To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of February 20, 2024 Meeting

Date: February 20, 2024

Attending: Rich Costello, Bill Donahue, Howard Luecke, Tom McManamon, Jon Schwass, Rose Wehner

Minutes of Meeting

Our meeting at Revere Park began at 7:02. Rose corrected the January 16, 2024 minutes to show that Howard was not present at our last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Park Report

Jeff did some work at the south end of the park at Belmont near the river. A large branch was removed. Jon did some trimming. Tom reported that baseball will be starting soon. Some tears in the soccer field need to be repaired. There has been no update from Alderman Martin on the TIF funds. The specs on widening the path have already been submitted. Tom would rather not change them now. Tom has put in a request that Clark Park show the movie The Rookie at Kerry Wood field on June 27. The movie would be preceded by a baseball game.

Treasurer’s Report

Rich and Bill contacted BMO Harris Bank to purchase CDs for CPAC. The bank representative told them that they don’t do CDs. They put $40,000 in a BMO Harris money market fund that brings in a lower rate of interest. There is some question about whether the bank rep was correct about the CD issue. The bank has asked for a copy of our Articles of Incorporation. Rich can’t write checks from the money market fund. He can still write them from our checking account. Once things are straightened out, we can probably buy CDs using funds from the money market account. The following have paid their $10 dues: Rose Wehner, Michael Manrique, Anne Vargo, Bill Donahue, Mary Jo Guglielmo, Richard Costello, Jeff Jenkins, Eric Anderson, and Jonathon Schwass. Howard gave Bill $10. Bill will pay online on Howard’s behalf.

CAMBR Report

Jon will contact Tom about getting CAMBR’s agreement with CPD renewed.

Digital Committee Report

There was no digital committee report. Anne couldn’t make it to the meeting.

Nature Play Fund

Rich moved $500 from the general fund to the Nature Play fund pursuant to the motion that passed at our January meeting. We are 1% closer to our goal.

Big Buzz Idea Group – Melissa M. Lagowski

We tabled any decision on whether to move forward on marketing with Big Buzz Idea Group until our next meeting. Bill said he thought a Clark Park newsletter was a good idea. A newsletter could be geared to specific 9-digit zip codes to cut down on cost. We would need a cost estimate if we decide to pursue this.

Work Day Saturday February 24, 2024 9:00 am to 12 noon

It’s not clear who will be able to come.

Marketing – Photos for Instagram

Bill asked that we send him photos of Clark Park for Instagram. Jon will speak with someone he knows who has a drone about getting some shots of Clark Park that we can put on our website.

Chicago River Day May 11 8:30 AM - Noon

Rose and Bill signed up to be site captains. Jeff Daube has been a site captain for litter pickup on the river in past years.

3rd Annual 312 River Run 5K, Saturday June 22 – 10 AM Start

Tom and Bill informed us that Friends of the Chicago River approached CPD about doing their own 5K along the 312 river path. We objected because it will be too confusing to potential runners who might think Friends’ event is the same as ours. Tom told them he doesn’t want them to do it. A planning meeting with Horner Park will be coming up.

New CPD Partnership with DePaul Prep

Tom informed us that Clark Park and California Park have a new three-year partnership with DePaul Prep which is postdated to 2023. Clark Park gets $30,000 over three years for specific things plus volunteer hours from DePaul students. DePaul’s fieldhouse, which will be located at the site of the current main parking lot, will be up soon.

Sign Board

Bill asked Tom if we could get a new sign board to provide information about what’s going on at Clark Park. It could also include information about CRF. Tom will look into it. He said siting it where people will see it is really important. Also, we don’t want it to be damaged by snow plows.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:54 PM. Our next meeting will be at Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving

Park Road, March 19, 2024 at 7 PM.

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