

Meeting Minutes for Friends of Grant Park

Thursday June 10th, 2010,

7:00PM, Grant Park golf course Clubhouse

In attendance:

Tara Withington, Jan Schoemacher, Jackie Benka, Carla Staab, Joe Kreuger, Jody Johnson, Kathy Slamka, Mary Kanitz, Rick Guerard, Don Bulley, Don Lawson

Item #1:

Plans for the "Grant Park Centennial" celebrations on Sunday July 18th.

Time: 9:00 AM to Noon

meeting place: TBD (will be set during the June 15th final planning meeting)

The FoGP activity will be: "Tree Walk" (self-guided loop tour) in which participants identify noteworthy trees in the park.

To assist participants, trees would be marked with surveying flags for the event.

Participants will be given a map, worksheet, and a piece of clothesline marked off in 1-foot intervals (to use as a measuring tape). The worksheet allows people to tour the park, identify noteworthy trees, record each tree's circumference, and (using a table on the worksheet) estimate each tree's age.

Participants can bring their own tape measures and calculators from home, if they wish. We can have calculators for participants' use at the FoGP table.

Goal is to identify the oldest tree on the tour, and to estimate its age.

FoGP members who will help run this event include:

Don Lawson

Kathy Slamka

Jody Johnson

Mary Kanitz

also expressed interest, but not yet confirming participation:

Jan Schoemacher

Rick Guerard

What can we offer as prizes for best estimate on oldest tree?

Additional goals:

identify patches of various plants? (both native, and exotic)

Pool passes? (Are they available - Rick to ask Parks about this)

Also, other items that were suggested as possible prizes include

Flower ID book

Tree ID booklet

Flashlight (Is American Family Insurance still using small flashlights as a promotion?)

key ring / flashlight combo

Compass

Item #2: Notes on nature trail kiosk?

Betsy was not able to report on this item

Item #3:

Set dates for beach clean-up

Saturday June 26th

9:00 to noon

Meet at parking lot for Seven Bridges

Work will be at the "Seven Bridges" beach

For info, contact Jody Johnson at 764-7262

Saturday July 10th

9:00 to noon

Meet at parking lot for Grant Park beach (near the beach house)

Work will be at the swimming beach (and further north)

For info, contact Jan Schumacher at 764-5919

Item #4:

Set date for FoGP & Park Watch summer picnic.

Preferred date (set by Rick Guerard) is August 25th

Don Lawson will talk to various area musicians to see if he can get some music lined up.

Item #5:

Set dates for cleaning out Japanese Knotweed

Don Lawson will run two sessions

Wed June 16th

Wed June 23rd

Both sessions meet at Seven Bridges parking lot, 7:00 PM