

## Humboldt Park Friends

### General Meeting Agenda March 7th, 2024

In attendance: Peter Bratt, Steve Gallam, Ryan Clancy, Ron Jasen, Samantha Link, Ben Hersey, Maryanne Loppnow, Richard Kling, Riannon Jones, Steve Lucia, Jay Feiker, Gary Hollander, Susan Catral, Iggy Catral, Patrick McSweeney, Myron Thomsen, Laureen Stirmel, Barbara Symanski & Kyle Arpke.

7:01 pm General meeting, call to order,

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#### Traffic and Safety

Peter Brat, director of operations and skilled trades provides traffic management update:

- Traffic Calming needs to be achieved: Suggestions -
  - Painting has helped
  - Permanent gates to be used during events. Closing the road all the time would create accessibility problems for many people.
  - Narrow the roads because they invite speeding when they are so wide in a park.
  - Raise the cross walks and establish more of them
  - Raise the whole T right before the pavilion to increase visibility and accessibility.

There is money in an Arbor Program to Safe out the parks. Most of the south section of Humboldt's pathways will be redone and made wider for park equipment. There will be a Project Page with information and time frames. One day will be demolition. The old asphalt will be used for the bottom and then a new top coat will be applied.

#### Events

Egg Hunt update- Laureen: Most tasks are taken care of for the Egg Hunt. The big task now is getting the volunteers and organizing them. Sign up is on our Facebook Page

- Spring Clean up update-Myron: Myron will bring the liability release forms. Iggy will pick up supplies. Laureen will e-mail Steve to inquire if anyone is using the pavilion. Kyle will provide a Bird Walk before the clean-up. Date is Saturday, April 22, 2024 9am-Noon.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> there are several marathons that will be ending in Humboldt Park in the morning. They are asking for volunteers to help with that event.
- Pours for the Parks – April 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery(917 W. Juneau Ave.) Volunteers are needed for this event. There will be 20 local Breweries and 3 time slots. See our Face Book Page for further details
- The Parkticipation Celebration on Saturday June 22 – Humboldt Park. Hosted by the Park People.  
Kyle in for 8:00 bird walk. Will discuss more at next meeting. Also, will need volunteers.

- Jazz at the Vine- Ignacio (Food truck updates) There will be 8 nights this year starting with opening day of the Beer Garden, Thursday May 23rd. The Bay View Jazz & Art night will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Most will be Thursday evenings.
  - Two Big sponsors are Lakefront & Beer Capitol and Gary Hollander.
  - All bands are booked
  - Still need to secure sponsors for each evening at \$500.00 for a sponsorship
  - Possible food trucks if we are able to get ourselves. GTO was mentioned.
  - Ben & Samantha have offered art for the Bay View Jazz & Art Gallery evening. They have a rather large Apple Tree piece they would love to display in the park. ( 15 by 25) You can see some of their work at Bam-Arts.net. They also may have other interested artists.
  - We will only have our information table out for the first half of the evening.
  - Gary Hollander will pass out our coasters if we have them.
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- Fundraising-Gary:
  - The committee will have a draft to present to the board
  - Need to recognize our volunteers in a more formal manner.
  - Possibly hold an Annual Volunteer and Donor acknowledgment celebration.
  - Need a campaign detailed as the 100 for Humboldt was.
  - Encourage donors to share their stories
  - Improve on methods to give – make it easier and more available

#### Conservation:

- Promote environmental improvements and engage with experts
- Protect and expand the parks history.

#### Pollinator Garden:

- Jay works for the city and has ideas for pollinator projects
- Take a Holistic approach
- Need Grants – could maybe combine some projects
- Master plan is to have a great core idea
- Create better stewards of the parks
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- Reforestation- Henry (discuss a reforestation and pollinator combined approach?)

#### Pollinator-Gary:

- Repetition helps
- Henry is working on grants
- 10 more trees will be coming

Patrick stated the Cattail Cut date is September 21<sup>st</sup> . Emily will be keeping in touch. It was mentioned that was also The Bay View Bash. Definitely will need 2 Dumpsters .

Meeting Adjourned : 7:58 pm

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