

## **Minutes of Dundee Memorial Park Association Board of Director's meeting – Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Present:** Molly Romero, Eli McNichols, Dave Schinzel, Sara Paesl, Wiff Farrell, Eric Kaplan, Adam Langdon

**Guests:** Jack Whiteman, Michael Braunstein, Mary – Supporters of the Greenspace

**Absent:** Bob Welk, Raquel Ahlvers, Ellen Shurson, Gary Rosenberg, Sara Jensen, Tom Craig, Fran Teply, Rodney Olden, Sara Nelson, Mary Green, Peter Manhart

Call to order -7:05pm

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting by Sara Paesl

- *Motion / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Romero/Kaplan. Unanimous vote to approve*

### **New Business Discussion**

#### **Sunks Project Update**

- Review: Board has taken a favorable position toward the sunks project and has agreed to control the money used for maintenance. A 1 million dollar endowment will be invested by the Omaha Community Foundation and then DMPA will use the interest to hire out maintenance for the sunks.
- Main concerns of the supports of the Greenspace and not of the sunks project are:
  - the addition of hardscapes and lighting
  - more structures which leads to graffiti
  - maintenance and upkeep
  - parking issues and the event spaces
  - loss of trees and grass / use of pesticide
- They believe the greenspace isn't being underused and that the historic design and guidelines of boulevards should be taken into consideration
- Even though Big Muddy planner looked at every tree and decide what should come down they would like a second opinion
- 84 neighbors have sign a petition to keep the sunks how it is / there are 170 donors but how many live in the neighborhood
- Website create at savethesunks.org
- Adam Langdon/Molly Romero will set up a meeting with Festersen, Dwyer and concerned residents to go over plan

### **Other Discussion**

#### **Open Positions**

- Dundee Book Sales for Dundee Day
- Flower Basket Planting
- Beautification

#### **Flower Baskets**

- Emails went out at the end of October
- Internet donations starting to come in
- Captains have started collecting donations

#### **Tree Planting**

- Planted trees Nicholas West of Happy Hollow, 51<sup>st</sup> and Western / Iazard and the street car monument

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### **Subway Cameras**

- Checking out Eric's Nest Camera for a possible solution

### **Grants**

- Working with Aksarben/Elmwood park neighborhood to get a joint grant to get cameras or graffiti coating on the grotto and bridge

Adjourn 8:25p Minutes Recorded and Distributed by Sara Paesl