

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday, Nov 12, 2020 @6:45 PM
Remote Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions: Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:48PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Betsy Lane, Anne Reis, Rich Jablonski, Ron Harris and Glenn Teschendorf.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of Oct 8, 2020 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of Nov 10, 2020 cash on hand was \$18,483
- Member contributions increased by \$435 since the October report
- **Check approval:** none
- Report approved by voice vote.
- Anne R. suggested placing membership packs at the kiosk with a map of the park and membership forms. Betsy L will check the kiosk to see if the mailbox is functional and report back via email.

Announcements:

- The **November workday** has been canceled due to the Public Health orders in place in Dane Co. Planned activity was prairie seed spreading which will be accomplished by a small number of member volunteers. A group of 8 Girl Scouts with adult leaders will be contacted by Tim A to suggest joining our work groups in the later 2021 Spring.
- The **October workday** of invasive brush removal was well attended with >15 people. There was a large group of UW Accounting Honor Society students and individuals / couples who had rediscovered the park during the warmer weather.

Old Business:

- **Year End Newsletter:** Vaughan J had distributed a newsletter to members for final review. No edits were found other than correcting the Treasurer back to Tim K. Glenn T and Tim K have not been able to get together in person to conduct the final treasurer training due to the Covid 19 case counts. Tim K has agreed to remain as treasurer until the training can be completed. There are only 7 members who require hard copies of the newsletter. Vaughan J has offered to complete these mailings along with posting on FHP website and emailing a link to the membership.
- **Transition of Board Members:** Tim K will continue as treasurer. Chair Tim A asked that board members consider who might take over the role of FHP Chair. The Board will discuss this further at the January 2021 meeting.

- **Vegetation Management recommendation:** Frank Hassler of Good Oak toured the park with Paul Q (city conservation), Tim A, Tim K, and Glenn T. A written report is expected soon but the main points of the walk through identified areas of the park to focus on for restoration, pilot areas to use aggressive restoration techniques and emphasized the need to communicate with park users ahead of restoration procedures. One area of focus should be the park area at the Overlook that is on the opposite side of the fence from the private property where Good Oak has been carrying out major restoration.
- **Prairie burn:** Quercus has indicated that they would have time for a Ready Prairie burn this late fall given the right weather conditions. As the burn permit holder, Quercus is responsible for letting park neighbors know if and when a fall burn will be done.

New Business:

- **Draft 2021 workday schedule:** Tim A put together a draft workday schedule; discussion was tabled until the January board meeting.
- **Graffiti in park:** Increased park usage has resulted in some graffiti in the park with a recent focus at the Lower (Roy's) shelter. When reported, the city has been responsive about cleanup.

Next Meeting Date: Jan. 14, 2021 @ 6:45PM via Zoom

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM