

Friends of Northwest Park
Meeting January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m.

Present: Jay Melley, Mickey Mattei, Michael Novak, Ann A. Allen, Madelyn Boehm, Chuck Drake, Dick Dolliver, Kathryn Grimshaw, Lauren Grimshaw, Lon Pelton, Kate Lange, Nancy Taylor, Bill Schoner, Dawn Morgan, Chris Alford

Regrets: Terry Langevin, Randy Lee, Kate Morell, Carol MacMullen, Florence Barlow

Minutes: The minutes from the Annual Meeting were approved as written. As an Addendum, it was moved, seconded and voted that the minutes for the October meeting be amended to reflect that prior to said meeting, by vote of the members through the internet, the dues structure was modified.

Treasurer's Report: The report of the Treasurer was provided and is attached hereto.

Staff Report: Kathryn Grimshaw, representing the staff, gave the members an update on the health of Ford Parker, who is on the mend, but having a difficult recovery. An update was given on the Eco Tour of March 1, the removal of debris in the Park, and the Feeding of the Birds program.

She also discussed what was happening from an overall perspective with the Pond by the Warming Shed. As it is not a naturally fed pond, it has been difficult to maintain. The origin of the pond and the steps along the way were discussed. It was felt that it would be helpful to understand the situation by having Eric Davison give a status. Eric could also provide an update as well on the mowing project which was completed in the fall.

Kathryn also discussed the plans and needs for the Cabin Fever Event of February 9th. Some Corporate monies have been received. Staff was working hard on the planned day of escape. Chuck offered tarps for an ice skating rink. Dawn indicated securing volunteers for same.

Newsletter: Heidi and Mike worked with staff to get out 375 copies of same. Suggestions made for interviews with founders for future issues.

Country Fair/375th Anniversary: Mickey gave update on the events in the fall. Parade is scheduled for the 27th of September; Country Fair is the week before. Friends are encouraged to be in the parade, discussion of possible floats and or puppets for same. The night of the Fair is the Ball for the 375th Anniversary. Discussion on getting a table or just having members encouraged to go.

Membership: Discussion of sending acknowledge letters out, considering expense. Upon motion seconded and approved, it was voted to continue to do same. Chuck expressed desire not to do membership duties, upon which it was duly noted that his years conducting the membership has been helpful to the Friends and for which gratitude was given. Future membership duties would be conducted by committee, Nancy Taylor volunteering to guide those members.

Seminars/Lecture Series: No report was forthcoming, attempt to follow-up will be made before next meeting.

New Business: 1) Upon motion, seconded and voted, no internet voting on matters of monetary substance or policy would be conducted by the trustees.

2) A discussion was held on the activity level of the Friends and its future.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on motion at 8:55

NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.