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Friends of Christopher Columbus Park
Monthly meeting
March 9, 2010
The Mariner House - North Square - Boston, MA

The meeting was convened at 6:40 by Joanne Hayes-Rines. Prior to regular business, representatives from the Boston Harbor Alliance and the National Park Service presented an update of the harbor pavilion/ticket kiosk project. They received funding to proceed on the project in March 2009 and the construction schedule calls for an April 2010 start date and work to continue thru December 2010. The Greenway area to be affected is directly across from the Park on Atlantic Ave. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions to the flow of pedestrian traffic to and from the Greenway to the Park.

Agenda

February meeting
Treasurer report
Horticulture report
Fundraising report
Membership report
Maintenance report
Remarks from Joanne

February meeting
Liz Greene read the minutes. They were accepted with one correction

Treasurer Report

Virginia Kimball presented her report in a new format. Jim Salini assisted with the development of the new format. Checking account balance as of 12/31/09 was \$61,044. Total funds with \$138,319 in Certificates of Deposit are \$199,363.

Horticulture report

Mary Ann Esparo reports she now has 13 to 14 volunteers. Work begins in April

Fundraising report

Ann Devlin Tagliaferro reports that the committee has decide to continue to plan for a Fall 2010 Gala. Possibly November 12 or 19. Committee work continues. More to follow.

Ann has put in a call to Missy Walker of Boston's Best Cruises to further explore the idea of an additional smaller scale fundraising cruise in the harbor. Is still waiting for a return call.

Membership report

Meghan Denenberg reminds us that the April meeting will focus on the annual membership drive and all should be prepared to assist with envelope stuffing effort.

Maintenance report

Cole Landers reminds us that the maintenance committee does not actually have to conduct maintenance in the park but rather is responsible for a regular walk through in the park to identify areas that need attention by the Parks Dept or other professionals. He has one volunteer and is still looking for additional members.

Remarks from Joanne

Joanne received an email from Toni Pollak advising her of scheduled hearing regarding Segway. City Councilor Sal LaMattina is holding the session on Tuesday, March 23 at 1pm at City Hall – Iannella Chambers. Invites all who can to attend

Joanne reported that Frim Field has volunteered to work with her to develop a standard format for the use of the bulletin board.

The Marriott has agreed to support the ParkArts Kick off concert on 6/26 and will provide changing rooms and refreshments for the band.

Mary Jo Savino completed word processing the draft FOCCP By-Laws. They will be presented at the April meeting for a vote.

The Tot Lot clean up date has been scheduled for May 1 (Rain date May2)

The trellis lights are showing their wear and a number of them are out. They will all be shut off in conjunction with day light savings. Cole Landers suggests an Ad Hoc committee to assess the status of the lights for the next holiday season. Mary Ann Esparo agreed to talk with Danny Nuzzo about the lights as he has been the primary person involved with this project over the last few years.

Mary Ann also reports that the holiday lights garland that has been used in the Rose Garden has deteriorated and will need to be replaced for next season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Minutes prepared by Liz Greene, Clerk