

Humboldt Park Friends

General Meeting- Agenda

December 5th, 2024

7:00 pm General meeting, called to order. **Welcome Guests**

In Attendance: Lacey Struensee, Rhiannon Jones Susan Catral , MaryAnne Lopponow, Jane LeCaptaine, Dani Graf, Gary Hollander, Linda Lubner, Konrad Kuchenbach, Lynn Goldstein, Steve Lucia, Richard Kling and Robert

Thanks to Henry and all volunteers for the tree education event! Thanks to Gary for working up a Giving email for fundraising!

1. Humboldt in Harmony education events. John Gurda on January 14th. Henry and his wife generously offered to provide 2 trays of cookies. He asked if we could provide water, lemonade, and coffee. Susan is out of town for the event, volunteers to handle beverages?

Laureen will handle coffee – cups and napkins

Susan has a water – will need to pick up

Richard will bring lemonade

Laureen will message to Steve Gallam to check if the podium is available.

Jack Eckbald will presentate HPF with a proclamation on December 19th, Thursday at noon in room 200 located in th Courthouse. Gary stated he will attend. Any one else is welcome if they can make it.

2. February, March and April events discussion.

February is Freshwater Science. Still looking for speakers. Possibly getting someone from Milwaukee River Keepers and/or Milwaukee Water Council. Anyone with items please make suggestions.

March 11th Master Gardeners will speak on backyard gardening

The Bird and wildlife presentation will more than likely occur in May to work with Kyle's schedule. Jane has been discussing this event with Kyle.

Lynn mentioned that we could ask for food donations at more of our events.

3. Thanks to the board for their continued participation in in 2025. Susan, Gary, Laureen, Ignacio, Dani, Patrick, Steve, Luke, Lynn, Kyle, Henry
Any other interested parties please inform Susan
4. Update on Dr. Newton from UWM FWS may be interested in using our lagoon as a student project. The water report was sent to Dr Newton.
Just waiting to hear back from Dr. Newton.
5. Plan for the January meeting will be to break into Humboldt in Harmony planning clusters with committee chairs leading the goals and ideas discussions. We invite all to select an area they are interested in and join that group discussion. We will regroup at our February meeting where each chair will share goals and ideas for 2025. The membership, marketing, fundraising, and events committees will then determine how we can support the goals. **Lagoon Restoration** chaired by Patrick, **Reforestation** chaired by Henry, **Landscaping/Pollinator** chaired by Lynn

and Linda, **Wildlife** chaired by Kyle. Susan will invite Patrick and Tony, our county liaisons to the February meeting.

It sounds like Dana and Patrick are coming.

Lauren will ask Steve Gallam if our January meeting could be extended until 8:30 pm .

A2 Updates

Gary Presents Summary and highlights:

- a. Thanks to Gary for provided content to A2 and Park People to feature HPF!

Gary stated A2 is happy with our plans at this time.

The first written report is due, but no accounting requirements

- b. Activities needed to complete last round of funding

- i. Fund development (e.g., individuals, grants, corporations, and foundations

Gary has been getting information and feelings in regards to reactions to funding HPF's projects. In the process he has acquired another sponsorship for Jazz at the Vine.

U.W. Credit Union – We can apply as a nonprofit for something specific. It was suggested that HPF apply for a speaker system to be funded. Motion made and accepted.

Application is due in January.

- ii. Engaging others in climate efforts (e.g., neighbors, government, nonprofits, education)

Reaching out to the Bay View Neighborhood Association and share ideas with them on climate efforts for the neighborhood to participate in. Strive to get BVCC more involved with the A2 platform.

- iii. Participating in educational events

Provide more programs to the neighborhood. HPF members should also, listen to some of the webinars and further educate ourselves on the climate and water issues and plans to help minimize damage.

- c. PIP update from Tony Giron: decision by December 18th. If the project advances, you will apply for a Right of Entry permit which is \$50 and takes 4 - 6 weeks to review.

- d. Susan submitted a PIP to update the 2 signs along lagoon.

The signs would use the information that is on the door hangers.

We need to let people know they can help by starting to save paper bags and brown paper for the pollinator garden.

We need to set up a collection point and times for the papers.

Gary Hollander will e-mail Lauren the Link for the A2 webinars and she will pass them on to whoever is interested in checking one or two out.

There is more damage on the pier since the new pathways were constructed

Meeting Adjourned at 7.55 pm.