

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday August 5, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Via Google Meet**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**ATTENDEES**

Kevin Anderson  
Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Co-Secretary  
Amy Jahnke, Co-Vice President  
Emily Kuhn  
John O'Connell  
Peter Schlossman, President  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer  
Teresa Weed

**Call to Order**

Peter Schlossman called the virtual meeting to order at 7 pm via Google Meet.

**Approval of the Minutes – July 2020**

After a review of the July minutes, John O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Amy seconded. All approve.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report** - Diane Sutliff presented the financials for the meeting. Updated financials will be available soon and uploaded to the cloud. Diane talked about some upcoming changes to the PayPal account that will eliminate any current issues.

**Dog Friendly Area** - Erica Beutler reported for the DFA.

- Fundraising: The bench campaign happened and is closed out with three benches remaining. They raised \$11,000 for two benches. We will keep trying to find some other businesses to support. Calendar campaign underway with 95 entries and pre-sales underway, bringing in another \$1,000+ Hoping to have calendars available in September.
- **Build update** - The CPD finally responded to plans after the last seven months with some new comments. Erica and Peter were able to discuss things with the engineering firm. Our responses were provided to the Park District. More details to follow.
- **Request for water spigot** - Peter mentioned someone emailed asking to have water spigot be turned in on the park. Deb Groh was able to respond to them indicating that the park district would not be turning them on.

**Park Briefs**

- Horner Park**
  - NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound project – Outside of a letter of support that was sent, there was nothing to report.

- Nature Play Spaces – Wendell’s Garden progress and suggestions - Peter reported that he requested an update from the Chicago Park District. He spoke with Eric and Sean from the park district about some next steps for the project.
- Riverfront restoration abuse - The destruction on the riverfront and other issues are still ongoing in a message received from a neighbor through a Facebook message to HPAC. We are aware but it’s a consistent problem that is struggling to be addressed. There was some discussion about more signage and the CPD has added some at each entrance. It’s effectiveness remains to be seen.
- Irving Park underpass – Peter was informed by CDOT that they are behind schedule. It’s not going to be done for the fall but now it’s slated to be complete in the Spring 2021.
- New Trees- Forty trees were planted in the park at various spots by the CPD
- Safety Issue from Bike Path on to Montrose - There is an issue with excessive bike traffic from cyclists coming off of the paved path exiting east over the Montrose Bridge. There have been a lot of bikes riding on the bridge and it’s causing a safety issue with a lot of bikes and pedestrians on the sidewalk over the river. With the Divvy station located in that general area, the bikes have no way to get onto Montrose with there being no curb cut or other street access. People are just coming off the path and almost running people over when they head down Montrose. The issue was raised about it being in the parkway and that the alderman is likely the best person to talk too about this issue. There was also discussion about the need for signage on the bridge indicating that there should be no bikes on the bridge.
- Additional Signs for Tennis Court - As an add-in to the signage discussion, there was a discussion about adding another sign in the tennis courts opposite where the current signs are posted about how to wait for/claim space on the courts.
  - Ravenswood Manor Park - Nothing to report.
  - Jacob Playlot - Nothing to report.
  - Sunken Garden - Nothing to report.
  - Buffalo Park - The beech tree tied after a limb was removed.

### **Other Reports**

- Stewardship Committee - John O’Connell has been doing some basic work at Ravenswood Manor Park but not as much as usual. Otherwise, there was nothing significant to report.
- Communications Committee - Nothing to report.
- Farmer’s Market - Nothing to report.
- Concert Committee - Nothing to report.
- Nominating Committee – The CPD sent an email to all PAC’s to have any new elections be postponed. Most current officers shy one were willing to retain their position for the next year. We are still in need of another secretary and treasurer.
- Website Committee - Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- Workout station request - Someone requested that there be more outdoor gym equipment be placed within the park. We have discussed it briefly at previous meetings but the way of the world and the current state of funding is not an action item at the moment. We also do not have someone who will take charge of the project and champion the effort to fruition.

### **Old Business**

Bus stop name request - No updates for this item.

Recognition for Deb Mell - Long overdue but still something for us to address.

**Announcements**

None to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

**Attachments**

- Minutes from July meeting (under separate cover)

**Next Monthly Meeting**

**Sept. 2 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse or Remote**