

Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
July 19, 2022

Attending

Mary Buckman
Audrey Hatch
Roberta Sperling
Meredith Petit

Olga Loza
Doug Severs
Stephanie Long

Absent

Ken Haines
Charley Fisher
Jenny Meisel

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that A&S is still dealing with the IRS issue. The IRS said it needs 60 days to answer questions about the \$4000 it says Friends owes. The return they say they didn't get was mailed and A&S has the receipt. Mary is finding a local Edward Jones person to handle the \$132,000 that Friends was given. CD rates are going up and we may be able to invest the money in CDs. There will be some small amount of fees which Edward Jones charges quarterly.

Possible Projects

Roberta suggested we find a way to use some of the money we have which is not earmarked for projects for cleaning up parks. She noted that the old concrete trash cans down on the riverfront are not functional and are chained to keep them from being vandalized. Meredith offered that those receptacles are no longer functional. The opening is too small and take out containers don't fit, so the trash overflows. Bigger trash receptacles would be better. Ones that would work cost about \$1500 each. Meredith said she liked the idea of replacing the trash receptacles with ones that are functional and look good. She said she would do some research and see what is available. Meredith mentioned that the DCA used to pay for trash pickup downtown, but now they are disbanded. Audrey offered that we may be able to raise money for this. Audrey asked Meredith what the volunteer situation is currently? Meredith said there are lots of people reaching out to do volunteer work. At the beginning of July, there was a downtown community cleanup. The Central Park Neighborhood Association and CBUF also organized some activities.

Saturday Market

Audrey asked if we can add another date for a booth this fall. She will check with Charley who can find out about that.

MLK Update

Meredith had a request to transfer the rest of the seed money for the MLK marketing. On August 28, the launch for public donations will happen. Mary will transfer \$15,000 to the city. There is \$18,146 left. Audrey said that beginning in August, there should be more Board involvement with the campaign.

Meredith's Report

Meredith reported that Parks and Rec may start painting the dinosaur bones for special events or special times. In addition, the movie in the park is August 18 and there are concerts in the park at Chintimini.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm..

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher