

HUMBOLDT PARK FRIENDS  
GENERAL MEETING-AGENA  
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2024

7:00 pm General meeting, called to order.

Attendees: Jane LeCapitaine, Laureen Stirmel, Linda Lubner, Jim Lubner, Gary Hollander, Lynn Goldstein, Robert Dall, Barbara Barnes, Debbie Kurchler, Dani Graff, Maryanne Loppnow, Patrick McSweeney, Ignacio Catral, Susan Catral, Richard Kling, Conrad Kuchenbch, Jordan Aberman, Alexis Laveriere and Erik Olson.

WELCOME GUESTS

Events:

Thank you to all who contributed to a successful 100 for Humboldt celebration event!

1. Humboldt in Harmony education events – This Tuesday November 12th at 6:30 is about the life cycle of urban forestry. Seeking volunteers to be at the registration table to handle new members and information needed. T-shirts will be available for new members.
2. Jane presented the idea of an educational bird event possibly in April. She has already presented the idea to Kyle. One point of interest would be the dangers of the tall buildings in the downtown area and steps that might be taken to lessen the dangers.
3. Another event could involve weed outs and invasive species in the park and private yards
4. Susan made the request for board members to think about whether they are remaining on the board, if any one wanted to consider becoming a board member and that it would be great to have someone on the board who has a water related background. Susan will contact Marina for some leads on people knowledgeable on environmental water issues. Alexis, has water environmental background, but mentioned she already is committed to another Park Group. She suggested we use Student classes and would inform HPF's of consulting classes that members could attend.
5. We are looking for environmental issues that can be practiced at the park and individuals homes.

Concerns regarding the Lagoon and Lily Pond:

1. There is no money from the County available for cattail removal.
2. The Lilly pond starts out deep, sediment settles, more vegetation grows and becomes dry land.
3. County rejected a 5yr plan developed by a firm. We need more solid knowledge on how to get a handle on the problems with the lagoon.
4. Cat tail removal can only be 1/5 to 1/4 of the shoreline per year and all cattails can not be removed.
5. The drain for the pond has been blocked which helps drown the cat tails.
6. Some boards were damaged on the fishing pier due to sidewalk repairs.

## A2 Updates:

### Gary Presents Summary and highlights:

1. A2 to feature HPF to their members. Gary is in communication with A2 and he stated they are impressed with our group. We have two partners, Bay View Community Center and Milwaukee Artist Collective. Milwaukee Artist Collective has put together 500 packages of seeds for events. HPF has passed out 600 tri-fold door hangers in English and Spanish. Several people attending the meeting stated the fliers sparked their interest to attend tonight's meeting. Ignacio will check on a price to print 400 more.
2. Gary will use the A2 content featuring HPF he is preparing for the Park Peoples article also.
3. The second round of funding was received by the Park People today!
4. Activities needed to complete the last round of funding:  
Complete our information sessions, express what we have learned, further plans and ways to fund raise. A2 is looking into grants we might apply for. They want us to build our capacity as a group to accomplish more.
5. PIP update from Tony Giron: The pollinator garden project determination letter should be received by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Then we apply for a Right of Entry permit (\$50.00) and it takes 4-6 weeks to review. Susan will ask if anything can be determined earlier.
6. The 2 educational signs along the lagoon need to be replaced. The cost will be looked into. Susan will ask Tony Giron how to proceed and if the content from the Humboldt in Harmony tri-fold can be used for the signs.
7. Regarding the work being done on the path ways: Several members, led by Henry, met with Peter Bratt and the construction crew regarding the safety of tree roots close and under the path. They informed HPF that the rotator did not go down further than the thickness of the path, that the roots were not disturbed since they were already under the existing path and since the ground was not wet there was less compacting of the soil. Henry asked the crew to be careful when they were close to trees to avoid damage to any out reaching branches.
8. Where do we go from here? Milwaukee County has no funding for parks and whatever money would be in any funds would go to Health and Human services first. Fundraising development must be looked into and possible grants. Using Interns to help with projects. Possibility of seeking 3 interns from Bay View High School
9. The flag was replaced, but no word on what or if anything will be done with for betterment or elimination of the flag pole.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59