



Humboldt Park Friends General Meeting Minute

Meeting Date: February 4th, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

In attendance – Ignacio Catral, Susan Catral, Patrick McSweeney, , Mike Bubolz, Dani Graf, Laureen Stirmel, Henry Szymanski, Steve Blank & Christopher Miller.

Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:05 and Agenda Approved
Minutes from the last meeting approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

The Profit & Loss report from 12/16/20 shows a balance of \$16,353.63

Add \$10,220.47 (Pay Pal transfers less fee and 8%) Add \$1,209.80 (Off line checks less 8%)

General Balance

\$27,783.90

-less \$ 1,184.22 The Lagoon Fund

\$26,599.68

-less \$ 79.82

The War Memorial Fund

\$26,519.86 -less \$21,081.40 100 for Trees = \$ 5,438.46 in General Fund

There are also 2 Pay Pal donations that have not gone to the Park People. After fees & 8% are taken off the total an extra

\$312.11 for the Tree Fund.

Membership Report :

Active membership is 134 which is 5 more the January, 3 became members with tree donations. Facebook was at 1,709 followers now at 1,796. Instagram was at 1,239 now at 1,254..

The Communications Committee discussed doing a membership drive around Valentine's Day, a drive to show your love for your park. One membership and one T-shirt for \$20 and two memberships and two T-shirts for \$40. Would like a discount if you sign up for a recurring membership, a \$5 discount on one membership and a \$10 discount on a membership for two. A recurring membership will take the guess work out of when you should renew.

The motion was passed and agreed upon.



Lagoon Restoration

Henry applied for an application on January 27th and heard from Lindsay on January 28th. She stated the County is not reviewing any improvement requests of all the reductions in staff and the budget. February 1st she followed up and shared the proposal with her Architecture Engineers. They would like a County meeting on February 23rd at 2 o'clock. There was mention that in 2008 there was some Lagoon restoration done and Henry will try to get more information on this matter.

Ignacio said on December 28th the county stated it was not accepting any new group projects but thought since this was already underway it would not include the Lagoon Project.

100 for Humboldt:

Ignacio has prepared a mock-up token of a map that indicates where your donated tree will be going. A brass mock-up will be coming. Lindsay says because the 100 for trees is an existing project we will still be able to do the planting. River Birch in the Spring and in the fall Hardwoods. They may use some southern tree species to take global warming into account.

WWI Memorial Dedication

We can hold a week of paying your respects to the meaning of the WWI Memorial without a permit since it does not occur during a brief time span. Dani was thinking of posting on Facebook that during the week of May 22nd – May 28th people should pay their respects to our soldiers by walking or driving past the Memorial. Maybe on May 28th people could make poppies and place them in the ground, since that is National Poppy Day. We would have to clean up the poppies. We can't

pass them out because of the no shared products stipulation at this time. There are instructions on creating a poppy on the Memorial Web page, we would just have to eliminate the part that says we will provide materials. Ignacio will do this. Dani will send out her ideas. She wants to set up informative links that people can use for why WWI should be remembered. Jenna's video would be one of the links.

Ignacio will create posts around the Memorial on Facebook during the week. There already is material available that Myron and Zeno did for the 100th. Patrick suggested we could possibly extend the week to include Memorial Day.

Communications Committee

The committee is working on updating events information and just using boiler plate language. Just stating general information to let people know of events we have held and removing any specifics at this time. In May we will draw attention to the WWI 100th year dedication.

Greg will do an interview regarding the lagoon ice skating upkeep.

Joanna is providing information on plant and wildlife that can be found in Humboldt Park. This can be used when the deteriorated displays by the lagoon can be replaced.



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A member on Facebook want to hold a candle light vigil in the a Park for victims of the Covid-19 virus.

Do we want to lead on this? We would need a permit and the county is not issuing any at this time. Ignacio encouraged this woman to join our meeting, but he received no response from her. They will have to take the lead on this.

There is work being done on a Video, with an outline and script for a new membership drive. We are still waiting on quotes for the cost of moving the flag pole. Would like to have the new flag pole and a brand new flag for the Memorial Dedication Week. We will discuss the possibility of a new plaque for the flag pole.

New Business

Lindsay would like a point person from each committee to deal with directly. She would then put that person in contact with the individual they should communicate with directly. This will shall time, energy and misinformation.

Mike will be the contact for 100 for Humboldt.

Henry will be the contact for the Lagoon Project.

Dani will be the contact for the WWI Memorial Dedication.

Other contacts will be determined later.

State of the Park Meeting:

Lindsay will be presenting a State of the Park Meeting next month at our March General Meeting, Thursday March 4th, 2021, possibly at 6:30 pm. Discussing how parks are operating during Covid and budget cuts.

Susan will contact Andrew to request some repairs and trim painting that the pavilion is in need of. Andre hopefully still has a maintenance crew that could do some of the work.

Steve asked if Mike heard from Charlie Berens about doing a video skit to pitch the Lagoon restoration. There has been no response yet. The historian John Gorda is retiring and will not be participating.

Patrick sent e-mails to the news stations assignment desks to let them know that volunteers would be out in this weather shoveling the ice.

One Announcement:

Dani Graf's family is featured in the Strehlow Hardware article in the Bay View Compass .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

