

Grant Park Watch/Friends of Grant Park Minutes June 13, 2019

Attending: Tom Gardner, Deb Pizur, Jan Marsh, Lynn Crawford, Deb Wilhelm, Milwaukee County Supervisor Steven Shea, Annemarie Adsen, Betsy Abert, Patrick Hintz, Pam Uhrig

Security:

Deputy S. Schultz and Deputy A. Sullivan from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office had no security issues to report. They provided information about the mobile app to use for reporting any illegal activity in the parks. It is best to provide as much information as possible when reporting an issue. Go to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office site and you will see the app called Milwaukee County Sheriff Mobile. Concerns discussed were: open carry is legal in the parks and at the beach, littering of cigarette butts at the beach and in the parking lots continues, a red motorcycle parked for several days at Area 5, people throwing rocks at a photographer in the 7 Bridges area, fires on the beach late at night, security during the July 4th celebration.

County Supervisor Steven Shea:

The road in Wil-o-Way Park will be resurfaced next year. No plans have been made for the other roads. Many complaints have been made concerning the grass cutting: too much lawn is cut/ grass is too long. Parks is doing their best considering the amount of rain in the last month. South Milwaukee Police do a large part of patrolling the park and a comment was made that they should be compensated for their time in the park. Shared revenue and the Fair Deal program was discussed. A draft of the Smoking Ban was reviewed and whether the ban should be for just the beaches/picnic areas, or the entire park. Steven noted that this proposal could create a lot of attention and there would need to be a good showing of people to testify for it. It could possibly be on the agenda for September. The Oak Creek watershed study will not be completed until next year due to numerous public and formal meetings with political entities that must adopt the proposal.

Treasurers Report:

Checking balance is \$2,252.61. Savings balance is \$3,468.50. Park people balance is \$10,421.10. Total balance is \$16,142.06.

Cigarette ban:

Betsy will contact Preserve our Parks, Pam will contact the Park People, Patrick will contact others. More discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Deb Pizur presented the beautiful FoGP brochure that she created to be handed out at various events.

Patrick will attend the SM Business Assoc. lunch on June 18th at city hall and the Rotary Club event at noon on June 19th at the airport.

Youth Works has groups of kids working in the park on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Rick has the schedule. So far they have done burdock busting, buckthorn removal, steps cleaning, etc.

Evening on the Avenue is July 25th. Members are needed to set up the table at 3 pm. July 8th is the deadline to register for a space if there are enough volunteers.

SM Historical Society Garden Tour on June 22. FoGP table at the craft fair from 9-4??
Volunteers: Besty, Lynn C, Deb W., Lynn M. and Deb P.

Betsy reported that a cleaning crew was hired by parks to clean the inside of Wulff Lodge for \$500. She observed that the gutters on the outside also need cleaning.

Pam will provide Tom with a schedule of FoGP events to post in the kiosk at 7 Bridges.

Deb P. has a spot reserved for FoGP at the SM Christmas Market on Dec. 7th.

Jackie provided a megaphone and Deb P. provided a handmade pouch for monetary tips to be used at the Suburban Soles events. The events have been well attended. June 23 is trees with Delisa White in Area 5, July 14 is "Permaculture Home" with Bryce Ruddock at 1002 Sycamore Ave.

Betsy reported that there will be Parks personnel and landscape artists to look at the trails, steps and slopes in the 7 Bridges area and Wil-o-Way on June 27. Recommendations will be made as to what needs to be done.

Jan reported that the Great Lakes Public Forum will be held at the Hilton in Milwaukee June 17-19. Sessions are open to the public. It is sponsored by the EPA and Canada.

Our next meeting will be held on July 11, at 6:30 pm in the golf course clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Uhrig