

## Minutes from **Friends of Hunter Park** meeting

September 14, 2005 7:30 PM

- Hunter Park Music Fest Recap
  - Cheers to the volunteers
  - Great success
  - Good music
  - Proposed a second going
    - Possibly charge vendors to raise money
    - Other fundraisers
- Cool Cities Designation
  - Money available on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
  - City of Lansing gets a chunk of the money
    - Responsible for the path
    - Put in this fall
  - Allen Neighborhood Center gets the rest
    - Hoop house (solar greenhouse) raising this spring
- Hunter Park
  - Proposed a letter from FHP to the city to convert present b-ball court to new covered picnic area
  - One bigger b-ball court, not two small ones
  - Tree for a tree, if the box elders are chopped, the city needs to plant another
  - Arbor day trees-cheap
  - Talked about hosting a FHP link on ANC website
- 5 necessary improvements for Hunter Park
  - Lighting
  - Fencing
  - Signage
  - Benches
  - Trashcans
- Next meeting
  - Prioritize 5 needs
    - Others as they come up
  - Oct. 12, 7:30
- Follow-up Info

I spoke with Murdock yesterday about several items:

1) He said that the cement slab where the current b-ball court is located would not be usable for the picnic pavilion. Pavilions require certain kinds of footings, etc. and by the time they were done, they would have had to break up the current slab

nearly in its entirety anyway. The revised site puts it closer to the little kids playground and actually closer to the parking lot.

2) RE: the location of the new b-ball court - According to Murdock, the Parks Board and Parks department have on file more complaint letters about b'ball from people living near Lansing Parks than on any other topic. Consequently, it has become their policy to insulate neighbors as much as possible from the courts. He thinks that moving the new court to our preferred site near Holmes would be a nearly impossible sell, and asks us to consider putting it more centrally (nearer the tennis courts, and no further south than the southern line of the tennis courts--so it would not jut out into the park). We talked about removing the fence (He is *very* open to that, in fact) and putting in two archways---at either front corner of the Park, much like at Durant Park downtown. My feeling is that this might work since people who enter from north of k'zoo or from either the east or west, will very likely come in those corners. The two corner arched entrances could have small seating/landscaped areas. What do you think?

3) He also said that Parks would purchase a big beautiful sign to put right in front of the park on K'zoo that announces the 'Hunter Park Project' as a Cool Cities Neighborhood Project.