

**Friends of Hoyt Park**  
**Minutes for Thursday, January 13, 2022 @6:45 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Rich Jablonski brought the meeting to order at 6:50PM. Friends attendees included Phil Lindemann, Cheri Swenson, Glenn Teschendorf, Tim Kessenich, Anne Reis, and Kate Austin. Park neighbor Mary Haffenbroedl was also in attendance.

**Public Comment:** Mary H. expressed her appreciation for being allowed to attend the meeting and reserved further comments until later in the agenda.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of November 11, 2021 approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Financials:** As of December 31, 2021 cash on hand was \$42,608. There are outstanding liabilities of \$9000 for the 2021 ranger salary and \$149 reimbursement to Vaughan J to reinstate the FHP website. Member contributions for 2021 totaled \$7525 plus a \$10,000 ranger fund donation from Glenn Teschendorf and Mary Anne Derheimer in support of a second ranger for 2022. Standard member contributions of \$7524 for 2021 were down 14% from 2020 donations likely attributable to the FHP website/donation button being down for most of December and the end of year newsletter going out in early January.
- **Check approval:** none
- Report approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:**

- **Family Sledding Day:** Set for Feb. 6th from 1-3PM in the main shelter. Cheri S reported that advertising for the event will be via Regent, Sunset Hills and Sunset Village listservs as well as sandwich boards placed on Bluff St and Regent Street by Hoyt School. FHP will provide hot chocolate and hot cider as well as a fire in one of the main shelter fireplaces. Kate A has offered to bring wood, start and tend the fire. Cheri S has contacted the city to get the electricity turned on in the shelter and will get supplies needed for the hot drinks.

**Old Business:**

- **Ranger Appreciation:** Rich J extended the Board's appreciation to 2021 Ranger Andy Gricevich. FHP's appreciation of Ranger Andy was also shared with the City Parks department.
- **Ratify hiring of 2 Summer Rangers for 2022:** The Board voted unanimously to ratify the acceptance of the conditional 2021 gift from Glenn Teschendorf and Mary Anne Derheimer to be used in support of a second ranger for 2022.
- **Newsletter:** The year end FHP newsletter was sent out to the membership via email on January 7th. Thank you to Vaughan J for putting the newsletter together.
- **Woodland/Prairie Committee:** Chair Rich J made a motion to rename this committee to the Natural Areas Committee. The new name was approved by voice vote. Signs provided by City Parks discussing the Oak Woodland/ Savanna Restoration have been posted in the demonstration area to the southwest of the Overlook. A group of Hoyt Park neighbors from the Bagley Parkway/Ct. area represented by Wes F. met with Tim A, Tim K, Rich J and Ranger Andy mid-November, walking the area of Hoyt Park that borders the Bagley neighbors backyards. Neighbor concerns regarding the removal of invasives and understory trees focused on loss of privacy, security and noise from the Overlook. At

a January 5th neighbor meeting neighbors aired their concerns and most neighbors expressed support for a buffer zone concept as a reasonable response to neighbor concerns. Bagley neighbor Mary H briefly reported on neighbor concerns and was pleased to hear that the FHP Board was going to review concerns. Detailed minutes were provided from their January 5 meeting. FHP Chair Rich J indicated that Natural Areas Co. chair Tim A will review the minutes and reach out to Wes F as the point person for the Bagley neighbors and report back to the Board in February. As a part of the Oak Woodland/Savanna Restoration project prescribed burns will be conducted some time in 2022 by FHP volunteers with assistance from City Parks staff. Burns will not be conducted until appropriate training and permits have been obtained. The Mead & Hunt \$2400 grant obtained by Tim A will help to pay for burn equipment and seeds or plants to restore native plants in the burn areas. Committee member Tim K reminded the Board the Quercus will be conducting a burn of both the Overlook and Ready Prairie's in Spring weather permitting.

- **Membership Committee:** The Board discussed options for providing ongoing membership list information in the cloud to allow access by the Treasurer, Newsletter/Website manager, Chair and the Membership Co. chair. It was decided that the Google platform would be an appropriate place to store the list. Cheri S will investigate the setup of a nonprofit Google account. Membership Co. chair Cheri S reported that the committee has not yet met but that she would circulate goals for the committee and draft email language inviting those 2020 members who did not renew their membership in 2021 to consider renewing their membership for 2022. Treasurer Glenn T indicated that we had 47 members who contributed to FHP in 2021 and 47 other members who contributed in 2020 but not 2021. These members may be interested in renewing their support of FHP when contacted via email.

#### **New Business:**

- **FHP Website:** Phil L and Vaughan J have worked with GoDaddy to determine why the website was removed from their platform. There was an administrative error that canceled FHP ownership of the domain and files. Upon the receipt of \$149, GoDaddy has reassigned our account and migrated the site to the area where our old files are stored. Vaughan J has now updated the website which is once again functional. Thanks to both!
- **2022 Summer Ranger:** Chair Rich J will talk to the city about the steps needed to re-hire 2021 Ranger Andy for 2022 in addition to posting a position for our usual summer ranger. FHP Natural Area Co. would like to recommend certain qualifications to be obtained before or early in employment of both rangers (Pesticide applicator license, chainsaw certification [by Westside Parks lead worker]). City HR will dictate how the posting is to be done.
- **Regent Neighborhood rep:** Erin A has indicated that she is still interested in representing the Regent neighborhood.
- **Other:** Cheri S will check on a FHP dedicated gmail, possible FaceBook donation button to be discussed by the Membership Co.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 10, 2022 @ 6:45PM via Zoom

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:41PM**