



Humboldt Park Friends General Meeting Notes. Meeting Date April 6th, 2023

In Attendance Dani Graf, Patrick McSweeney, Laureen Strimel, Maryanne Loppnow, Gary Hollander, Jane LaCapitaine, Richard Kling, Barb Szymanski, Susan Catral, Ignacio Catral, James Halverson (Milwaukee County), Lynn Goldstein, Kyle Arpke, Mitchell Henke, Luke Salmon, Barbara Walter, Ryan Clancy (Milwaukee County), Ben Teel

Meeting Called to Order 7:05 pm

Previous Meeting Notes-Amendments

No changes noted. Approved

Treasurer's Report

See attached

Membership Report

82 active members – reached 3k followers on facebook group

Park Concerns/Safety

James Halverson & Ryan Clancy (4th District Supervisor) wanted to attend the meeting to talk about progress and future.

-speed limit has been lowered to 15 mph

-re-painting of crosswalks, bike lanes, parking spaces etc should happen in a month or so. Also potentially adding semi-temporary bollards if they can find funding and valued by trades. Nothing is established in the budget - failed by a few votes (would need a ton of people bugging everyone to get the votes), but might be able to use funds from a different area. Budget is being worked on now and gets submitted in August.

- There is not a capacity to do a speed study according to parks department.

Communications Committee

112 survey responses

results will be posted online here are some highlights:

- Attending events was the main reason people come to park, walking/jogging second
- People liked natural beauty and the park being close to home
- Events they'd like to see: 1. Art in park 2. Nature walks and workshops 3. Invasive species workshops
- Events people have attended: 1. Corn roast 2. Jazz at Vine 3. Easter Egg Hunt

HPF sponsored Events

Easter Egg Hunt

-cold but good time! Still a good turnout

-Going to see if the week before Easter is available for next year

Spring Clean-up Day.

- Event date, April 22, 2023. Material needs have been secured for the event. Permission slips available the day of.

- bird walk at 8am

- Cutting of cattails and invasives at the lagoon is planned by Patrick – need people who can ID invasives

Tree Day

- tentative date: second Weds of Oct

Jazz at the Vine

- fully booked and fully funded!
- Opening night: May 25th (same opening night as beer garden).
- June 2nd part of Bay View Jazz Fest. Going to show art from Bay View gallery at the park that night too
- One night is dedicated to Jazz students (August 10th)
- If not rented, we will be able to use our meeting room if it is raining
- We might need to promote people bringing their own chairs

Corn Roast

- Laureen will ask Pick N Save one last time (cross fingers) then there's a farmer's market guy Richard Kling volunteered to talk to if Pick N Save is still a no for corn.

HPF Project Updates

Lagoon Restoration Committee

- New invasive species at the lagoon (fragmities -sp?)
- County will do herbicide for the algae this month or next month
- Cattail cut
 - cattail cut: Saturday Sept 23rd. Parks department will share with other friend's groups to see if we can get other people involved. They want to use it as a way to demonstrate cutting for other groups.
- A pair of waiters will be donated by Richard Kling

100 for Humboldt

- 25 trees this spring. After we know date it was suggested to do a memorial.
- South entrance of park: LaGrow Grove on both sides of the entrance. Should be beautiful
- Balance of the trees we will get planted in the fall!
- We have access to additional trees through MMSD. Henry is working with them on that.

War Memorial

- legion will donate towards it, won't pay for all of it and don't want to deal with it. They want us to deal with it.
- Dani will call the people who provided the quote and see if the memorial actually needs to be done
- Patrick has a lead on a stonemason veteran who might be willing to do the work
- Next meeting we might vote to see if we should take on this project or not
 - should the county be taking it on instead of us?

Calendar-Humboldt Park

Nothing to add from last meeting

Trail Cam

Nothing new to report.

Pavilion Landscape

- Luke is working on the form to get ideas together. He's looking at native species.

Park People

No report

Trowbridge Outreach

No report

Inter/Org.

- banquet was a success but we should help advertise it more next year. It's the only event they use to get donations.

-Their next project is putting up flags - we can advertise that they do this project as a way to help them get donations. They also need more people to help put up flags too. Put up a week before memorial and and come down a week after July 4th.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Shakespeare in the Park

- Optimist Theatre to play on July 16th
- Some of the actors will promote it during Jazz at the Vine

Election of Officers

- **Dani voted in as president. Susan voted in as vice president. Henry and Laureen voted in to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 pm