To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of March 19, 2024 Meeting

Date: March 23, 2024

Attending: Eric Anderson, Jeff Daube, Bill Donahue, Jeff Jenkins, Howard Luecke, Michael Manrique, Jon Schwass, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes of Meeting

Our meeting at Revere Park began at 7:00. The minutes of our February 20, 2024 were approved.

Park Report

Branches and sticks are still piled up in the woods along Rockwell. Eric will ask that they be picked up. Most of the Christmas trees are gone. No action has been taken on the marked trees that are to be removed. We need an update on getting a new message board for Clark Park. We also need to know what’s happening on removal of the damaged grates that are a safety hazard in the plaza between the field house and the boat house. Jeff will write to Kaila and c.c. Tom about this. Jaimie is still living under the Belmont bridge.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no Treasurer’s report. Rich could not attend the meeting.

CAMBR Report

Somebody bent one of the locks trying to break into CAMBR’s container. Jon put up a new sign on the pump track with rules.

Digital Committee Report

Anne updated the home page. The website has a story from a young herpetologist that’s tied into nature play. Someone who has used the jumps also has a story. All of the events are posted. Jeff showed us a sample of the framed silkscreened image of an Aladdin’s Castle ticket from Riverview that will be for sale online at $60 for the framed version and $30 for the unframed version. There are 47 available but the framed version is limited. We’ll also try to sell Clark Park t-shirts online.

Letters of Support for Cook County Grant

We’ve given two letters of support to Becca for their Cook County grant application to expand the Chicago River trail south from Clark Park. Bill is looking for a letter of support from someone higher up in CPD.

Work Day Saturday March 30, 2024 9:00 am to 12 noon

Ten people have already RSVP’d. There will be a lot of mulching.

Marketing Photos for Instagram/ Big Buzz Idea Group – Melissa M. Lagowski

Please send your Clark Park photos to Bill. We discussed how to get more people involved with Clark Park, the benefits of contacting people by email v. direct mail, and what areas on the north side we should focus on. Michael is going to ask Melissa for prices of various things. Jeff is going to put up three signs in the park with QR codes directing people to information about Clark Park. Bill suggested that we get a price on a portable banner-style foldup sign with information about our PAC and Clark Park.

Election Nominations

We will hold offer elections at our next meeting. Please send officer nominations to Rose or Bill.

Motorola Workday April 17

Motorola arranged for a workday with Friends of the Chicago River on Wednesday April 17. There will be 25 people plus Friends’ staff. Jeff suggested they do Buckthorn removal.

Chicago River Day May 11 8:30 AM - Noon

Suntory Beam Work Day at Clark Park Thursday May 23

We don’t have a specific time yet. It will probably be in the morning. Anne recommended that we tie in work days with fundraising for Clark Park.

Eco Fest at Welles Park Saturday June 1

Jeff Jenkins will be the organizer for our group. There will be a schedule for those of us who will be there. Try to come up with fun things to engage people.

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

Friends of the Chicago River will not be doing their own 5K along the 312 river path. They will do it elsewhere. We will be holding a committee meeting this Thursday March 21 at 7 PM at Horner Park. We need swag to give to volunteers. Jackson is the new volunteer liaison for DePaul Prep.

Movie in the Park – Dusk – Thursday June 22 at Kerry Wood Field

Next Meeting

The meeting ended at 8:30. Our next meeting will be at Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving

Park Road, April 16, 2024 at 7 PM.

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