

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday November 6, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kevin Anderson
Erica Beutler
Dana Dougherty, Greater Rockwell Organization
Cynthia Fox, Secretary (recorder)
John Friedmann, VP
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District
Abdulaha Guled, Hana Center
Gretchen Helmreich
Amy Jahnke, VP Communications
John O'Connell
Jay Mon
Chris Moran
Alan Mueller, Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association
Carson Poole, North River Commission
Peter Schlossman, President
Helen Slade, Territory NFP
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

Approval of the October 2019 minutes - Pending a few nominal edits, Diane Sutliff moved to approve Erica Beutler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- **Concert Committee** - John O'Connell hosted a meeting on Oct 16 attended by a nice group of folks. We decided to meet again to determine the scope of the series. JO distributed the model of tasks and timelines. Next steps, folks agreed to move forward for a 2020 season at Ravenswood Manor Park and Sunken Gardens. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm at Horner Park Field House.
- **Dog Friendly Area (DFA)** - Erica Beutler reported on the phase II progress and recent fundraising efforts. Those events included: Oct 26 Stay Dog Hotel hosted us for a fundraiser, Nov 2 Lizard's Liquid Lounge hosted us and we made approximately \$1,300 and WGN TV was there. No new fundraisers in the immediate future. The dog park itself is working on the new latches on the sections of the fence and it's been muddy due to the weather. Alderman Martin and Alderman Rodriguez were contacted about helping to fund the park. We are short \$108,000 of the \$250,000 required by the city. If we do

not get more funding by the end of the year, we will switch planning to a phase two and three to keep momentum on the project moving forward.

PARK BRIEFS:

- **Horner Park**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum/Santiago X Earth Mount** - everything is ready to go but the ACOE permit. The project is out to bid and the goal is to be completed by next year. There was a nice article in the Chicago Tribune about the project.
 - **Nature Play Space** - Peter is waiting to hear from Sean Shaffer about pricing for the project proposed a month or so ago for the updated plans. Helen Slade from Territory not-for-profit was in attendance and expressed her interest. They are an after school matters program of high school students that work on planning issues and interested in getting more involved. She expressed that her thought would be onsite in the spring and do a design project in the park.
 - **Erica Beutler motioned to support the efforts of Territory and it's students to create a design project in Wendell's Garden. Amy Jahnke seconded. Motion carried.**
 - **Walk replacement** - Through a grant through the Cubs, the path by the warming station had some of it's walk replaced. It looks pretty nice and we are very happy to have had it repaired.
 - **Turkey Trot** - November 23 at 9:30 am. Registration is online already. Ready for social media and website next.
 - **Santa's Secret Workshops** - Dec 10 (3-5 yr olds), 11 (family), 14 (6 - 12 yr) for essentially transform into Santa's project with art projects for family for holidays. Idea tossed around to have pictures with Santa as a fundraiser. We need to come up with a budget for costume rental and photographer but it can be done offline.
 - **Craft Fair** on December 14 from 10:30 - 3:30 pm
 - **Farmers Market** - Gretchen reported that the net for this season was \$6,185 which is just shy of \$28,000 for all six seasons. Highest attended year for overall event attendance. We hit 1,000 a few different days even without a lot of programming. We were notified for an award the the Albany Park Chamber of Commerce Best of Small Business Awards. Please vote for us. We will have a season on 2020 and Chicago Park District permit applications are no line and we will have 18 markets again.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park** - No report.
- **Jacob Playlot** - Deb Gohr reported that the CPD will be putting new fibar (playground mulch) in the park if there is no snow/plowing in the next few days. Dana Dougherty from GRO mentioned that there is interest in trying to get some river access at the park.
- **Sunken Garden Park** - No report.
- **Buffalo Park** - No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Committee** - No report
- **Website Committee** - Kevin Anderson reported that a new version of WordPress to consider moving the website into a better version and move our information. He will be working with Amy Jahnke to come up with a plan moving forward.
- **Stewardship Committee** - John O'Connell reported that he repaired with the help of Cynthia Fox a few weeks ago. Hoping it will last throughout the winter. We can start planning for a more formal fence for the nature trail at Ravenswood Manor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Investing in Communities** - We would refer people to them that and we would make some money. Peter will ask some of the people he knows about the opportunity to refer to benefit HPAC.
- **Community meeting for the sale of Ruby Cleaners and the Car Wash** adjacent to the park will be happening soon. There is no ground floor retail, 47 units, not enough parking for their residents.
- Kevin Anderson asked if we wanted to **submit the Horner Park Fieldhouse for Open House Chicago in 2020** to showcase the mid-century modern building.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Recognition for Deb Mell** - Peter brought up a variety of ideas on how to acknowledge her contributions to the park.
 - **Peter motioned to empower Dianne Sutliff to get a \$250 gift card to REI for Deb Mell in acknowledgment of her contributions to the park. John Friendmann seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

Treasurer's Report - Diane Sutliff submitted documents to the council and sent via email. We need to get a few subcommittees to discuss issues with PayPal and Benevity.

Amy Jahnke motioned to adjourn the meeting. John O'Connell seconded. Motion carried.

December 2019 Next Meeting
Twisted Hippo, December 4th at 7:00 pm