

Hermosa Beach Friends of the Park  
Board Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2016  
Location: HB Community Center, Time: 6:30pm

***CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:***

Board members *present*: Janice Brittain, President; Janice Yates, Secretary; Betty Starr, Membership; Jody Leventhal, Treasurer

Parks & Rec. Commissioners *present*: Isabel Rodriguez, Maureen Ferguson Lewis

Guests *present*: Arcadia Bersonnean Keanne and Beth Rohrer of South Park Moms

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION – SOUTH PARK***

Presentation by Arcadia & Beth regarding what additional equipment is needed/desired for South Park that are listed in "South Park Phase 2 Priority List of Improvements" document. Request for FOP donation; refer to "SOUTH PARK – MOTION".

***TREASURER'S REPORT - Jody***

1. Current balance is \$40,515. Balance includes payment of \$938/year for D&O Insurance renewal through 2016
2. Jody requested common terminology when referring to various earmarks vs. events. Earmarks are subcategories in the Balance Sheet, under "liabilities". Events, such as MIP and PIP, are separate budget items on financial reports.
3. Current balance in HVS Sand Dune Project is \$2100. FOP to reimburse Suzanne Evans for expenses prior to March meeting at which she is expected to attend.
4. Review of current liabilities and anticipated expenses including 2015 Movies in Park (Valley Park expenses) and Shakespeare by the Sea (\$1000 donation) leave balance of approx. \$32,000 spendable cash.
5. The \$32,000 (see prior) means FOP has budget to increase donation from \$5000 to \$6000 for South Park Phase 2.

***SOUTH PARK - MOTION***

**\*\*MOTION** to approve HBFOP donation of \$6000 (\$1000 increase). The donation will go towards purchase of additional play ground equipment for South Park and HBFOP will receive recognition that will include a sign/plaque on or near the particular piece of equipment ("climbing/rope structure"). APPROVED 4 - 0.

***SPECIAL PROJECT - PETS IN THE PARK, Saturday 4/16/16***

1. Discussion of PITP "Items/Job" document listing activities and volunteers
2. Discussion of PITP "HB Spring Pet Fair" document listing possible sponsors/vendors/volunteers
3. Volunteer inquiries should go to Maureen.

***HBFOP WEB SITE***

1. **\*\*MOTION** to approve funds to transfer hbpop.org web to new platform using WordPress. Funds are \$99 set up/transfer fee, plus monthly fee. APPROVED 4 -0.
2. Maureen to take over web site development/updates (from Neil Leventhal)

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**GRANT FROM WATER DEPARTMENT - Maureen**

1. Recommendation that FOP apply for a \$2000 Grant available from Water Department. The application must show that the money will be used on project to reduce water use or water pollution. For example, use grant money to install more Dog Poop Bag dispensers that would result in less dog poop getting into the water and therefore reduce pollution.
2. \*\*MOTION to approve that Maureen will write and submit grant application on behalf of HBFOP. APPROVED 4-0.
3. \*\*MOTION to approve that if HBFOP receives \$2000, HBFOP will match grant with proceeds, if any, from PITP event. APPROVED 4-0.

**HBFOP EVENTS SCHEDULE**

1. Movies in Park - Jan B. Discussion of plan to collaborate with Sister Cities on MIP. Sisters Cities is NOT available on Saturday/Sunday so date of 2016 MIP set (by consensus) to Friday, July 22nd, location is Valley Park.
2. Pumpkins in the Park; date not confirmed yet but expected to be either October 8th or 15th.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Membership - NO REPORT
2. Community Garden - Isabel.
  - a) Fundraising event at Comedy & Magic Club on 3/15/16
  - b) Garden opening scheduled for 3/20/16
  - c) Anyone wanting a plot in the garden should send e-mail to: [communitygarden@hermosabch.org](mailto:communitygarden@hermosabch.org)

**OTHER**

1. KIWANIS "K" DAY is April 2nd. Kiwanis kids do city cleaning and, if needed, can also help with planting.
2. Report by Janice Y on the 2/5-6 PLAN Hermosa events that focused on Parks and Open Spaces

**NEXT MEETING / ADJOURN**

1. Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, 3/9/16
2. VOTE TO ADJOURN Meeting 8:10pm PASSED 4-0