

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

John Friedmann
Daniel Honigman
Jay Lyon
John O'Connell
Josh Richards
Peter Schlossman
Kirsten Southwell
Alan Mueller (RMIA)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of May 2023 Minutes:

- Jay motioned to approve the May minutes. Daniel seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved. Prior 2023 meeting minutes have been amended from 2022 to 2023 where needed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Revised April Treasurer's Reports and the May Reports and financial statements were sent under separate cover.
- Please note the revised figures for April on the Treasurer's Report, where funds were reallocated from Farmer's Market Income to DFA (Dog Friendly Area) Income.
- In May we saw successful fundraising for Concerts and for the Mulch Campaign for the DFA. Also, the Farmer's Market continues bringing in funding for HPAC. There were only minor expenses, and we begin to see expenditures for the upcoming BrewFest.
- The remaining balance at Fifth Third Bank was transferred to Chase, only to have two Amazon Smile contributions show up. Those will be transferred to Chase as well to hopefully close that account for good.
- The contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project was made in May, as a thank you to Joshua Christensen for his group workshop facilitation.
- Diane continues to follow up with the new potential CPA to complete our 990 forms. They have been recovering from tax season.
- HPAC has a healthy bank balance and new initiatives and ideas are always welcome. Please email treasurer@hornerpark.org with questions or suggestions.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Exercise Equipment Progress:**
 - No update.
 - **Walking Path Repair/Replacement and Parking Lot Progress:**
 - The drainage has been addressed. About one quarter of the parking lot has been repaved. The soccer field has also been repaved.
 - Peter will connect with Deb about grading around the edges of the walk.
 - **Bottle Filler:**
 - No update.
 - **Elevator Repair:**
 - No update.
 - **Gym Floors Repair:**
 - Repairs are expected to be completed once summer programs finish.
 - **Mound:**
 - The June 6th meeting was cancelled, and there are no public meetings scheduled until completion.
 - Planting has been delayed, due to the climate (i.e., dryness).
 - **Tree and Grass Replacement:**
 - No update.
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - No updates from the May minutes.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - No update.
 - **Other:**
 - The light is still out.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - One of the trees in Jacob may need to be watered.
 - Eric has provided a concept for a toy storage crate, made of corrugated metal. The conversation was tabled for further discussion with the Jacob stewards.
- **Sunken Gardens**
 - There is a dead tree at Sunken Gardens on the river walkway.
 - John F. to reach out to MWRD.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - **Bogdan proposal update:**
 - No update.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- The first market was well attended.

Signage Committee:

- No report.

Stewardship Committee:

- A new steward for Manor Park, Robert Grossman, will help with watering duties. He responded to the RMIA News article on the history of Ravenswood Manor Park.

- More than 60 volunteers came to Horner Park on River Day (May 13) to spread mulch on the river path. Most of the entire length of the lower path was refreshed.
 - Roughly the same number of volunteers (and amount of mulch) will be needed to do the upper path in 2024.
 - Thanks to Friends of the Chicago River and to the Chicago Park District.
 - Thanks to John F. and Peter Schlossman for organizing this massive effort.
- Mulch was delivered to Sunken Gardens and distributed by volunteers. New plants along the riverbank have been installed.
- The planters at Manor and Buffalo Park have been planted.
- A watering kit has been provided for Buffalo Park.
- The ornamental Hawthorn trees, and another one near Francisco at Manor Park show many dead branches that need some trimming. John O. would like to meet there with a CPD arborist. A damaged tree has also been identified at Manor Park near the alley.
- Trash is overflowing at Manor Park. The committee will request a few more trash cans.

