



Humboldt Park Friends General Meeting 8/1/24

In Attendance- Jim Lubner, Linda Lubner, Dani Graf, Gary Hollander, Patrick Mc Sweeney, Jack Eckbald, Peter Bratt, Lynn Goldstein, Harvey Goldstein, Ignacio Catral, Susan Catral, Laureen Strimel, Jane LaCapitaine, Richard Kling, Barbara Szymanski, Henry Szymanski,

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm and adjourned 7:57pm

Park Concerns/Safety

Peter Bratt informed HPF of the repaving of pathways in the park. A drawing reflecting the limits was provided. The work will begin shortly. The pathways will be wider. HPF noted extra observation by MCP staff is warranted to assure trees along the work areas are not damaged, as has been the case in previous paving work.

Peter also noted that traffic calming measures continue in discussion and development. Raised crosswalks are thought best options. Continued dialogue and review of locations and design expected. Gates to control access during Chill events was discussed as necessary. The current barricade method, setup by volunteers, is cumbersome

Jack Eckbald noted closing of the Park roadway to through traffic is not being considered at this time.

HPF Events

Jazz at the Vine

Sessions continue and are well attended.

Corn Roast

Laureen provided update on the event set for August 13th. Volunteers are needed to stage, prepare and serve the corn. Setup to start at 4pm.

Family Night

Set for August 6th. Volunteers are set.

Lagoon

Cattail Cut is set for September 21st.

Grant Discussion

HPF has officially signed on to the Anthropocene Alliance (A2) Grant Program. Gary Hollander is the primary contact and lead. Gary presented a summary and highlights of the grant requirements which are extensive but manageable. The program is intended to build capacity within HPF to address water and climate mitigation. A current focus on developing a Pollinator Garden by HPF along the east portion of the Pavilion is an example that meets A2 education criteria. Outreach to additional government and agencies to join HPF participate with HPF will occur. Organizing the effort will be furthered under HPF Board meetings.

Susan requested feedback and impressions through a list highlighting importance and actionable items to consider within the A2 program. Top 5 impressions were requested.

Reforestation

Tree Day 2024 is set for October 9th. Further co-ordination and staging for this event expected. Henry shared that Jeff Gollner is expected to change job positions within MCP. Jeff noted that Sara Long (414-758-8262) will be the primary contact going forward.

Henry noted the need to manage the weeds and turf invading space under all the 100 for Humboldt Trees including Tree Day Trees. Henry noted locations and examples of untended (turf/weed invaded) and tended (turf/weeds removed with wood chips) trees within the park that have been prepared. MCP will provide wood chips as necessary. Alternate methods of controlling the weeds and turf were thought possible. The topic as a special event with community outreach will be further discussed at the board meeting. This event may be considered an educational event under the A2 requirements.

New Business

Henry introduced discussion to bring John Gurda as a featured speaker for a special event to Humboldt Park. John has a well-developed presentation on Open Spaces and MCP parks. This event would be considered an educational event under A2 requirements. A fee is expected for the presentation. This topic will be furthered at the next HPF Board meeting scheduled for 8/12/24.