



Humboldt Park Friends General Meeting- Agenda December 7, 2023

Attendance: Dick Kline, Patrick McSweeney, Ignacio Catral, Susan Catral, Dani Graf, Laureen Stirmel, Lynn Goldstein, Jane LeCapitaine, Maryanne Loppnow, Gary Hollander, Dylan Bolin and Brian Grebor.

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm.
2. Welcome New People: Dylan Bolin and Brian Grebor
3. Dylan Bolin, a student in the Environmental Health Dept at MATC. presented a report on his two month study of the Humboldt Park Lagoon's Water Quality. (See the attached report). Dylan stated the water was chemically good, PH level at 6-7.) The bottom is less than 3ft. Consists of muck on top of clay. There is bacteria in the pond largely due to the number of geese present in the park. Dylan stated through out the parks there are over 100,000 geese. He mentioned that cat tails help with the geese problem. He said pan fish will do well in the Lagoon, but not trout. Not recommending swimming in the lagoon.
4. New business/Park Concerns/Safety: The signs at the Park entrances stating that the Vine is closed keep falling out and blowing around. Maryanne mentioned that a women new to the area actually thought the park was closed. It was mentioned maybe when the Vine is closed signs with events that are occurring could be put in place. (We ran out of time and did not get to discuss this problem.)
5. HPF sponsored Events
 - a. Beer tasting fundraising event updates. Dana, from the park people, asked us to submit some projects and the estimated cost that they could possibly use for the Mob Craft Fundraising event in February. Lynn has used her skills and has presented an estimate of \$5,000.00 for some shoreline restoration and native plantings, MCP presented a price of \$6,000.00 for a Large Kiosk type informational park sign and have requested a flail mower attachment to be purchased to tune of \$43,000.00. (Other projects that were discussed would not have been given the go ahead by MCP's in time for the fundraiser.) These were sent to Dana. Waiting for a response.
6. HPF Project Updates(
 - a. War Memorial recap (eagle fix?) Ignacio knows a sculptor and will check on whether it is a good idea to try and remove paint or if that would remove all the patina .

7. Membership Drive Premium, discussion on new HPF's shirt. The vote went with the red shirt with the white lettering for the next membership drive in January and the budget was passed for the purchase. Single Membership will be \$25.00 with a shirt and a Family Membership will be \$40.00 with two shirts. Brian suggested that we should sell special event shirts. It is too late to do this for our January membership drive. Will discuss further on another date.
8. Festive decorating for the holidays: Brian mentioned it would be nice to decorate the pavilion a bit for the holidays. Suggested wrapping the pillars as candy canes, hanging a wreath(lite if possible) and decorating the pine tress. Jane suggested we could use the students to create decorations for the trees. Will have to check this out for next season. Laureen will send Steve a e-mail to ask how much permission would be required and from whom. Brian also suggested that Holiday music could be played to create some ambiance and that music could be played when there is skating.
9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.