Concerts Committee:

- The programs should be in this week, with “thank you” notes going out to sponsors and subscribers. A special Thank You to Committee members Thomas Applegate, Dana Dougherty, Patrick Duffy, John O’Connell, and Peter Schlossman for their fundraising work this year, it was a team effort.
- The concert season poster looks great. Thanks to Kirsten Southwell for her efforts!
- Our first concert is on June 16 at Manor Park.
- A full look at the season, which features one Horner show (July 14), and two Sunday afternoon shows at Manor Park:
 - **Friday, June 16, 7 pm:** Gabe Kuchan & Nate Wilson at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA)
 - **Friday, June 30, 7 pm:** Frank Catalano at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Lyon Communications, and Patrick Duffy, Baird & Warner - North Center
 - **Friday, July 14, 7 pm:** The Delmark All-Star Band featuring Demetria Taylor & Jimmy Burns at Horner Park
 - **Sponsored by:** The Book Cellar, and Patrick Duffy, Baird & Warner - North Center
 - **Sunday, July 16, 2 pm:** Narloch Piano Recital at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Horner Park Advisory Council
 - **Friday, July 28, 7 pm:** The Red Roses at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Dreamtown – Susie Kanter Team, and Smart Association Management
 - **Friday, August 11, 7 pm:** LBP School of Dance Recital at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Horner Park Advisory Council
 - **Sunday, August 13, 2 pm:** Sunday Jazz in the Park with the Horner Park Jazz Band at Ravenswood Manor Park
 - **Sponsored by:** Horner Park Advisory Council
 - **Friday, August 25, 7 pm:** Nathan Graham at Ravenswood Manor Park

- **Sponsored by:** Albank, and Pfaff, Gill & Ports
- **Friday, September 8, 7 pm:** Luciano Antonio Duo at Jacob Playlot Park
 - **Sponsored by:** The Old Town School of Folk Music
- Volunteers are still needed for shows.
- Jay to put together a “run-of-show” for future event volunteers.
- The committee may need new stands for the lights. Jay will gather prices.

312 RiverRun Committee:

- The committee is ordering shirts; ticket sales are a little slower but nearing 400.
- Peter will provide Amy with materials for an upcoming email.

Nominating Committee:

- Peter Schlossman and John O’Connell have met to discuss next steps in preparation for developing a slate for the 2023 fall election.
- Preliminary calls are being made to various PAC members, seeking input and gauging interest in serving in the upcoming term.
- We will need volunteers for a Nominating Committee meeting by late July or August.
- **HPAC member diversity:**
 - No update.
- **HPAC elevator speech:**
 - No update.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- There are now nearly 35 breweries lined up. There are several food trucks confirmed.
- We have asked Bumpus to perform.
- Permits have been applied for.
- Early Bird tickets are still available, and volunteers are needed.
- Jay to provide lights for BrewFest.
- Tickets went on sale May 15.
- Glasses have been donated by Hound Custom Screen Printing.
- John F. makes a motion for \$10,000 for expenses for the BrewFest, to be offset by income as it has been in the past. Motion passes, none were opposed.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - No report.
- **Build:**
 - The dog park has been regraded and additional mulch put down.
 - No update on the splash pad

Communications Committee:

- Amy is still working on the Gmail issue.

- We have concerts and Brewfest content for an email newsletter (hopefully next week) - if people have other stuff for me to include, please send it to Amy by Friday, June 9.

Website Committee:

- The committee is unsure if Kevin is available to investigate a PayPal issue that Jay is having. If not, Amy will try to look into it the week of June 11.
- Minutes through April 2023 have been posted to the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- **Spending Committee:**
 - Peter and others will form a Spending Committee to explore how HPAC should spend its funds.

Old Business:

- **Light for Ceriale memorial:**
 - No update.
- **Arboretum designation:**
 - The process is continuing; however, the official “tree tagging” is being delayed to the fall.
- **Strategic planning follow up:**
 - John O. and Peter request feedback on the elevator speech and diversity statement. (They will send it out again.) Elements may also be incorporated into future communications efforts (e.g., HPAC brochure).
- **Path edging at the riverfront:**
 - Mike Raczyla to provide a proposal for path edging.

Announcements:

- **Events:**
 - **July 23:** Friends of the River is discussing a float event, during which attendees jump into the river by the River Park boat launch, and float down to Horner Park. More details to come.
 - **August 5:** Tree Walk with Openlands.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jay motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm; Kirsten seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Horner Park Fieldhouse