

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday, July 16, 2020 @6:45 PM
Hoyt Park, Roy's Shelter

Welcome & Introductions: Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:50PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Andrew Wickizer, Betsy Lane, Glenn Teschendorf and Summer Intern Joe Holdreith.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2020 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of July 8, 2020 cash on hand was \$14,014.04 which includes an additional \$913 in member contributions collected between June 9 and July 8, 2020.
- **Check approval:** none
- Report approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

- **Dane County Environmental Council Grant:** Submitted by Tim A in early spring was AWARDED and will provide \$1000 toward the Spring 2021 burning of the Ready and Overlook Prairies. Tim A will contact the burn contractor Quercus to put Hoyt Park on the Spring 2021 calendar. Thank you Tim for your hard work.
- **Summer intern** Joe Holdreith, who has been working in the park since early July, was introduced by Tim A. Joe is a University of Minnesota undergraduate in Environmental Education. He has been working on brush removal, trail maintenance and will be starting on collecting wildflower seeds. He will continue to work for a total of 120 hours, leaving in early August.

Old Business:

- **Work day activities and Planning:** The work day on July 18 will be cleaning the fireplaces and the face of the interpretive trail signs. We will meet at the main parking lot at 10am. August workday activity will be trail maintenance. There has been a lot of washout due to continued heavy rains. Tim A will contact the city to have gravel delivered.
- **Weed wacker:** Paul Q has offered use of the city's weed wacker. Tim A will remind Paul to bring the tool to the maintenance shed in the park.

New Business:

- **Projects for Summer Intern:** Cheri S suggested 1 page summaries of topics that FHP board members could use as template for discussion at typical Family Events; Owls in Hoyt park, Wild Flowers ID, geology/history of Hoyt and Quarry Parks. Joe was enthusiastic and about putting together some educational materials and will select from suggested topics.

- **FHP Board member transitions:** There are currently 4 board members who are operating past their term due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Spring discussions with individuals who are interested in joining the board have identified 4 individuals who will be invited to begin attending board meetings in September. Because we will not be having a 2020 annual meeting in the near future, once board roles have been volunteered for by new and remaining board members, the term limited board members can resign and the remaining board can appoint an interim replacement without immediate membership approval.
- **Newsletter planning:** Topics for fall newsletter were discussed and assignment of writers were made. Tim A- word from the president, Richard A-dog walking changes and a reminder of cleaning up after your dog, Betsy L-increase in public in the park and nature apps (Glenn T to help with suggestions) that can be used to increase enjoyment of the park, Cheri S- annual meeting update and review of the Family Sledding Party and Owl Walk. Tentative schedule for a Fall newsletter is September 2020 with draft articles due at the beginning of September. Drafts can be reviewed by board members at the Sept 10th board meeting.
- **Sandwich Board placement:** It was decided to move the sandwich boards again to encourage new donations/members. The boards will be moved to Hillcrest on the South side of the park and back to the Ready Prairie at the convergence of the service road and the lower Bluff trail.

Next Meeting Date: September 10th, 6:45PM @ Roy's Shelter

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 PM