



**Friends of Christopher Columbus Park**  
Meeting August 13, 2019  
Mariners House

Meeting Chaired by Joanne Hayes-Rines  
Recording Minutes: Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk  
Distributed July Minutes.

Board Members Attending: Joanne Hayes-Rines, Ann Babbitt, Ann DeLuca, Robyn Reed, Patricia Sabbey, Rita Pagliuca, Patricia Thiboutot  
Board Members Absent: MaryGaye Grizwin, Ford Cavallari, Susanne Lavoie  
Members Attending: 9

**Reports:**

--**Fundraising**: Patricia Sabbey - No Report

-- **Internet Communications** – Joanne Hayes-Rines

Joanne would like someone to take over the website and possibly, the newsletter.

-- **Infrastructure** - Ford Cavallari-Absent-No Report

-- **Horticulture** – Robyn Reed

Not much going on in the garden this time of year. We will be cutting back the echinachia soon, but right now we are just maintaining and cleaning the gardens. Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts has a fun challenge – to plant as many native plants in our gardens as possible. It's good for pollinators and so that invasive species don't take over. We will be adding them to the pachysandra areas near the rose garden over the next year.

Everyone is welcome to join us – we will train you and provide all the tools and gloves. Please just wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing, as well as sun protection.

--**Park Art:**

GREENFEST is having many activities in our park this weekend August – 16-18 – concerts, art, activities, vendors and tents.

I got an email from Pierre Bélanger - landscape architect & Urban Planner at OPEN SYSTEMS® / LANDSCAPE INFRASTRUCTURE LAB™

based in Boston, represents the Curatorial Team for the National Exhibition at the United States Pavilion for the 2020 Architecture Biennale in Venice, Italy. The exhibition is supported by the Department of State, Bureau of International Exchange and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts In Washington DC and La Collezione Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice. He wants to speak with me regarding the content of the prospective 2020 Exhibition to explore a potential collaboration with FOCCP.

-- **Membership** – MaryGaye Grizwin - Absent - No Report

**--FaceBook – Meredith**

June - 1,383 Likes

July 1 -1,400 “

Aug. - 1,430 “

Today - 1,434 “

Of the LIKES: NO. 5 was 451 commented Park's photos taken by Frankie at Movie Night of showing Greatest Showman..

No. 4 - 455 LIKES - Public Service Announcement regarding heat wave-photo of baby.

No. 3 - 518 LIKES - Polly & Quinn cleaning up garden

No. 2 - Reached 2289 -Movie Poster of Greatest Showman

No. 1 - 3,085 LIKES - Photo of Richmond Street Flower Beds

**-- Treasurer:** – Ann DeLuca is resigning as treasurer effective 8.15.

The Board approved the hiring of a Bookkeeper – Beverly Knight who is the former chair of the Membership Committee has been hired. She has moved to the west coast. Beverly has worked for a dental office as a bookkeeper. She will work with Rita and Meredith to continue the current process. She will be here in September to be able to catch up with Rita and Meredith. Ann will be available for questions. A search for a Treasurer is on going. The Treasurer will write and sign checks and work with the Bookkeeper.

**--Treasurer Report:**

**Revenue** through July 31, 2019 for the Park was \$26,864, which is 32% of the 2019 Budget of \$84,000. Prior year 2018 revenue was \$38,771. The decrease is due to 2017 Sponsorship Revenue that was received in 2018.

Fireworks revenue collected year to date is \$8,500. (Prior year was \$13,700. The decrease is due to 2017 Fireworks revenue received in 2018).

General Membership revenue through July 31, 2019 is \$15,879 which is 79% of the 2019 Budget of \$20,000. Prior year membership revenue was \$17,071.

**Expenses:**

Program Related Expenses year to date are \$20,738 which is 27% of 2019 Budget of \$76,200. Prior year program related expenses were approximately \$30,640. The decrease is because we did not purchase rose bushes again this year and we have not paid the lawn games yet.

**--Harbor Cruise** -- Report by Camille Hogan and Stephanie Walker

Tuesday, August 20. Tickets available online. \$40 per person.

Tickets sold as of today: 59 plus 2 guests. Caterer, Dom's Sausage Co. and DJ, Leah Vitiello are in place.

Patricia Sabbey brought gift baskets from Joe's American Bar for the raffle. Thanks to Meredith for posting last year's menu for us to review for this year. Weather forecast looks good. Meredith will take photos.

Boarding time is at 5:30 PM.

**--Fall Festival** – Ann Babbitt. Just 8 weeks away.

All Set! Everything is packed and ready to go.

Will need volunteers. Rita will be taking photos. May have a Scarecrow for photo taking.

**--TREE AND BENCH PROGRAM** – Mary Gaye, Meghan Absent  
Joanne reported that she sent over the wording for a plaque to the Parks Dept. for the bench that was sold. MaryGaye and Meghan would like a Ribbon Cutting for the placement of the plaque. Park Commissioner, Ryan Woods will be invited. 8 benches may have been sold. Joanne buying one and waiting to decide on the wording of the plaque. Only 2 parks have a Bench Program - FOCCP and the Public Gardens. Benches will be numbered.

**--2019 Movies in the Park** July 21 – August 25 – 6 movies Cost: \$2850 (\$475 per showing)

More attendance at Movie Night - 100 to 125 in attendance on Sunday.

Pop Corn provided by Joe's American Bar.

Mark your calendar now for every Sunday from July 21 through August 25

July 21 Casablanca (PG)

July 28 Some Like it Hot (G)

August 4 Greatest Showman (PG)

August 11 Back to the

Future(PG13)

August 18 Million Dollar Baby (PG13)

August 25 Black Panther (PG13)

### **--BOSTON HARBOR FIREWORKS FUND**

This year there will be 2 events:

Thursday, August 29 ... Labor Day Kickoff ... 2 barges were planned but, unfortunately, the funds weren't raised to cover 2 so there will only be one.

Tuesday, December 31 ... New Year's Eve ... 2 barges

Fundraising efforts for 2018 came up short so there will not be fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

Fireworks page is up on our website with link to how people can make a donation.

### **--IRREVERENT WARRIORS**

This non profit group contacted us about a hike veterans are having through Boston, starting in the South End and ending at Fenway Park. Approx. 350 veterans will walk on Saturday, August 24, and they will visit veterans' memorials along the way. They're stopping by the Beirut Memorial from 11:45am to 12:15am and will get refreshments at Joe's and Sail Loft.

The veterans hike with 50# packs on their backs wearing "silbies" and combat boots. "We bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent veteran suicide.

### **--2019 EVENTS**

Easter Egg Hunt – Ann Babbitt

Membership Social – April 3 – 6pm to 8pm

Playground Celebration – May 4 -- Noon to 2pm

Independence Day – Saturday, June 29

Lawn Games – July 20 to Sept. 14

Croquet on Wednesdays through August

Cruise – August 20

Fall Festival – October 5

**Trellis Lighting** -- November 25 Monday

**--NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on Homeless sleeping in Park. Park Maintenance Crew have the homeless clean up their area and then send them off.

Entertainers are still performing. Park Ranger measuring sound.

July Minutes Approved as presented.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Thiboutot, Clerk