

Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 4, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo

Attendees:

Peter Schlossman
John Friedmann
John O'Connell
Erica Beutler
Daniel Honigman
Alan Mueller
Helen Slade
Teresa Weed
Deb Groh
Stacey Anti

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

Review of October Minutes

John O. motioned to approve minutes. Daniel seconded. All were in favor, pending minor copyedits. Minutes were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

- September 2020 (i.e. year-end) report and October 2020 reports were sent under separate cover.
 - \$6,000 donation for DFA
 - No expenses going out
- Diane to connect with Daniel about completing the Microsoft application for O365 access.
- All money moved out of Paypal

Dog Friendly Area:

- Phase Two construction started 11/3, supposed to be six to eight weeks. Fencing up with signs, etc. to signal DFA is closed for now.
 - Park staff to remind park-goers to leash their dogs where possible
- Lots of calendars sold
- Four out of five benches sold
- CPD taking care of fence repair from storm; will come out of CPD fund

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**

- **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:** Final approval from Army Corps given on October 12 (Indigenous Peoples Day)
 - No remediation will be required, but some money still needed (\$50-60K, including soil) to be raised and/or donated to begin construction in spring
 - John to compile information on signage along the river trail; could be good timing when other efforts (e.g. River Run, etc.) are also complete.
 - **Note:** To be added to December 2020 agenda
- **Nature Play Spaces:**
 - Eric Boelkens put together some initial plans for the space that could make the Wendell's Garden area look nice. Next step is to get pricing for items to use the funds committed.
 - May also get funding from Participatory Budgeting, but any funds from there would be more on infrastructure (e.g. fences). Could be up to another \$25K.
- **Landscape Border at ADA ramp:** Looks great - thanks to CPD for fixing this.
- **Bench at NW Garden entrance:** One of the benches near Ruby Cleaners (i.e. by the statue) has come loose from its mounting. Deb/Stacey to put in a request to repair and/or anchor it.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:** No report
 - Two more of the six trees planted in 2019 along the alley died and were removed; only two are left.
- **Jacob Playlot:** No report
- **Sunken Garden:** No report
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - **Dead beech tree:** Work order to remove tree has been submitted. Deb to follow up on request.
- **Related:** River Park has started its own PAC. Peter and Diane attended the kickoff meeting.

Stewardship Committee:

- **10/17 Fall Cleanup report:** Cleanup effort in four parks. Main work done at Manor and Buffalo Park, but some other work done in Jacob and Sunken.
 - Weeds around beech tree @ Buffalo Park. Request to remove Bishop's Weeds (or try to contain with some cardboard boxes.
 - Deb advised not to do the cardboard boxes, and to do something more "official" looking (e.g. rope it off, put a sign). Other option: hold off for the next few weeks until the tree gets removed.

- Deb to reach out to Michael Brown (CPD) to find out when he thinks the tree to be removed; committee to make a decision when this information is received.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- 2021 application period open; HPAC to submit

Communications Committee:

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- No report; nominations tabled until upcoming meeting (e.g. December)

Website Committee:

- No report

New Business

- **33rd Ward Participatory Budgeting:**
 - Nature Play Space (up to \$25K)
 - Lights for soccer pitch (up to \$25K)
 - Alderman Rodriguez's office has offered to take on the gathering of community feedback in case it gets funded
 - Question on lighting. Would the pitch lighting schedule be the same as the basketball courts? (Deb believes so, but needs to be confirmed)
 - Combo for benches (basketball, tennis) and exercise station (up to \$45K)
 - Should know by 11/9-11/10 whether items will make the ballot and in what amounts. Erica to get the PDF from the Participatory Budgeting team to get group access to vote.

Old Business

- **Bus stop name request:** No update.
- **Recognition for Deb Mell:** John F. and Diane to coordinate gift delivery

Announcements

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter motioned to adjourn, Daniel seconded. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

December 2 @ 7:00 pm: Horner Fieldhouse if possible; Remote Meeting (and virtual Happy Hour) if not