

**Friends of Hunter Park (FHP)
Minutes from 2-9-05 Meeting**

In attendance: JulieAnne Jones (Co-chair), Nancy VanHoozier, Anna Hope, Francine Watts (Co-chair), and Bri Havens (ANC).
Winter Event:

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the "Spontaneous Winter Event." The following points were made:

- Due to the winter weather being difficult to predict, the group decided that perhaps we shouldn't wait on the weather to do an event. Instead of relying on the winter weather to provide the fun, we decided perhaps it would be best to set a date to do an activity with neighborhood children that would still advertise this newly formed neighborhood group to both adults and kids in the area. At this fun day we would like to have a piñata, a fun, kid-safe movie, and a craft making snowmen out of doughnut holes!
- Ironically, the date that the group picked for our Fun Day was the same day that ANC is hosting an "Educational Forum." On Saturday, March 5th at the Allen Neighborhood Center the Friends of Hunter Park is willing to provide the childcare, in addition to crafts and activities for the children to partake in while their parents are attending the Educational Forum.
- Nancy and JulieAnne volunteered to donate the piñata and Anna also volunteered to bring popcorn for the children to enjoy. Francine is going to check on getting doughnuts donated to us in order to make the snowman craft. She will get back to the group and let them know if the doughnuts are available.
- Bri will create a calendar of the events we have planned throughout the year to give to those adults who attend the "Educational Forum" that will advertise these events.

Spring Clean Up:

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Spring Clean Up on April 30th, 2005. The following points were made:

- We will not be mulching the path at the Clean Up. Murdock Jemerson, the director of the Parks and Recreation Department, would prefer to not have mulch at all in the park due to its tendency to be a mess and a difficulty for the landscapers while mowing the grass.
- Instead of mulching the perimeter path we are diligently searching out funding that will provide the funds for an asphalt path.
- At our next meeting we will plan out what we want to complete during the Spring Clean Up

Summer Music Festival:

- The grant was submitted on Friday, February 5th to the Neighborhood Advisory Board. We received notification that we were unable to ask for funding for the beverages and snacks that we would then turn around and sell for fundraising purposes at the Festival. A few ideas were thrown around as alternatives to raise some funds, including:
 - A few 50/50 raffles throughout the day
 - Sale of tickets to participate in events like a dunk tank (possibly getting someone "noteworthy" to sit in the dunk tank), a duck pond, fish throwing contest, etc.
- Bri will be the main contact person with Carole Munroe, the staff person at the Parks and Recreation Dept. who is assisting the FHP in planning this summer festival.

Fundraising:

- Bri reported that Hollie Hamel, ANC's Food Team Coordinator and Joan Nelson, the director of ANC are submitting a Cool Cities grant in hopes to receive funding for the perimeter path and the hoop house.
- Some questions came up specifically about the hoop house that Bri was unable to answer, so Hollie Hamel will be attending the April meeting. Hollie will be open to questions about the hoop house and the history of how the idea of the hoop house came about in relation to Hunter Park at the April FHP meeting.
- Lastly, Bri passed around flyers from a company in Detroit called "All About Play" that provides estimates for playground and park equipment. Those in attendance looked over the flyers. Bri will continue to bring the information from "All About Play" to the next meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th, 2005 at 6:30-8:30 p.m at the Allen Neighborhood Center. Call Bri if you have any questions or comments about the minutes at 367-2468.