



Minutes of the Sauganash Park Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2010

Present:

Mary Rodriguez, *President*
Connie Dare, *Vice President*
MaryAnne Newman, *Secretary*

Michelle H. Baldwin,
Sauganash Park Supervisor

Colleen Gallagher,
Area 4 Manager, North Region

Vicki Colla

Mary Malloy

Excused Absences:

Vicki Panoutsos, *Treasurer*
Elizabeth McManus, *IT Coordinator*

MaryBeth Jirgal

Cathy Mullen

Meeting called to order at 7:12PM.

I. Review and Approve Minutes

The minutes from the May SPAC meeting were accepted without comment.

III. Reports/updates:

a. SPAC Chair

Mary Rodriguez, President

1. Programming Committee

Sauganash Park will introduce a fall floor hockey league on Friday evenings for 9-13 year olds.

2. Budget Hearing July 20th, Horner Park, 6 pm

This is budgeting for capital needs, not programming. It was suggested that representatives of the SPAC attend and request assistance in funding for air conditioning, a sport court, & tennis court resurfacing. If the SPAC alerts the CPD with plans to soliciting outside monies for these projects, it is more likely that the CPD would be able to help provide the remaining funding.

3. FOP PAC Networking meeting September 14th

Meet the new board president.

b. SPAC Finances

Connie Dare standing in for Vicki Panoutsos, SPAC Treasurer, reported the following:

\$420.71 in profits has been collected to date from the SPAC concession stands operated during T-ball/softball/baseball games.

The SPAC will submit an article to the Sounds to solicit gently used Ride-on toy donations; board & card games, for family game night; and holiday lights, to be used for teen dances, etc.

Cathy Mullen would like to head up a Holiday Soccer Tournament for a SPAC fundraiser. She will work out the dates with Michelle Baldwin.

c. Piano Fundraising Committee

No report

d. CPD Partnership Requests

MaryAnne Newman, SPAC Secretary, reported the following:

1. Game Night Partnership

A Game Night Partnership Proposal was submitted on May 13, 2010. Colleen Gallagher expected to hear back on this by July 23rd.

Game Night participants would use the auditorium, supplying their own board games and/or cards. Game nights are scheduled the fourth Friday of each month beginning in June 2010 from 6-9 PM.

2. Family Fun Night Partnership

A new Partnership Proposal was submitted on June 18, 2010, and again on June 30th (at the request of Colleen Gallagher).

There has been no response to date.

3. Craft Night Partnership

The fall, winter and spring dates for this ongoing partnership will be scheduled with Michelle.

4. Big Band Partnership

The Big Band Partnership Proposal was submitted on March 25, 2010. The band that practices in the auditorium on Wednesday nights has requested a Partnership with the CPD to use the room at no cost.

The partnership contract was resubmitted on three weeks ago with the dates of the free concerts the band will put on at the park. The band will play before both summer movie nights, at the playground opening ceremony and for the piano fundraiser.

e. Sauganash Neighbors for a New Park

Colleen reported that the construction was on schedule as far as she was aware.

A Grand opening party may come with only 1-2 days notice if the Mayor attends.

The committee can plan it's own Grand Opening event, working with Michelle Baldwin and the Playground Project Manager.

f. Sauganash Community Association

The SCA is sponsoring a movie night at the park on Saturday, July 31st. The movie will be "Monsters Vs. Aliens." There will be a free Concert in the Park before the movie.

g. Other community representatives

No report

h. Park Supervisor's Report

Michelle H. Baldwin, Sauganash Park Supervisor, reported the following:

Michelle and Colleen will look into obtaining new baseball diamond backstops for next season from the Chicago White Sox.

The park will be repurposing the plastic timbers from the old playground to expand the existing building perimeter garden with them, after the playground construction is finished.

Sandra Estrada would like to create a community mosaic around the triangular planter outside the building entrance.

Michelle reports that three separate individuals from the neighborhood have asked to contribute to repairing the tennis courts.

Teen dance drew 100 kids. Michelle suggested that the SPAC help sponsor a teen dance on a regular basis. This would not require a partnership contract or any other paperwork. The park would require assistance with finding/funding a DJ, Drinks, Decor (christmas lights) and Dads (adult chaperones).

Daycamp has 130 children signed up this summer. Three week long sports camps have room: basketball, flag football and volleyball.

j. Area Manager's Report

Colleen Gallagher, Area 4 Manager, North Region, reported the following:

Michelle and Colleen will look into obtaining new baseball diamond backstops for next season from the Chicago White Sox.

Colleen is trying to get the tennis courts fixed as well.

IV. Unfinished Business

None.

V. New Business

a. Tennis courts

Colleen Gallagher advises that she doesn't care if the tennis courts are locked or not. If the community doesn't want the locks, they will be left off. The SPAC advised that the community would like the tennis courts left open and available for use.

b. Graffiti and Vandalism Prevention, etc

The basketball rims were removed by a vandal with an expensive laser saw, before the Park could remove them for the construction work.

The 5800/5900 block of Kostner will proactively watch over the park and call police when needed.

Mary Malloy will contact Alderman's staff to deal with the graffiti on Kostner, and at the bank. She will also speak to them about needed tree trimming on the bike path.

There are concerns about the presence of rats that may have been disturbed by the new playground construction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Next meeting Thursday, September 16 at 7:00PM at Sauganash Park.

SPAC Action List

Things to address ASAP or before the next SPAC meeting.

Elizabeth McManus	Elizabeth will develop a email mailing list as part of the SPAC website. All emails sent by the SPAC will contain a notice at the bottom of the email detailing how to unsubscribe from the list.
Many	The SPAC will operate concession stands during summer T-ball and baseball games, as well as movie nights.
Mary Rodriguez	Lunch will be provided to the Sauganash Park staff to show SPAC appreciation of all that they do for our community.
Unknown	Will submit an article to the Sounds to solicit gently used Ride-on toy donations, board & card games and holiday lights.
Cathy Mullen	Will work out the dates with Michelle Baldwin for a Holiday Soccer Tournament fundraiser.
MaryAnne Newman	Will scheduled the fall, winter and spring dates for craft night with Michelle.
Michelle Baldwin	Will look into obtaining new baseball diamond backstops.
Colleen Gallagher	Will look into obtaining new baseball diamond backstops and repairing the tennis courts.
Mary Malloy	Will contact Alderman's staff to deal with the graffiti on Kostner, and at the bank. She will also speak to them about needed tree trimming on the bike path.
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Future Action List

Things on the radar, but we are not ready to move on them yet.

Michelle Baldwin	Michelle will send out an email to her list of all of the people that sign-up for Sauganash Park classes detailing how to subscribe to the SPAC email list.
Mary Rodriguez	The Sauganash Community Association and the ESAA will be asked to send an email to their lists detailing how to subscribe to the SPAC email list.
