

## Meeting Minutes for Friends of Grant Park

Thursday August 12th, 2010,

7:00PM, Grant Park golf course Clubhouse

In attendance:

Jody Johnson, Mary Kanitz, Don Lawson, Lynn Crawford, Betsy Abert, Rob Vajagich, Linda Marquardt-Nuck, and John Nuck

### Item #1 - Wrap-up of discussion of the "Grant Park Centennial" celebration

We had an informal discussion on how the "Centennial" event worked out, and what it means for future activities and projects of our group. The tree tour might be a good item to incorporate into the "nature trail/kiosk" project. We might consider a future FoGP program on "bugs in the parks," in conjunction with the bird walks, etc.

### Item #2 - Recognition of Bob Port at August 19th concert

Pat Jursik's office is handling a recognition of Bob Porth for the fine work he did as manager of parks in our area (including Grant Park). It would be helpful if some people from Friends of Grant Park could be on hand for the event.

The concert runs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and so the recognition will probably occur at 7:30 during the band's "break" time.

### Item #3 - The "Summer Sizzler" Picnic

**The FoGP picnic is on Wednesday August 25, at Picnic Area #7 in Grant Park. Starting time is around 5 pm.**

We are planning on having 50 attendees. Don is hoping to bring in some bluegrass musician friends for entertainment.

*Two weeks before the picnic:*

Jody, Rob, and Don are composing the fliers for the event. It was suggested that the flier include logos for Park Watch, Friends of Grant Park, and also a photo from last year's picnic.

Don sent info to Jim Shelenske, and Betsy is contacting the Journal-Sentinel. The picnic is also listed in Pat Jursik's newsletter.

Don will print up some stuff that can be used to assemble some signs. Jody will build the signs, based on some old "campaign yard sign" materials.

*During the week before the picnic:*

Fliers for the event will be handed out at the August 19th concert, along with a calendar of future FoGP events.

Linda M. offered to do flier distribution in the neighborhood bounded by Hawthorne, Lake, College, and N. Chicago. Betsy will distribute fliers in the "south of the ravine" neighborhood. Don will do some flier drop work in the Brookdale neighborhood. Lynn will do flier drops in Cudahy.

*On the Day of the Picnic:*

Mary Kanitz and her husband John Chojnacki will bring the grill, and also bring paper plates. John will parboil the brats on the day of the picnic. Mary also says that she's got some plastic table cloths she can bring. (Thank you, Mary and John!)

Don will purchase the meats. (10 or 15# hamburger, 4 doz brats), one big pak hot dogs, plus the charcoal and lighter fluid. Also, Don brings cans of soda, on ice, in a cooler, plus a pak of selzer water cans (in the cooler), plus a large jug filled with ice water. Also, Don will bring an extension cord and an outlet strip.

Betsy will purchase buns (40 hamburger buns, 48 brat buns, 2 paks hot dog buns), and also will bring paper napkins

Jody brings onions, sauerkraut. (Also table cloths?)

Rob brings potato chips, taco chips, salsa

Lynn C. offered to bring condiments, but somebody suggested we contact FoMP to see if they have any supplies after the August 19th concert.

Linda M. will bring plastic utensils

We've "volunteered" Kathy Slamka to bring some iced tea.

Somebody is bringing veggie dogs and veggie burgers, but there's some confusion on exactly who. (This is being worked out in some e-mails.).

Next Friends of Grant Park meeting:

Thursday Sept 9th, 7:00 PM, at the Grant Park Golfcourse Clubhouse

These meeting minutes were recorded by Don Lawson