



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Meeting time: 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Please be on time so we can finish on time!

Location: Lower Level of the **Jefferson Cutter House**, Arlington Center

- Approve Oakes's Minutes from June meeting (see reverse) – Thanks Judy!
- Treasurer's Report – Roly

Reports of Committees

- Membership – Don
- Landscape / Historic Interpretations
 - Garden Proposal & School – water connection – drinking fountain – Oakes
- Community Events – Christian
 - Independence Day – Enough Volunteers? Punch list for Saturday
 - Glow Sticks are in - Tony
 - Allen Feinstein Jazz Band Concert on Thursday, July 9th – Info table?
 - Shakespeare in the Park – Fundraiser recap
 - S in the P – Sunday July 19th – Chairs? Volunteers? 2 B or not 2 B? Our plan?
- Park Maintenance and Upkeep
 - Park & Rec Mtg report – Jen
 - Porta-Potty - community response? Any problems/issues?
- Communications – Judy, Don
 - Use of webpage provider mass-email for sending messages to members – Don
- Publicity – Sandy , Marianne
 - Publicity for Jazz Concert? Announcement/Preview by Allen Feinstein at 4th July?
- Sundial – Marlene

Old business:

- Director No. 15

New Business

- Composting at the Park / Sustainable Practices (Committee)? - Mike
- Master Plan – Marlene
- Soapbox Derby report / evaluation – Tony
- Gov Patrick almost at the Park - FORFP Gifts - Tony
- Refreshments next Month: ???
- Anything else?

Next Meeting – **Wed, August 5** Jefferson Cutter House Gallery

[Reminder: FIRST Wednesdays all 2009]

Friends of Robbins Farm Park

To promote preservation, restoration, recreational opportunities and safety, and to sponsor clean-up and other community activities at the beautiful park in Arlington Heights known as Robbins Farm

Minutes of Board Meeting 7:30 pm June 3, 2009, at Jefferson Cutter House

Present: Judy Leich, Christian Klein, Roly Chaput, Marlene Rockmore, Mike Smith, Elaine Backman, Don Kalischer, Sandy Carmichael, and Oakes Plimpton.

Minutes of last meeting by Oakes approved. **Treasurer's Report** by Roly Chaput handed out and approved. Total assets at \$24,400. \$75 to be deposited and Oakes gives Roly \$20 for two more books sold. **Membership:** Don reports 1 new member and 3 re-ups. **Communications:** Don keeps up our website. Should we communicate by e-mail?? Yes, but the hard copy newsletter mailed out is a good idea, otherwise likely our news will be lost in cyberspace!

Garden Proposal: Oakes hands out new version. Discussion. Great idea, but! Problem of taking over space of the Field Day Moon Walk and various races such as the sack and 3-legged. Mike asks where the tools will be stored and the fencing (not Roly's garage!). He suggests clover instead of winter rye for cover crop. General consensus the garden should be smaller than 40 by 40 and that the school should be more directly involved. Marlene suggests contacting Community Education. Other details need to be worked out such as community service labor, fencing, cost of putting in water. Also summer maintenance. No doubt it is desirable to have a Learning Garden, and good to have the garden revert to the park from October to April. Oakes to return with further input.

Summer events: Christian fills us in. Park clean-up went well, mats installed for the swings. Question: should we pile up our leaves in compost bins?? Could be used for the new garden, but cost and work put it out of question for now. Note: Soap Box Derby happening June 6th, Eastern Avenue to be closed off. FORFP not involved! (Though some of our children are enrolled!). A.C.A. fund raiser for Shakespeare play happening June 18th at Jim Miller's back yard! We may cook some hors d'oeuvres. The play itself is happening July 19th — Hamlet! Check out our website for Jeff Alexander Astronomy nights over the summer, June 27th the next one. **July 4th!** Saturday this year. Volunteers needed! Barry has tracked down some funding, \$1,000 again from Premier Roofing. NSTAR probably will donate a \$1,000. We will cook hot dogs. Roly to contact fire and police, also Jack Rogers for corporate support. Porta Potty we hope may be picked up the next day (we need more than the one as there'll be so many people) which would cost less. **Movie and Baseball nights:** Popcorn? Baseball vs the Rays Sept. 26th.

Adjournment: Thanks, Judy, for refreshments. Next meeting July 1? **Notes** by Oakes