



Humboldt Park Friends Board Meeting- Minutes September 4th, 2025

7:00 pm Board Meeting, called to order.

1. Financial Report approval-Laureen will send it to the board as soon as the County employee in charge is well and back to work.
2. Bi-Laws updates-Next month (October) we will be seeking input on the by-laws revisions. The by-laws will be presented with the changes highlighted. At the November meeting, we will vote on the changes. We will take nominations in December, with the new Board members added in January. The by-laws discussion includes having a bigger board with an odd number of people.
3. Education sessions ideas fall/winter? We will be soliciting ideas for the Tuesday education sessions. This Fall we have the Sept 16 Bat walk, the October discussion session with the walk auditors, and the November Appreciation and AARP Audit walk art show. It was suggested that December be winter strategies for plants and the ice skating rink. Steve Lucia would like help in planning for next year. It was suggested that we don't reinvent the wheel and keep on the topics from last year, always keeping in mind our water, pollinators, trees and wildlife mission.

Updates from chairs on water, pollinators, trees, and wildlife

1. Water/lagoon update (Patrick) Planning, plants Prairie type plants - *Eupatorium species* - *E. fistulosum*, *E. perfoliatum*, *E. maculatum*, *Silphium perfoliatum*, *Carex species*, *Verbena hastata*, *Veronia gigantea*, *Baptisia alba*, *Iris versicolor*, *Lobelia cardinalis*- The cattail cut is set for September 27, 8:30 to 11:30. It will be preceded by Tree trimming from the county the week before. It has been put on FB. Steve has ordered 2 dumpsters. A concern is we now have purple loostrife, which can also be pulled during the cut.
 - A question was raised about the lily pond. We have no current plans to deal with the lily pond as it is an eutrophic pond. County workers cut down some of the weeds on the south side and the weed ladies dug out some bags of thistles and burdock after the big storm.
 - Water quality of the lagoon is being studied by the UWM School of freshwater science students who will be testing through October in order to come up with a long term plan. Bio-mats have been used at Washington Park lagoon. They are set out and anchored.
2. Pollinator (Lynn)-the pollinator plants will not be cut down this winter, except for the robinia, which has a powdery mildew on it.
 - PIP for new signage/locations? Lynn showed some nice samples of small signs we will probably put up next year to identify plants.

- Can we select, buy and plant on cattail cut day? Additional plantings were recommended by Emilie from the County. It will be too busy on the 27th, but, yes, we should plant and Fall is a good time
 - Consider more permanent fence options for next year: yes, we need to.
3. Trees (Henry)
 - Tree Day and new plantings, discuss new tree planting moratorium: we can get trees for Tree Day each year. We are paying for our trees this year. Tree Day is October 8 from 9:30 to 3. We have 5 schools (Parkside, Trowbridge, St Lukas, Humboldt Park, Bay View) coming. We will provide lunch for the volunteers (Dani is now soliciting volunteers from our past lists). The County is sending two foresters, the City is sending 2 volunteers and the Wehr Nature center will be doing an activity. We have plans to also invite people to watch the plantings.
 4. Wildlife (Kyle) options for education sessions; September 16 at 7 pm. There will be a talk from 7 to 7:45 and a walk from 7:45 to 8:30.

Event Updates

1. JATV thanks to all for a great season: this was our 4th season and it was very successful despite the weather challenges early on. Thanks to Ignacio Catral for all the planning, Gary Hollander for the support and the County for allowing our weather related changes. We are in the green a bit, despite having to purchase some equipment.
2. Planning for Walk Audits on for September (Gary): the last two audits are:
September 14, 10:00-11:00 AM starting at Ohio and Howell
September 24, 5:30-6:30 PM starting at the corner of Dakota and Greeley, across from Target parking lot
3. Yoga Sep 4th Oct 2nd Nov 6th and Dec 4th, Molly has agreed to continue. Sign up is through Helium. Molly has generously donated the proceeds to the park.
4. Appreciation Date in October or November: Tuesday November 18 is the date for the appreciation and photo show.
5. Bay View Bash bartending volunteers: we are not participating this year. The email went into a spam folder and another group jumped on the opportunity. Maybe next year!

Additional Items:

1. Future ideas for fundraisers include purchasing permanent benches.
2. A monarch station was suggested.
3. On Sept 28 at 10 AM Ron Winkler will be leading a history walk at the park as part of the Doors Open series.

Adjourn: Minutes by Dani Graf

