

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park
Meeting Minutes 01/12/16
Mariners House, Boston, MA

Meeting chaired by Joanne Hayes-Rines - 6:30 PM
Recording: Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk
Attending: 9 Board Members (Joe Bono absent) - 10 Members
Minutes distributed.

Committee Reports

-- **Horticulture report – Robyn Reed – No Report**

-- **Membership report – Beverly Knight**

Membership Drive in March. Invitations will go out in March.

Social at Tia's – Thursday, April 21st

- **Treasurer's Report – Audrey Tortolani**
- **See Attached copy.**

-- **Fundraising report – Patricia Sabbey**

Sponsorship check for Joe's American Bar was delayed. It needed to be sent from corporate headquarters. The local and district managers were very helpful and very supportive of the park and made sure FOCCP received the check. We are fortunate as a group to have such great local support from all of our sponsors.

-Internet Communications report - Christina Sperry

Four emails were sent to the FOCCP mailing list since the last monthly meeting:

- December and January monthly newsletters.
- A follow-up to the December newsletter updating FOCCP's corporate sponsors.
- A reminder about the Annual Trellis Lighting.

The emails each went to a usual number of recipients and were opened around the usual open rate of about 1/3.

At the last meeting, I hoped that the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Facebook page would increase from 591 "Likes" to over 600, and it did! We're now at 617 "Likes."

If Twitter is more your social media preference, we have that too! The content mirrors what is on Facebook. Find us @FOCCP. We currently have 235 followers.

■ Infrastructure Committee report - Ford Cavallari

Trellis Lights: Repairs need to be done in dry weather. Therefore, repairs will be done in the spring. White lights not affected. All 16 white light arches illuminated now. Blue lights normally on from Nov. to after Patriots Day in April.

- . Discussion regarding led spotlights by Joes' American Bar.
Ford's source for ordering more spotlights, although less costly than ordering locally, would take 3 weeks for delivery from China.

Joe Vossello's local source, even though the lights are from China, are stored locally. Orders can be made through Amazon.

The discussion over cost and delivery time led the members to vote **Unanimously in favor of ordering locally and to approve expenditure of \$4800.00 plus cost of cords.**

Cost \$150.00 per light plus cost of cords.

Joe will place the order. Steve Mirabelli will install them. Takes about 1 ½ hours to install each light.

Dimmers for white lights are already in the budget.

15th Anniversary Planning Committee-Joanne:

- On Monday, January 25, Ann and I are meeting with Ryan Woods of the Parks Dept. to discuss possible ideas for special events in the park. Attending the meeting will be Nicole Ferraro of the Boston Public Health Commission, which was responsible for the Boot Camp and Zumba classes in the Park last year. Jennifer Widener of the Park Dept. will also attend the meeting.
- Our goal is to contract for special events that we will promote and pay for but have minimal work required by FOCCP members.
- 2016 Events planned:
 - Independence Day Celebration ... Saturday, June 25.
 - Sunday Night Movies ... dates TBD
 - Columbus Day Fall Festival ... Monday, Oct. 10
- Need volunteers for this planning committee

Ideas:- Street Performer, Jason, suggested Street Performer Festival.

He is working with Sal LaMattina, City Councilor, on ordinances for street performers.

-U.S. Air Force Heritage Jazz Band coming in August.

November minutes were accepted as presented. Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk
