

Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
June 21, 2022

Attending

Mary Buckman	Olga Loza	
Audrey Hatch	Charley Fisher	Ken Haines
Roberta Sperling	Stephanie Long	Doug Severs
Meredith Petit	Jenny Meisel	

Minutes

Olga brought the meeting to order at 5pm. A motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting was made by Roberta and seconded by Mary. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that this is a fairly slow time of year for donations. We spent \$1700 on items for C3. Those checks have already been written. Our taxes were done and filed on time. We owe some money to the state. Mary reported that we received a bill from the IRS for about \$4000 for not filing taxes. Our taxes were filed. Perhaps they lost the paperwork. A & S is working on trying to figure out what happened.

Saturday Market

We have a booth at the Market July 9. Mary and Roberta will work from 9 to 11 and Charley and Stephanie will work 11 to 1. There is one more date, September 10. Jenny and Ken will work 9 to 11 and Audrey and either Olga or Charley will work 11 to 1.

MLK Update

Audrey reported that postcards were sent out and some came back. Roberta said more things are coming back than normally happens. Olga said there is some activity on the website and some people are adding their email addresses. Jenny mentioned that the mobile site is awful. Olga will try to figure out why our website isn't getting picked up by search engines. Meredith talked about the Ambassadors, who are a group of seven people working on the MLK Master Plan. They have been meeting since December. They are working on art selection, developing content for interpretation, fundraising and marketing. They will develop a site for fundraising so we can accept Venmo, Apple Pay, etc. They are close to having some designs ready. They are also having conversations with large donors. The State sent the contract for the four million dollars. They will give an overview to the City Council tonight.

Meredith's Report

Meredith reported that summer camps start next week. There are enhanced scholarship opportunities. The tennis courts and pickleball courts at Cloverland Park are open. Olga asked if the camping situation is improving. Meredith said it is approaching pre-COVID levels. They have to prioritize which camps to post and then clean up. Olga asked if campers are taking advantage of available resources. Meredith said some are. Information is provided to all campers.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm..

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher

