

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday February 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

Kevin Anderson
John Friedmann
Tali Gorovoy
Gretchen Helmreich
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)

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

Review of December 2021 Minutes:

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- The Benevity report for the end of 2021 has been received.
- A formal financial report for February 2022 will be made available soon, since this meeting is so close to the prior month close.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Native plantings – or rye grass seeding - must begin in Spring 2022 to prevent erosion.
 - \$50K is still needed to complete the mound; fundraising is still in progress.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**

- No update.
- **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - The cost will be \$2,500 for the filler; however, the cost to repair the wall – as well as the electrical and plumbing – is unknown.
- **Divvy Bike Pad:**
 - No update.
- **312 River Run event:**
 - The River Run subcommittee met on January 13.
 - Event type, date, participant limit, cost, and potential giveaways were all discussed. No decisions were made, but the subcommittee is leaning towards a community-oriented event.
 - The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 10.
- **Other:**
 - Interviewing for the Physical Education instructor is in progress.
 - The tree trunk near the tennis court will be cut down, and will not be turned into an art installation, per Chicago Park District policy.
 - Rock salt is currently used around the DFA; Deb will investigate other more dog-friendly solutions.
 - There has been an abundance of dogs in the Nature Trail. John F. and Erica will collaborate on signage to remind visitors that dogs are not allowed on the trail/
 - Several of the possible locations for the fitness equipment have some complications (e.g., water pipes underneath). The costs to install and repair are estimated high. Other spots must be explored.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - John O. and Amy are working to spruce up the bulletin board.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- The DFA held a fundraiser with Somethin' Sweet Donuts on January 21st that made \$148.

Stewardship Committee:

- The committee met at the end of January; the park stewards will be putting together a list of proposed events.
- There is now a centralized tracking sheet to track events; Tali is the main point of contact and will maintain the sheet in Microsoft Teams.

Concerts Committee:

- The committee is looking at dates for eight shows in 2022 and will be meeting sometime in the next two weeks. (Date TBD.)
- All marketing pieces will be out this month.

Farmers Market Committee:

- The first market of 2022 will be June 4. Plans are to go further into October, since it was requested by most vendors.
- Gretchen is putting the vendor application form on the website.
- Gretchen is working on the permit application.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through November 2021 have been posted on the website.

New Business:

- John F. to get additional information from the park district on potentially hosting a “Movies in the Parks” event and will determine whether grant money is available to do so.

Old Business:

- **2021 Committee Reports:**
 - Committee chairs must submit their reports to Peter in the next week or so.
 - Peter to compile the reports into a Word Document, to save on the Horner Park Advisory Council Teams site.
- **Horner BrewFest 2022:**
 - John F. is tentatively proposing a BrewFest for July 15, dependent on COVID conditions and Chicago Park District policy, to raise money for ash tree treatment.
 - John F. will be forming a subcommittee to start preliminary planning.

Announcements:

- Deb is considering locking up the tennis courts and the mini pitch court, for ease of maintenance.
- Erica to connect with Deb about hosting a Doggie Egg Hunt event in the spring.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Next Monthly Meeting:

March 2 @ 7:00 pm. Horner Fieldhouse if possible; remote meeting if not.