

Meeting Minutes for FoGP, Thurs Sept 10th, 2009

Location and time:

Grant Park Golf Course Clubhouse, 7:00 PM, Thursday Sept 10th

Attendees:

Mary Kanitz, Jody Johnson, Don Bulley, Marion Munagian

Jim Goulee (of The Park People) dropped in later.

Don Lawson (chair, FoGP) was out of town.

Discussion items:

FoGP Beach Cleanup:

Talked about how to provide better publicity for the beach clean-up.

Don Bulley talked about how FoMP publicizes the "Beach Walk" event (Sept 19th 5-9pm), and talked about how they advertise. He also mentioned "Rocky" e-mail newsmalings. (Note - The cleanup was already posted on "Rocky / SouthMilwaukee.org")

Jody thought we could put up posters near the park entrance to publicize the clean-up. (This was later done, at the "blinking stop sign," by Jody.)

Not mentioned: Two or three days before the clean-up event, Don went through the "Weed-Out" database, making phone calls. In retrospect, this was the most effective means of getting people out to the event.

Follow-up on "Reward Picnic" for ParkWatch:

Jody mentioned that the posters had been made up for the "tree cutting" reward, and told the meeting where she had put them up. Some people in attendance thought the posters should have gone up all along the lakefront.

Nature Trail Project:

At the August meeting we had decided to use the Bucyrus donation to establish a nature trail in the park. The question was raised as to who decides what goes on the signs, and it was suggested by Jim Goulee that Brian Russart be asked to contribute "sign content" info.

Community Forum - Setting a Date:

We decided to try for Nov 12, 19, or Dec 3rd as possible dates for a Community Forum event. (Note - In previous years we held the event in late January, and risked problems with having a bad snowstorm on the evening of the event.)

Follow-up comment: It may be problematic trying to get a date in early December for this event. Don will check with Parks Administration and City Hall to find out if Dec 3rd or Dec 10th would work.