Funds: \$49,831.64

Total: \$132,298.83

We have an insurance premium due.

Summer Concerts:

John O reports the campaign has begun, with the direct mail out, email out, and money starting to arrive. Facebook will soon be posted, and a posting schedule for emails and Facebook will be developed. We will coordinate with Amy on her Communications chart. Permits for the Ravenswood Manor and Sunken Gardens shows have been submitted; still needed is completed partnership agreement between HPAC and CPD.

HornerFest/Horner BrewFest: A brief discussion on layout of BrewFest, but most of that discussion was tabled until later in the meeting.

Farmers' Market: No Report

Dog-Friendly Area:

We received comments back from the Chicago Park District on the 30% plans for the Phase II build which were submitted by the engineering firm last month. Peter and Erica will meet with the engineering firm and the Water Department on March 14th. 50% drawings will be submitted to the Park District by the end of the month.

DFAC is doing a small fundraiser with the Chicago Wolves; a portion of ticket sales to 3/30 game will help the DFA if mention DFA when advance purchase through designated agent.

Volunteers are needed for the Doggie Egg Hunt on 4/13. Urban Pooch could not do agility course this year, looking for another company to run. Otherwise event will be same as in past.

The Calendar Contest will be done again in the summer, and the online auction this fall.

Park Briefs:

Ceramics instructor:

Present instructor may retire or go part time. The job opening cannot be posted until we know her status. HPAC expressed their concern that when the position becomes available it should be filled expeditiously and with an instructor who has ceramic expertise.

Walking Museum: No report. There is a fundraiser soon, in conjunction with the Field Museum.

Nature Play Space discussion: Postponed until 4/27, 2-4 PM. Peter will reach out to local organizations for input and participation.

Irving Park Road Fence replacement: Soon

There are several new garbage cans at Horner. The Christmas tree pile on California parking lot has been removed. The two trailers used for McFettridge equipment were temporarily in the Horner Parking lot for the Winter; they will be gone soon.

The Mulch path along the new river trail has erosion issues and needs better mulching or planks to keep people from walking trampling the plantings beside the path. John F. will report to CPD.

A discussion on the sinking sidewalks at Horner and which should be replaced.

Lunch with Bunny: Diane will be shopping with Erica. Cynthia is seeking free pizza.

Motion: Amy made a motion to approve an advance of \$700 for Lunch with Bunny expenses (we expect to make this back and more with ticket sales). Seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

A short discussion about next year's event my use glow-in-the-dark eggs.

CPD agreed to move the new tree on the sled hill after they inform the donor and when weather permits.

We will not apply for the Friends of the Parks Seed Grant this year.

We will not apply for a Correcting Communities grant this year

John Friedmann will work on an Openlands grant for trees along California and Ravenswood Manor Park North Point.

The contractor for the Irving Park bridge reconstruction was given a notice to proceed on 3/11 and CODT expects some construction activity to begin later this month. A more complete schedule will be sent to HPAC in the future.

The grass in RM Park is taking. The fence is still up. The order to CPD to remove and patch over the bollards has been submitted.

Jacob Park: No Report

Sunken Gardens: No Report

Buffalo Park: No Report

Earth Day and River Day: John O will coordinate, looking for captains at all 5 for Earth Day (Bea Tersch will do Jacob for ED).

Communications: New Brochure is completed – looks great! Thanks to Amy.

Website: Amy has also sent out a chart asking for recommended changes on the website.

BrewFest: July 19, relocating from tennis courts to area that is the Farmers' Market.

HornerFest: A brief discussion on possible movies – John F would like a "Space" theme. Both topics were discussed off-line after adjournment.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at the Field house at 7 PM. No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. Respectfully submitted: John O'Connell, for the Co-Secretaries.