To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of December 7, 2022 Meeting

Date: December 11, 2022

Attending: Eric Anderson, Rich Costello, Jeff Daube, Bill Donahue, Michael Manrique, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes

Our meeting at Lucia Restaurant began at 7:05 PM. Eric moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes of our November 15 meeting be approved. There were no objections.

Park Report

The sofa has been removed from the river. Jeff will contact Divvy to inform them that there are four or five of their bikes in the river.

CAMBR Report

There was no CAMBR report because Jon couldn’t attend the meeting.

Website Report

Anne is working on the update to the website.

TIF Proposal

We are waiting for comments from Tom and CPD about whether they want to go forward with widening and repair to the path, especially on the western end of the park, as part of our proposal to Alderman Matt Martin for using Western Avenue South TIF money. Earlier we spoke with the Alderman’s office about using TIF money for Nature Play.

Reverse Diagonal Parking on Rockwell

We discussed pursuing reverse diagonal parking along Rockwell. Diagonal parking could actually increase green space along Rockwell. CPD, CDOT, DePaul, and others would have to be involved. Rich made a motion which Michael seconded that we advocate for increasing green space through the installation of reverse diagonal parking along Rockwell. We all voted in favor of the motion. Eric will investigate.

Work Day Saturday December 31, 9:00 AM to Noon

We had ten Treekeepers pruning oaks at the park. Two additional volunteers pulled goldenrod next to the woods. As usual, there was plenty of garbage to pick up. The next work day will be December 31 from 9 to noon. Jeff suggested that we work on moving branches.

Corporate Member Suggested Dues of $100

We discussed a motion to add to our by-laws a corporate membership category with $100 dues and one vote per corporate member. Anne suggested that the dues amount was too low. Rich said, unlike event sponsorship, corporate membership gives groups a voice. Bill said this membership goes both ways. We would get a lot of opportunities to make new contacts through the corporate groups while they could have participation in CPAC and Clark Park. We deferred the motion to our January, 2023 meeting.

By-law Change Additional Vice-President

At our next meeting we will vote on a change to our by-laws to include another a second vice-president position which will allow people to get more involved and give us greater flexibility and officer experience.

Other Business

The 312 5K recap meeting was postponed.

Next Meeting Tuesday January 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Burning Bush Brewery

The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

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