

**FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK MINUTES
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
July 16, 2020**

Attending

Rick Kaiser, Debbie Pizur, Jackie Benka, Jan Marsh, Lynn Meidam, Justine, Patrick Hintz, Lynn Crawford, Jody Johnson

Security

Park and Sycamore Avenue traffic has been busy late at night after 10 pm. No sheriff's patrols have been observed of late. Jody will attempt to re-establish regular contact with South Milwaukee Police Department.

Treasurer Report, Summary here. Full report included

Checks on Hand.....	\$	338.00
Checking, Reconciled.....		4,941.43
Savings.....		3,530.26
Park People, as of 7/01/2020..		12,491.10
TOTAL.....	\$	21,300.79

Suburban Soles

July 26th Walk with Nels Munson had been cancelled, but now is on again. There were issues surrounding Covid-19 restrictions. Going forward, Brian Morrison will take sole responsibility for Suburban Soles. Friends of Grant Park is no longer able to sponsor this activity because of Milwaukee County's Covid19 Guidelines. Because of public interest, Suburban Soles events will continue to remain on our calendar and on our website. A vote was taken to approve continuing the funding that was allotted, pre-Covid, to support Suburban Soles.

Beach Road Repave

Patrick Hintz provided an update on the beach road repairs. A ceremony, approved by County Supervisor, Steve Shea and the Parks Dept. will be held a week or two after repaving and repairs are completed. City, county, and parks leaders will be invited. A press release will provide details. Payne and Dolan, Inc will be completing the repairs.

Signage

We have received 15 new signs on posts with messages that deter making social paths and going off the designated paths. Rick placed two of the signs in new spots. Another sign was recently stolen. If anyone has thoughts on where the signs should be placed, please let Rick Kaiser know.

Update on Wil-o-Way Stair Project

Marek Landscaping, LLC will do the native revegetation but not the physical steps. Ideally the steps are completed first, then replanting is done, to reduce disturbance. Betsy Abert provided us with a plan for two options on the steps; her preferred option is #2.

Sean Kelly, Grant Park Unit Coordinator, Update

Rick Kaiser received a request from Sean for safety barricades. A vote was taken to approve a purchase of up to \$600 for the barricades. Rick will oversee this purchase. When the barricades are presented by Friends of Grant Park to Milwaukee County Parks, it should be done publicly and FoGP should be given credit for the donation.

Grant Park inspired art work proposed for FoGP 2022 Calendar

Members have gotten questions about the next calendar. Art created with a Grant Park theme will be solicited for a 2022 calendar. We will seek submissions from students, as well as adults. We will work with Sue Hebner on this.

Our next meeting will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, August 13th.

Respectfully submitted by
Jody Johnson and
Lynn Crawford

meeting is as follows:

1. Security
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Suburban Soles future status
4. Updates on beach road repave project: ceremony?
5. Trek 'n Treat event
6. Placement for re-ordered signage
7. Update on Wil-o-Way stair project
8. Update from Sean Kelly, Grant Park Unit Coordinator
9. Student Grant Park themed art proposed for FOGP 2021 calendar