

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
John Friedmann
Tali Gorovoy
Gretchen Helmreich
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
Christopher Moran
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Review of May 2021 Minutes

- Daniel motioned to approve minutes. John O. seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- DFA, Farmer's Market and Concerts committee updates sent to respective leads.
- Diane will give a list of potential donors to Jay, when he drops off checks
- April and May reports sent under separate cover.
- Update from Peter that committee leads are covered under HPAC insurance.

Dog Friendly Area:

- **Construction progress:**
 - Six inches of soil will be excavated from the contaminated area, to be filled by four inches of soil and two inches of mulch. The Chicago Park District should cover costs. No updates yet on timeline.
 - Additional funds will be needed for turf.

- **Fundraisers:**

- Starting to collect assets for the 2022 Dogs of Horner Park calendar.

Concerts Committee:

- **2021 Plans:**
 - Another \$600 in sponsorships has come in.
 - Promotional efforts are in flight, with social posts and emails sent or in planning.
 - As of now, all shows will be at Horner Park.
 - Deb and/or Jay to look into a potential small platform/stage (and supporting logistics, such as dropoff and pickup) for shows at Horner Park. Chris to determine if a drum riser will suffice; if not, he will reevaluate the area and reach out to Peter, Jay and Deb for additional action if needed.
 - Potential concepts for Jay to explore:
 - Concerts *not* in the park (e.g. a block party)
 - Rain policy/alternate locations
- **Chicago Children's Theater Walkie Talkie:** No update.

Farmers Market Committee:

- **2021 Plans:**
 - The Farmer's Market is still scheduled for a June 5 open. (Yay!)
 - COVID restrictions are not too bad now (e.g. separate entrances/exits), should loosen further. Changes include:
 - There will be a table set up at each market entrance point; those tables will have COVID-related guidance.
 - Booths will be spaced further apart, with ropes in between.
 - Gretchen to email Deb with the number of tables/chairs needed.
 - There will be opportunities for HPAC committees to have tables at the market, assuming interactions are brief. Committee leads should let Gretchen know if their committee would like to have a table.
 - An updated list of vendors is posted on the Farmers Market Facebook page. (It now includes a bread vendor!)
- **Yoga:** Classes to resume the second and fourth weeks of each month.

Stewardship Committee:

- **Events Update:**
 - **River Day Report:**
 - 30 people signed up, and about 23 people showed up.
 - Activity limited to trash pickup.
 - **It's Your Park Day Report:**
 - **Horner Park:** 44 signups at Horner; roughly 25 attendees, including one or two people from schools who didn't sign up
 - **Manor and Buffalo Park Mulching/Planting:** 11 signups for the two parks; 8-10 attendees - and they brought equipment.

- Shared email addresses with CPF, per agreement
 - Goal is to develop a repeatable, turnkey process for future events, so that anyone who wants to get involved can host an event.
 - Thanks to Cloud Kitchen for their donation of coupons.
- **Pitch In for the Parks:**
 - June 19 Cleanup was generally OKed by the committee and Deb
 - Deb to connect Tali with schools for potential outreach.
 - Daniel to set up an Eventbrite page for outreach
 - Daniel to connect with Sonia H. at CPF to confirm and
 - John to connect with board members and other stakeholders (e.g. Sarah Dugan from CPD) on other opportunities, such as pollinator planting, mulching, etc.
- **Native Plantings from Mound Area:**
 - 6,300 square feet of native plants in the Nature Area will be destroyed July 15 due to the start of Mound development; however there may be an opportunity to repurpose or sell the plants as a fundraiser.
 - John O. to reach out to Sarah Dugan about what can be done with the plants.
 - Deb was exploring the idea of repurposing some of the plants for the Nature Play Area.
 - Erica thinks some of the plants could be used near the entrance of the DFA.
 - Window is June 9 through July 15 for events, which would need promotion.
- **Other:**
 - The committee met on May 13. Minutes sent by John O. under separate cover.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - Fundraising efforts on pause in lieu of Concert Committee efforts.
 - Erica to assist Peter with copy/collateral about the park.
 - Eric, Shawn and Deb started doing cleanup of the branches and other supplies in the space.
 - HPAC has raised most of the money needed.
 - Peter to write Shawn and confirm funding is in place, and how to potentially reduce cost.
 - The NPS has also been added to the HPAC website PayPal dropdown. Diane can also add it to Venmo.
 - **Participatory Budgeting Projects:**

Drive, but move to an archive folder at the end of the year, and to cease making updates there.

- Daniel will work with different committees to archive anything in other Google Drives, local files, etc, as well as whoever still doesn't have Teams access to get them started.

- **Officer role descriptions:** Still waiting for a couple. Once all are received, Daniel will create and store a document on the Teams site.
- **Committee descriptions:** In progress. Will be able to use them for the website and other material moving forward.

Nominating Committee:

- John O. is continuing conversations with stakeholders about roles. He's also planning the next committee meeting (hopefully in person!) Date is TBD.
- Daniel continues to work with Officers to provide role descriptions for future use.

Website Committee:

- Minutes posted through April 2021 on the HPAC Website.
- Monthly Dreamhost price has gone up.

New Business

- None.

Old Business:

- **Bus stop name request:** No report, but trying to work through other channels in lieu of initial contact at CTA.
- **Recognition for Deb Mell:** John has/had the gift card, but no update otherwise.

Announcements

- **June 11:** North Region Teen Color Run at Horner Park.

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

June 7 @ 7:00 pm: Horner Fieldhouse if possible; remote meeting if not.