

## Friends of Hoyt Park

Minutes for Thursday: October 12, 2017 @6:45

### Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library

**Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:48P. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Vaughan James, Andrew Wickizer, Tomas Gverzdys, Anne Badey Raffa, and Ron Harris.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of Sept 14, 2017 approved by voice vote pending suggested edits.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Financials: As of Oct 10, 2017 cash on hand was \$14309.19 with the \$9K ranger salary yet to be paid
- There were \$390 in membership contributions since last report Sept 14
- Tim K will request the yearly endowment fund allocation so that it is rec'd in 2017
- Check approval: None
- Approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:** None

#### Committee Reports:

- Workdays: **October 21** workday will be led by Tim K and will include brush clearing (hauling or cutting depending upon whether the city can pick up brush piles before the Oct 28 Picnic in the Park). Meet at 10A at the main parking lot. **Nov 18th** workday activity to be determined. If weather permits we will meet at the main parking lot at 10A.
- Events/Outreach:
  - Date for the **FOHP Winter Sledding Party** has been set for Sunday Feb 18 from 1-3PM. This is a family event so BYO sled. There will be a fire at the main shelter, hot cider and potluck.
  - Date for the **Full Moon Owl Walk** has been set for Tuesday Jan 30, meet at the main shelter at 6 PM where there will be a fire, hot chocolate and treats
- Membership/Communications: newsletter assembly will be done at the Nov 9 meeting. A membership renewal/signup will be included in the newsletter to be mailed out to all members.
- Ad-hoc: Picnic in the Park: Will be held by Madison Parks Foundation on Oct 28. FOHP has been asked to provide any before/after types photos that they have. Suggestions were before/after Overlook, Ready Prairie burn, 2009 100y park anniversary Overlook photo, scouts clearing brush at Overlook. Ron H also suggested that the Parks Foundation check with Madison newspapers and the State Historical Society for archive photos.

**Old Business:**

- Existing Grants update: Dane County Environmental Council report started but not yet complete
- Volunteer workday review: The Sept 16th workday was attended by 7-8 people and involved seed gathering at Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton. Seeds collected were returned to Dane Co. Parks to process and dry. Once processed our allocation of seeds will be returned to us for use in seeding our prairie areas.
- Eagle Scout project update: Sam, Luke and Ed Lynch of troop 15 will meet with City Parks Dept on Monday Oct 16 at 3PM to review their progress. Sam's bat house is pending final city approval and Luke will present his project that involves installation of a rain garden near the Roy's shelter to help cut down on water erosion on the service road and near the cinderella staircase.
- New grants for 2018: Tim A to check to see if FOHP can apply for a Dane Co. Environmental Council grant 2 years in a row. If so Tim A is willing to write a proposal(due late Feb) for a \$1000 grant to help defray the cost of Fall 2018 burn for both the Ready and Overlook prairies. A price quote from 2 contractors is required. Discussion regarding Anne R. proposed Citizen Scientist and Wildlife Acoustic Bat monitoring was tabled until the Nov. meeting. FOHP is open to submitting many grant proposals given that there are members that can write them.

**New Business:**

- Ranger report: Tim K circulated the comprehensive final report prepared by summer ranger Erick F. and the city is asking for a report from FOHP regarding Erick's performance. FOHP plans to report that they would be delighted to have this engaged young man back in 2018.
- Dogs in the park rules: Rocky Bluff neighborhood representative Tomas G asked for clarification regarding the rules for dogs in the park. Dogs are allowed in Hoyt Park on a leash and only on the path that runs along Owen Parkway.

**Next Meeting Date:** Nov 9, 2017 6:45P @ Sequoya library

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 P**

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