



Humboldt Park Friends General Meeting 2/1/24

In Attendance- Jim Lubner, Linda Lubner, Kyle Arpke, Dani Graf, Gary Hollander, Steve Lucia, Lynn Goldstein, Susan Catral, Ignacio Catral, Patrick McSweeney, Laureen Strimel, Maryanne Loppnow, Jane LaCapitaine, Richard Kling, Barbara Szymanski, Henry Szymanski.

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm

Welcome New People As listed above

Approval Meeting Notes

A motion was made and seconded to approve notes as published

Park Concerns/Safety

Outreach to current County representative regarding traffic calming measures thought necessary was held by Steve. Action/status pending

Dogs off leash continue to be observed throughout the park interior and perimeter.

Membership

New membership drive continues.

Board Officer Nominations reflected the following slate Susan Catral President, Gary Hollander Vice President, Laureen Stirmel Treasurer, Henry Szymanski Secretary. Motion was made, seconded and the vote was unanimous accepting the slate.

Note: HPF Board Meeting set for 2/12/24 Dani is hosting

The following was reviewed:

HPF Board Members: are the following: Susan Catral, Gary Hollander, Laureen Strimel, Henry Szymanski, Ignacio Catral, Steve Lucia, Luke Salomon, Lynn Goldstein, Patrick McSweeney, and Myron Thompson.

HPF Lagoon Committee Members: Are the following: Patrick McSweeney Chair, Jane LaCapitaine, Laureen Strimel, Henry Szymanski, Lynn Goldstein, Kyle Arpke, and Dani Graf.

Marketing and Membership Committee Members: Are the following: Susan Catral Chair, Laureen Strimel, Kyle Arpke, Ignacio Catral, Patrick McSweeney, and Jane LaCapitaine

Tree Day Committee Members: Are the following: Jane LaCapitaine Chair, Laureen Strimel, Dani Graf, and Henry Szymanski

Jazz at The Vine Committee Members: Are the following: Ignacio Catral Chair, Gary Hollander, Laureen Stirmel and Dani Graf.

Easter Egg Hunt Committee Members: Are the following: Jane LaCapitaine, Laureen Stirmel, and Dani Graf.

New-Traffic and Safety Committee: Steve Lucia Chair, Ignacio Catral

New-Reforestation Committee: Henry Szymanski Jane LaCapitaine, Laureen Strimel,

New-Fundraising Committee: Gary Hollander Chair, Lynn Goldstein, Kyle Arpke, Susan Catral

New-Landscape/Pollinator Committee: Gary Hollander Chair, Lynn Goldstein, Kyle Arpke, Luke Salman, Henry Szymanski

HPF Events

Jazz at the Vine

First event is scheduled for May 30. Sponsorships are being pursued. Food and beer vendors that provide service at the pavilion remain uncertain.

Corn Roast

Not discussed

Tree Day 2023

No discussion held

Easter Egg Hunt

Planning and pursuing donations being staged. Event scheduled for March 23. Lions club will provide food. Request for \$900.00 in expected materials needed was made, seconded and approved.

Skating at the Lagoon

No action required due to warm weather conditions.

Bay View Bash

No discussion held

Weed Out

More discussion and planning needed. This activity is led by Laureen and Jane

Park Clean-up

Date set for April 27th. The bird walk is planned by Kyle.

July 4th

No discussion held

HPF Project Updates

Lagoon Restoration Committee

A meeting of the Lagoon Committee will occur in conjunction with the HPF Board meeting scheduled for 2/12/24. Henry, Jane and Patrick meet with Dain Maddox regarding assisting in Lagoon efforts, which needs to be shared. Discussion on Restoration vision and options to draining the lagoon will be included.

100 for Humboldt

Campaign was completed in October of 2023. Henry noted success in securing 10 additional trees for the park thru the City program. Jeff Gollner has been informed. Henry noted continuing to pursue additional grants supporting reforestation of the park. Retiring the "100 for Humboldt" and renaming to Reforestation Committee was thought a good replacement. Henry will formalize the reforestation effort.

Old Business

Nothing new to report regarding Mob Craft Festival
Ranger Days in the Park coordinated with local school participation.
Neighborhood Harvest Dinner was not further discussed.
Weed Out Program not formalized

New Business

1. A Fund Raising Committee was thought necessary to better financially support all projects and events fostered by HPF. Gary accepted being the Chair.
2. The Eagle on the War Memorial will be refinished. A vendor and funding is being formalized through Igi.
3. Discussed several landscape conservation type projects for the park including a pollinator garden, landscape the perimeter of the pavilion, creating naturalized spaces within the park, reforestation of trees and plantings in the lagoon. Discussed forming a committee to unify and formalize the landscape projects efforts. A pollinator seminar sponsored by HPF with Emily from MCP was discussed.
4. Bird Watching/Walks are being formalized by Kyle for quarterly occurrence.
5. Jim and Linda Lubner have graciously supported HPF with a donation of \$1,300.00, to be used under general funds. We thank them for being great long-time residents and park supporters.

Pavilion Landscape

Nothing to report. Moving this effort under the new landscape/pollinator committee

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 pm