

**Friends of Hoyt Park**  
**Minutes for Thursday, March 10, 2022 @6:45 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Rich Jablonski brought the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Friends attendees included Cheri Swenson, Glenn Teschendorf, Tim Astfalk, Tim Kessenich, Anne Reis and Kate Austin.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of February 10, 2022 approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Financials:** As of March 9, 2022 cash on hand was \$36,184.22 . Member contributions and employer matches totaled \$2875, up \$875 from last month. There have been a total of 24 contributions made year-to-date, 29% through PayPal. The 2021 Ranger salary/fringe has been billed by the city at \$9,252.
- **Check approval:** Tim A has asked for reimbursement for \$1,061.25 for plants and seeds purchased from Agrecol. This expense was budgeted in the Mead & Hunt grant.
- Treasurer Glenn T asked for discussion regarding whether we should defer this year's Madison Community Foundation distribution. He has an outstanding email asking the Foundation if this is even possible. Final decision was tabled until the April Board meeting pending the Foundation's response. The investment return on Friends of Hoyt Park's Foundation account was \$9060 (net) for 2021.
- The Treasurer is now emailing donation receipts to donors/ members as an attachment. Donors are given the option to have a paper receipt mailed to them if that is preferred. Glenn T will use the [treasurer3902FOHP@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer3902FOHP@gmail.com) for these emails.
- Financial report approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:**

- **March 2022 Workday-** The first workday of the season will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 10 AM-Noon, meeting at the main parking lot. They will be clearing a firebreak for prescribed prairie burns to be conducted in 2022 by Quercus.
- **April Workday-** April workday will be held in conjunction with City Park's Earth Day Challenge on April 23, 2022 from 10 AM-Noon. Participants sign up to participate on the Park's website and volumn's of trash or garlic mustard are tracked from different parks across the city.

**Old Business:**

- **Bagley Pkway Neighbors update:** The Bagley neighbors copied the Friends on a March 6th letter to the Madison Park's Superintendent. The letter gave a summary of the neighbor's concerns regarding the clearing of brush and trees from the Hoyt Park area adjacent to the neighbor's property and the neighbor's expectations for further actions. FOHP will not conduct cutting in that area until further notice.
- **Natural Areas Committee report:** Committee chair Tim A spoke about:
  - Successful conduct of 2 brush pile burns in the NE corner of the park. Brush pile burns will continue under City Parks burn permit as long as it is deemed safe.
  - Plants and seeds have been ordered from Agrecol to be planted in the restoration areas of the park. Native plants will be used to help keep weeds under control in the area that has been cleared of invasive and non-oak trees.

- Tim has been contacted from the First Unitarian Society Youth Group (13-14yo) who would like to do some volunteer work on April 9th or 10th. Tim A will lead the 8-12 kids and their adult chaperones in pulling invasive garlic mustard. The kids and adults will sign the standard park volunteer waivers.
- Rich J gave an update on the hiring process for the 2nd Hoyt Park Summer Ranger. Interviews will be held March 18th with representatives of the City Parks department and FOHP Natural Areas Co. member Glenn T.
- **Fireplace restoration:** tabled
- **Membership Committee report:** Committee Chair Cheri S spoke about:
  - Areas of responsibility for the committee were drafted and reviewed via email for Board review.
    - Maintain and engage current members
    - Identify ways to engage new members
    - Organize FOHP events
    - Organize and maintain an online workspace for storing and sharing files to be accessed by board members, standardized tools for documents, spreadsheets, meetings etc., and an email system for communication.
  - Committee members made suggestions for vendors to be used to make a banner to be displayed at FOHP events. Final decisions on a banner will be presented to the Board in April.
- **All committee reports were approved by voice vote.**

**New Business:**

- **Annual meeting for 2022:** Rich J asked for discussion on when the Annual Business should be held this year and what format it should take (inside/ outside; speaker or not). After discussion it was determined that we should hold the meeting outdoors (precautions for COVID-19) in July associated with a family event. Once the specific date is determined, we will see if we can get a speaker to discuss oak woodland/ savanna restoration. Cheri S volunteered to reserve the Hoyt Park Main Shelter for the event.
- **Open Board Seat:** Rich J indicated that the by-laws allow the Board to fill open Board seats mid-term. Erin A, Regent neighborhood representative let Rich J know that she regrettably, is unable to continue as the Regent rep and there is an at-large Board seat vacated by Betsy L. Rich will reach out to the President of the Regent Neighborhood Association to see if they would like to have representation on the FOHP Board and to the Bagley neighbors to see if they would like to be considered for the at-large Board seat or serve as a Bagley Neighborhood representative thus promoting communication between the Board and the Bagley neighbors.

**Next Meeting Date:** April 14, 2022 6:45PM via Zoom

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 PM**

/S/ **C Swenson** April 15, 2022