

Minutes of Dundee Memorial Park Association Board of Director's meeting – Monday, January 2, 2017

Present:, Peter Manhart, Molly Romero, , Eli McNichols, Dave Schinzel, Sara Paesl, Wiff Farrell, Sara Nelson, Fran Teply, Mary Green, Tom Craig, Eric Kaplan

Guests: Matt Dwyer (Sunks)

Absent: Bob Welk, Raquel Ahlvers, Ellen Shurson, Gary Rosenberg, Sara Jensen, Adam Langdon, Rodney Olden

Call to order -7:03pm

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting by Sara Paesl

-Motion / 2nd by Green & Manhart. Unanimous vote to approve

Approval of Treasurer's Report by Rodney Olden

- Motion / 2nd by Craig & Kaplan. Unanimous vote to approve

New Board Position for Sunken Garden

- Resolution was proposed defining duties of new board member to take on responsibility to maintain the sunks
- Review:
 - o Projects still won't move forward without endowment
 - o DMPA will hold funds from Omaha Community Foundation and DMPA will disperse to contractors
 - o Weekly maintenance will be done by hired landscape company
 - o Concern for volunteers: Goal is to have volunteers but the endowment is set up to pay for maintenance without volunteers
 - o Board will approve all contracts and funding
- Need to make sure treasurer is willing to take on extra work
 - o Separate checking account or just a new line item
- Concerns to run by Dan Rock
 - o Writing checks for only available amounts. Put in writing that no other DMPA funds will be used for the disbursements
 - o Insurance if something goes wrong or would the city be liable
- Adopt Resolution for adding a board position for the sunks pending Dan Rock approval
 - o Motion / 2nd by Kaplan & Farrell. Unanimous vote to approve.

Website

- Possible idea – Ellen could send newsletter to Sara Nelson when it goes to press so she has time to get it ready for the website.
- Website is underutilized – if you know of anything going on let Sara Nelson know.
- Rodney is mailing a check to repay SecretPenguin for Wufoo (\$30) and Square Space (\$192) invoices
 - o These are annual renewals that we pay every year
 - o Authorize Rodney to get a debit card from the bank and set up auto pays
 - Motion / 2nd by Schinzel & McNichols

Other Discussion

Grants

- Kiewit Foundation small neighborhood grants, application deadline February 1, 2017
 - o Not applying for this. Saving it for when we need it.
- MNA
 - o Will have a grant coming up usually around \$500. Could use this money for the Subway Cameras

Assignments for finding presenters for future neighborhood meetings

- Tom Craig contacting Forgotten Omaha Facebook guy Tim McGee

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Library

- New Permanent Manager Deirdre Root
- Still deciding what they are doing with donation

Membership Data

- Getting a lot of membership payments back through PayPal
- Could send out reminder notices through email
- Sara is sending Eli how to look up volunteer list
- Need to combine all volunteer lists into one and use sign up genius

Beautification

- Still need to find a board member for this position
- Need a list of who takes care of what island

Flower Baskets / Block Captains

- Looking for an easy solution to track blocks and flower baskets
- Want to have a running total online of what each block has given
 - o The block captains don't know who makes online payments
- Sara Nelson is putting on the website a Google Doc to view this information
- Also need to add an article in the newsletter explaining the extra costs for flower baskets

Flower Basket Planting

- March 24 & 25
- Sara Nelson to put link on website to volunteer

Spring Clean up

- Wiff requested not to have it May 6th

National NUSA Conference 2017

- Approved for the panel on green neighborhoods – need speaker on flower baskets

Adjourn 9:10

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