



**Humboldt
Park
Friends**

General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2015

Present: Cynthia Case, Rick Heil, H. John Manke, Myron Thomsen, Laurel Stirmel, David Salentine, Louisa Diliberti, Jane LeCapitaine

1.) General Park & Safety Concerns

Several members raised concern over park participants dumping hot charcoal coals on the lawn or by tree bases. Members requested this concern be forwarded to park staff in an effort to try reducing the dumping. Note, there are containers for hot coals placed around the park; appears that park users are either unaware of locations or simply don't care where the coals are dumped.

Speeding thru the park remains an ongoing problem; drivers ignore the stop signs.

Myron inquired if the city & county have ordinances on posting, nailing, rummage sale sign on trees. Myron indicated that there are several such signs nailed to trees around the perimeter of the park, Jane will follow up with Ald. Zielinski.

Cliff is allocating storage space in the pavilion, attic, for HPF; presently many of HPF items are being stored in the homes of board members, need to move to one central location; do an inventory to track what HPF places in the attic.

Festival concerns, Cliff & Tim reviewed the situation regarding the Puerto Rican Festival, park usage is not thru HPF rather Milw. County Parks; Cliff indicated that it is highly unlikely that this festival will be back next year – for many reasons – among those, reports of speeding on the surrounding side streets, trash, bathroom situation. Cliff indicated that it is not the type of group or festival using the park rather how the organization handles the logistics and fulfilling contract agreements. Cliff and staff worked well into the night conducting garbage and trash pickup.

2.) Bocce Fest, Aug 8th

Going into the event HPF sponsorships exceeded 2014; HPF is give cash prizes for 1, 2 and 3 place winners – increased the number of registered team. New this year was a children area – games, will be organized and ran by Myron & Linda Thomsen.

Referees are needed. Go to website or Face Book for more information.

Thank you to St. Francis Brewery for their amazing support again this year.
Groppi's will be the food vendor.

3.) Corn Roast, August 11th

Lauren & David co-chair this event; set up at 4pm, volunteers are needed; ready to sell corn by 5:30pm; Cliff agreed to give HPF the same location as last year; price will be \$2 per ear; thanks to Pic & Save for three donation of three cases of corn; HPF will purchase 4as well as butter, napkins, paper towels .

4.) Park Lagoons

Cat tails are out of control, taking over both lagoons; Jane & Tim are conducting research and reaching out to Parks Dept. on this issue. HPF would like to conduct a manual removal this fall, but needs to be approval, coordinated and permitted through and by County Parks.

BVNA wants to do a joint trash lagoon clean up with HPF on Saturday, September 12; 9 am to 12 Noon; meet at the pavilion.

5.) Tree Day

Jane & Lauren are chairing this program, Wednesday, Oct 14 8 am to 3 pm; VOLUNTEERS needed for walking tree tour, leaf rubbing, and readers.

Jane will meet with County to determine tree planting location (S); Tim will secure necessary permits – need the room for set up on Tuesday Oct. 13 & 14; will contact Nick from SFB requesting permission to use the room, previously known as the warming room ☺, in the event of rain.

Linda & Myron will work the button making tables; use of button making machine secured as are buttons & pins.

Will use the same layout & design program book as last year, but will attempt to modify the walk to the area of tree planting (s).

6.) Other

BVNA is looking for volunteers from HPF to help paint the park's signage, about three large signs are in need of painting.

HPF and SFB will share the cost of security cameras for the interior of pavilion and around the exterior of pavilion --- cameras will be installed by Parks, enclosed in wire cages to prevent damage or thief; signage will need to be installed notifying the public of security cameras.

Bathrooms renovations – remain hopeful that women bathroom will be completed before end of year.

It was recommended that a bathroom schedule be posted on both website and face book, Any park activities, rentals and or fundraising activities planned during the upcoming months needs to be aware of bathroom schedule – both availability and if water is turned off.

Next meeting, September 3, 2015; 7 pm