To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of July 19, 2022 Meeting

Date: July 23, 2022

Attending: Eric Anderson, Adriana Castrillon, Rich Costello, Bill Donahue, Howard Luecke, Anne Manrique, Michael Manrique, Jon Schwass, Sean Shaffer, Rose Wehner

Minutes

Our meeting at Burning Bush Brewery began at 7:00 PM. The minutes of our June 28 meeting had one correction. The heading for the last entry should read Next Meeting – July 19, 2022. Rich moved and Jon seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion was approved by all. Adriana Castrillon, FOTP’s Parks Activation Coordinator, introduced herself to us.

Treasurer’s Report

Rich circulated his Treasurer’s Report for the first six months of 2022, which is attached to these minutes. The $5.89 under Miscellaneous Revenue consisted of some small payments for Nature Play. Adriana reminded Rich and Bill that she needs our mid-year statement for FOTP by the end of the month. The fund balance is $25,579.12. Rose moved and Howard seconded her motion that we approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion carried.

Park Conditions Report

Bill, Eric and Sean discussed updating the Nature Play budget. Tree clearing will be less expensive. We already have mulch piles. The fence will be moved off of Rockwell and might cost less. Some prices have gone up. We’re going to get some of Winnemac Park’s split rail fencing for Clark Park. We can use it to replace CAMBR’s fence that’s getting worn out. The fencing is sitting at North Park Nature Center. Mike Rizzilo is in charge of natural areas. Sean will come back in September to talk about the numbers. Eric noticed that the big cottonwood tree by the parking lot is hollow. Bill looked into Jeff’s proposal that CPAC get its own storage container. It’s hard to get at our small storage locker at the boat house. We don’t have our own key and are limited by the hours the field house is open. Prices have gone up. We probably wouldn’t get the largest size. Permission is required to bring it into the park. We’ll also need a way to camouflage it. Alderman Martin’s newsletter reported that sidewalk repairs are coming to Clark Park soon.

CAMBR

Jon found thick garbage bags to use for the barrels in the woods making it easier to clean them out. He also fixed a fence post. CAMBR’s event will be on August 28.

Website Committee

Anne registered our new domain name as ClarkParkAdvisory.org. She established a WIX account which involves the platform. She also did an inventory. Anne has been working on the color pallet. Yearly expenses will be about $384. We won’t discontinue the old site because we want it to redirect people to the new one. The site won’t be treated as unsecured. It will be mobile friendly. Anne will give us an update next month.

312 River Run

The committee is having a recap meeting later in the month. We’ll learn the amount of money raised later. Bill mentioned that there was a huge crowd for the pre-race pickup at Burning Bush. We should try to include the pickup event in the shared take arrangements for next year.

Twilight Canoe Fundraiser September 11

The Chicago Rowing Foundation and Alderman Martin have signed on as sponsors. Chicago Canoe and Kayak is supplying the canoes and kayaks. We need to continue working to get more sponsors and businesses to support the event. Rose had a problem logging on to the link in the flyer.

Work Day- Saturday July 30 9 AM to Noon

We’ll be doing our usual end of the month work at the park on July 30.

New Signage

Bill asked Alderman Martin to get new signage for the Belmont entrance to Clark Park.

Other Business

Adriana alerted about the next online FOTP presentation about alternatives to the Combined Disposal Facility (CDF) next to Calumet Park on the South Side. The presentation will be on July 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM on ZOOM.

Mike encouraged us to advocate for a drinking fountain for Clark Park. He especially likes one with features for adults, kids and dogs. Bill asked Maria Stone of FOTP if it’s in the budget. There’s been a suggestion that Jeanne Gang donate it.

Eric has a source for some free bricks that we could use for fundraising. We need a place to store them.

Next Meeting- August 16, 2022

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Burning Bush Brewery.

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