To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of August 16, 2022 Meeting

Date: August 18, 2022

Attending: Rich Costello, Bill Donahue, Howard Luecke, Michael Manrique, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes

Our meeting at Burning Bush Brewery began at 7:05 PM. Howard moved and Rich seconded that the minutes of our July 19, 2002 be approved. The motion was approved by all.

Treasurer’s Report

Rich reported that we netted $5,425.56 for the River Run 5K. This included some generous individual donations. The fund balance is $30,734.68. Over $28,000 is unrestricted. Rose moved and Mike seconded that Rich’s report be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Park Conditions Report

Container Plan We tabled discussion of the container plan because Jeff couldn’t attend the meeting.

Special Work Days A young adult social club would like to meet at Clark Park sometime in August. We might benefit in some way. More details will be coming. Friends of the Chicago River is doing work day at Clark Park. Jeff knows the date. Some of us might participate.

Jon’s placing of heavy duty garbage bags in the barrels in the woods really helps with cleanup. The sidewalk work has been completed, but they still need to fill in the sides with soil in places. Mike reported that there are a lot of dead trees heading north along Rockwell. We need to advocate for a water truck or slow water release tree bags. A quick internet search found a listing of 3 bags for $39. We have a limited water source and the bags are rather heavy to lug around. Mike also suggested that we consider loading mulch into a truck versus using wheel barrows when mulching the trees.

CAMBR

CAMBR’s Garden Jam event will be on August 28.

Website Committee

Anne gave an update. The framework is set up. She’s building our the pages including a home page, donation page with form, volunteer sign up page including a waiver form, organization information page, and contact page. When she’s done, registration for events can be done online. She anticipates she has about 25-35 hours of work before the job is done. Information about the Canoe Fundraiser can be found on the existing CPAC website. The gallery on Facebook is a good place to put photos.

312 River Run Recommendations

The committee had a recap meeting, but many things will have to be revisited. Rich suggested having a race director. Mike said he’d be willing to do it. Bill said they would have food for volunteers next year. We need to have a set route in advance of the run. Anne suggested having a street festival at Clark Park, greatly expanding the number of runners and perhaps charging more.

Twilight Canoe Fundraiser September 11

13 people have signed up. It’s not too late to get friends to register. We’ll try to get mentioned in Block Club. Mike will find out where they bought the cheap banner for the 5K. We’d like to acknowledge donors at the event. Bill will see if we can get access to the boat facility as early as noon so we have plenty of time to set up. We went over all of the thing we need to bring for the event. We would appreciate it if we could use Jeff’s easel. We have fewer sponsors this year. We should keep working on this. Noon O Kabob will do the catering again. We discussed ordered baklava for dessert or inexpensive cupcakes. Bill will look into pricing with Noon O Kabob. Howard needs bid sheets for the silent auction.

Work Day- Saturday August 27 9 AM to Noon

We’ll be doing our usual end of the month work at the park on August 27.

Tents/Canopy Research

We need to research prices on larger tents for our events. Mike can give us one he doesn’t use.

Next Meeting- September 20, 2022

The meeting ended at 9:05 PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Burning Bush Brewery.

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