

FRIENDS OF GRANT PARK MINUTES
Oct. 14, 2021

Attending: Lynn Crawford, Jody Johnson, Jan Marsh, Rick Kaiser, Mary Fortier, Emily Constantine, Deb Wilhelm, Debby Pizur, Brian Morrison, Annemarie Adsen

Security A car that was speeding drove into the Mill Pond. The car was removed by authorities and the occupants walked away unfazed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking, reconciled	\$5,695.34
Savings	3,530.76
Park People acct as of Jan 15, 2021	13,205.54
	\$22,431.64

\$20,000 designated for Grant Park erosion protection steps project on May 13, 2021. To be held for that purpose for 2 years.

Full report accompanies the minutes.

Trek 'n Treat Update

220-230 children participated; there were many volunteers; plenty of candy was donated; some left-over apple cider that was donated by Walmart was given to local food pantries. It was another very successful Trek 'n Treat event (until it rained), overseen by Pam Uhrig. A final accounting will be provided when all expenses have been received.

Tree Planting

Trees may be delivered in October. The first week of November was the original delivery time.

Foraging Update

County Supervisor Steven Shea attended our last Friends of Grant Park meeting to hear our group's opposition. Friends of Grant Park and others voiced opposition to allowing foraging in the parks at the last County board meeting of the Parks, Energy & Environment committee. FOGP members will circulate petitions that support the Friends of Grant Park position opposing Milwaukee County Ordinance Amendment 47.08.

Bucyrus Foundation 2022 Grant to City of South Milwaukee

The grant is \$10 million over 10 years. Deb Pizur emailed South Milwaukee Mayor Brooks to ask that our projects be considered for a portion of the funding and the mayor assured her that we would be. We need a project that is ready for any timeline the Bucyrus Foundation may present. Getting initial input from Unit Coordinator Sean Kelly, Natural Areas Coordinator Brian Russart, or County Executive David Crowley and putting forth projects at different cost levels are good ideas. We may want to ask for funding of current programming such as Suburban Soles.

Proposal to Combine 2022 SM Historical Society's Garden Tour with FoGP Art Fair at Wil-o-Way

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

FoGP Calendar Update

The calendar is being sold at 5 locations, including Better Together Cafe. Brian Morrison offered to ask if Cousins Subs could also sell the calendar. A suggestion to sell at the senior centers was made. The South Milwaukee PAC will allow us to sell calendars at two events.

Bluebirds

Three bluebirds fledged this year on the Grant Park Golf Course Bluebird Trail.

Our next meeting will be held online Thursday, Nov. 11th at 6:30 pm using the Zoom platform.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Crawford