

# Meeting for Friends of Grant Park meeting, Feb 11th, 2010

## Location:

Grant Park Golf Course Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

## In attendance:

Betsy Abert, Jody Johnson, Rob Vajagich, Lynn Crawford, Kathy Slamka, Jan Schumacher, Marion Munaggion, Marilyn Geiger, Supervisor Pat Jursik, Don Lawson

Also attending: Joe Mrozinski of Parks

## Action

### 1) FoGP is re-carpeting the Clubhouse.

Joe Mrozinski presented two carpet samples, out of a cluster of possibilities, and we selected a "mostly green with some browns" sample.

Marilyn Geiger presented the budgetary situation. We have \$7271, of which \$1000 is dedicated to the "reward fund". There will be no Bucyrus donation this year. So, we have \$6271 to handle our present projects.

Joe presented three quotes from local firms. The quote submitted by The Armon Group was the middle quote, after we accounted for removal costs. Armon says that removal could be done by volunteers, which saves significant money. We decided to go with the proposal by The Armon Group (\$3977.50 plus removal), because our money was locally raised, and we want it to stay in the community.

Friends of the Mill Pond will donate up to \$500 towards the project, provided it can be matched. The historical society has not yet been heard from, but one member present (Don) said that he would provide the matching \$500 if no other sources could be found. This reduces the 'hit' to our account by \$1000, bringing the outlay down to \$2977.50

### 2) Pat Jursik's comments:

Pat says that she is working with Jim Keagan to make sure that Seven Bridges gets fixed up before the July 18th "Grant Park Centennial" celebration date. The county has the necessary funds for this sort of repair work: FEMA money is available because the last bridge in the ravine was washed out by the 2008 flood, and "stimulus" money is also available. No word on if the repair work will be done by County workers, or if it will be contracted out. Picnic areas 5 and 6 are now reserved for the event.

Pat reports that the County had to borrow \$60 million to finance repairs and maintenance. Over-all, the county is looking at ending the year with a \$14 million deficit. However, Supervisor Jursik is confident that the Seven Bridges trail will be fixed up.

Additionally, Supr. Jursik reports that "Friends of Sheridan" will have their Concert in the Park on June 17th. The "Pedal in the Park with Pat" bike ride would be held on the same date.

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- 3) Betsy Abert's comments on the kiosk for the new Nature Trail.

Betsy plans to have the kiosk in place by the July 18th "Grant Park Celebration" event. The kiosk will have 6 sides, and will be located near the "weed-out meeting place" at the tennis courts parking lot.

Two sides of the kiosk will display info on natural history, local plants, etc.

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One side will display pre-history of the area.

One side will be a history of Grant Park itself. (Grant Park was the first park acquired during the early-1900's build-up of the County Parks system.)

- 4) Discussion of the "Grant Park Centennial" event (July 18th)

FoMP will be having Nels Monson present information on the park. There will three "open house" events, where Nels will (in succession) speak: At Wulff Lodge, at the Mill Pond shelter house, and at the golf course Clubhouse.

Perhaps Laurie OPano (sp?) might be interested in speaking about park history. (Betsy says that she can try to contact Laurie.) Also Anna Passante had contacted FoGP about some of the carvings in the clubhouse, and so there is another possible person with good knowlege of Grant Park.

- 5) Betsy presented her "concept" drawing for the new "dog clean-up" signs. Betsy's favorite printer is out of business, so she is happy to receive advice on other possible printing firms that might be able to produce the signs properly.

The "dog waste" signs will be printed on clear plastic (lexan?).

- 6) Brian Russart wants to do a presentation to FoGP on invasive weeds and their control. FoGP has tentatively set April 8th as being a possible date for Brian to fit into his calendar.

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## 7) Pullin' O the Green - planning

Nobody is interested in putting in large efforts to cook food this year. Marilyn will look into pricing for having a caterer produce the food. This will reduce our income, and we would need to make up the difference with beer sales.

We will plan on around 140 or 150 people (that's 130 paid servings, plus food to give the various volunteers.)

Betsy will reserve the beer. We can plan on the following:

1/2 barrel of Sprecher Special Amber  
1/4 barrel of Sprecher Special Amber as a spare  
1/4 barrel of Lakefront Brewery "Snake Chaser" irish style stout  
1/4 barrel of Sprecher root beer

Don will send out clusters of "weed out volunteer" phone numbers, which other members of FoGP can call, so we get a good set of volunteers to help with the event.

Nancy Wucherer says she will do bar tending, but she wants all beer servings to be tracked with beer tickets.

### Upcoming meetings and events:

Thursday Feb 18 - Friends of the Parks get-together, at the O'Donnell Park "Miller Room"  
6-8 pm. Call Jim Goulee before Feb 15th to make your RSVP.

Thursday Feb 25 - Follow-up meeting for FoGP, for working on Pullin' O the Green  
7 pm, at Don Lawson's house (707 Hawthorne, So Milwaukee)

Thursday March 11 - next FoGP meeting,  
7 pm, at Grant Park golf course clubhouse

Sunday March 14 - Pullin' O the Green