To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of September 17, 2024 Meeting

Date: October 20, 2024

Attending: Bill Donahue, Howard Luecke, Michael Manrique, Tom McMannamon, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes of Meeting

Our meeting at Revere Park began at 7:12 p.m. The minutes of our September 17, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Park Report

Tom will be retiring on December 31, 2024 after 30 years of service. We thanked him for his help with our work at Clark Park. Tom doesn’t know who will replace him. We’d like Streets and Sanitation to spruce up the area under the Belmont Bridge. There’s a lot of garbage and graffiti around the site. Tom will contact Mike Brown about branches that need to be removed from four areas of Rockwell.

CAMBR Report

Jon couldn’t attend the meeting. CAMBR’s fundraiser had a good turnout despite the threat of rain. People came from all over the Midwest. We’ll try to get some of the film that was made of the event.

Digital Committee Report

Anne will post the left over silent auction items on the Merch portion to the website. The thank you list from Twilight Canoe also has to go up. We had 51 site visitors over the past month. Bill was gifted with a sign board. He asked Anne’s help to format the board.

Work Day Saturday October 26 9 am -12 noon

Bench Project Revisited

A group has a grant to place mosaic tiles on the benches in Clark Park. We just need approval to get the project started.

October Park Work Day in Nature Play Space - Set Priorities

CPD will be out soon with Sean. He’s been out to the Park twice with people from Forestry since we last met. They still need approval to get started. We’d like them to concentrate on tree removal and fencing. We’ll consider contacting Alderman Martin again for financial assistance. Tom said we need to get a fence quote from a union vendor. CPD has a fence company they use. Any fence has to meet park specifications. Tom will work with Bill to get the quote.

Other Business

Container

Bill got a price for a used 20 x 8 x 8.6 container at $2,000. By comparison, the dumpster enclosure is 13 X 17. There’s a pitch to the gradient there. We’d have to level the ground first, then put down a base, such as gravel and make it really compact. Tom suggested Nature Play as an alternate site.

Chick-fil-A

Tom said Josh Galati at the Addison Ave Chick-fil-A (262-705-2598) is a good contact for fundraising. We might try to hook up the restaurant for our 5K after-party at Burning Bush.

Holiday Party December 11 at 6 PM at XOchimilco on Montrose and Damen

Next Meeting

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. Our next meeting will be at Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Road, on November 19 at 7 PM.

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