

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

John Friedmann
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Esther Young
Jeff Young
Lilia Escobar (33rd Ward Office)
Ald. Rossanna Rodriguez-Sanchez (33rd Ward Office)
Eric Anderson (Clark Park Advisory Council)
Mike Manrique (Clark Park Advisory Council)
Greg Czajkowski (Chicago Park District)
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Review of October 2021 Minutes:

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- The migration to QuickBooks Online (QBO) is complete. Financial reports for this month will be delayed while details are ironed out (and learning curve is complete.)
- There were no major expenditures or receipts in October.
- Books are officially closed for the fiscal year ending September 2021. Any other expenses or deposits will appear in next year's books.

312 River Run Event – Clark Park Advisory Council:

- The event would potentially be a fundraiser for the Clark Park Nature Play Space.
- Deb is in favor, pending additional details.
- Peter, Amy, and John F. to form a subcommittee to explore this further.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Peter provided a brief history of HPAC's involvement in the mound project, from the start to the recent Indigenous Peoples Day event on October 11. Unfortunately, there was some vandalism that day as well.
 - Ald. Rodriguez's office has offered to mediate discussions with various stakeholders to determine how the mound will receive appropriate funding for maintenance and programming.
 - The Chicago Park District will host a meeting this week to address these issues; John F. will attend and provide updates.
 - **Participatory Budgeting (PB) Projects:**
 - No Horner Park projects are on this year's ballot.
 - **East Pathway Repairs:**
 - Will be funded by the Chicago Park District.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - Forms are still being completed.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - Electrical was installed for the water filler fountain. The project is now awaiting approval from the plumbers.
 - **Divvy Bike Proposal:**
 - Divvy requested to install another Divvy Bike station in Horner Park; Deb informed them the park already had one. There has been no response.
 - **Other:**
 - There is a brush pile just north of Belle Plaine. Deb will investigate getting it cleaned up.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Construction progress:**
 - Regular DFA maintenance continues.
 - Phase Two acceptance is still outstanding as the fountain issue has not been resolved.
 - The DFA Committee has requested repair of the low paver area where water collects.
- **Fundraisers:**
 - The calendar should be published and released in November.

Stewardship Committee:

- **Events:**
 - **October 13 Tree Planting Day at Manor Park:**
 - Two oak trees were planted in Ravenswood Manor Park, part of an Openlands/RMIA program. HPAC donated \$200 towards the trees.
 - **October 23 Manor / Buffalo Parks Cleanup:**
 - A community service day was held October 23 in Ravenswood Manor and Buffalo Parks. Gardens were cleaned and 200 daffodil bulbs were planted around parkway trees. The branch fence was also partially repaired.
 - **October 30 Tree Mulching Day at Jacob Park:**
 - Bea Tersch organized a tree mulching day at Jacob Park on October 30. There were 12 participants, a great turnout on a chilly day. (Thanks Bea!)
- **Other:**
 - There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting in the next few weeks. Reach out to John O. for details.

Concerts Committee:

- No report.
- A Committee meeting will be set up in November. (Date TBD.) Anyone interested in joining should email Jay Lyon at jay@lyoncommunications.com.

Farmers Market Committee:

- We are still working to close the two outstanding vendor invoices. Our 2021 books will remain open until we can resolve them.
- The Chicago Park District will open the 2022 permit process early, on November 5
- Planning is in progress for the 2022 season. Tentative dates are June 4 to October 1.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through September 2021 have been posted on the website.
- The website is still operating normally.
- Thank you to Erica for deleting a bunch of DFA emails to keep us under our storage limit.
- No action items.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

New Business:

- December meeting: Meeting attendees were in favor of an indoor or outdoor event. Date and location to be determined and shared.
- Deb will investigate graffiti near the Manor Park bulletin board and attempt to clean it up.

Old Business:

- None.

Announcements:

- Online registration for winter programs begins Tuesday 12/7 at 9am.
- Vacancies for the music and physical instructor roles remain.
- Deb met with John F. and Lauren to discuss changes to the river pathway by the Irving Park Road underpass.
- Timers for the pathway lights will be adjusted to reflect the shorter days.
- A wall-mounted fan has been installed in the Fitness Center.
- Several big fans are now in both gyms and the Banquet Hall.
- All queries related to construction projects should now be directed to Deb, to keep supervisors informed.

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn; Peter seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

Planned for December 1 @ 7:00 pm; location and date to be determined