

LAKE PARK FRIENDS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, Jan. 28 2007

Members Present: Dave O'Brien, BG Hook, Gerry Broderick, Dennis Buettner, Tom Cheney, Karen Fox, Oliver Plunkett, Donna Smith, Sally Merrell, Anne Booth

Guests: Ann Wollmer, Chuck Ward

1. County Government Report. Sue Black spoke with Gerry Broderick on the day of our meeting. She supports an effort to continue the renovation of the community room. Chuck Ward reported that the County plans to paint the baseboards in the room and work on the ceiling. The board members suggested better display boards and comfortable table and chairs.

The skating rink opened the prior Thursday with commitment from Lake Park Friends of up to \$15,000 to fund its operation. Special thanks are owed to County workers Bob and Pete for their efforts to get the rink established. Dave O'Brien planned to write a letter thanking them for their efforts to Director Black. The skating party had over 100 guests (the most ever).

Chuck Ward announced that, thanks to the efforts of Supervisor Broderick, the County will provide the funding to finish the Wolcott statue, to work on the tuck pointing and other base support.

The Parks Department has approved the final plan provided by Judy Stark for the replanting of the Wahl Avenue Bluff. The Department of Administrative Services will have to conduct a due diligence check on Lake Park Friends before the County can enter into a partnership with the organization. Once that due diligence research is completed the final plan will go to the Parks Commission for approval and then on to the County Board. The current proposed contract provides for the planning of the bluff this summer with five years of maintenance at \$5,000 a year for a total cost of \$92,000 (the County plans to take over maintenance in year six). The goal is to start the project this spring. The County's role in years one through five will only be to inspect; no County workers will be provided.

Chuck updated us on the ravine project. Laurie Albano is planning to research the availability of \$20,000 from the DNR Stewardship Fund.

2. Community Room Update. The floor has been removed. The workers can't continue the work while the restaurant is open due to odors. This will cause some delay in completion. The plan is to install a colored concrete floor and paint the walls.

3. Bench Project. Roland Daneau reported that interest in the purchase of benches continues to be high. He currently has three unsold benches, which he plans to sell at \$2,500. Roland is working on an estimate of the current costs of the bench including the concrete slab, construction, and installation. Once those

costs are available the board will determine the selling price for additional benches.

4. Fundraising Committee. Anne Booth reported on fundraising. The fundraising committee has discussed the concept of membership issues such as increased annual dues levels, lifetime memberships, renaming the categories and allowing complementary memberships. Everyone agreed that a lifetime membership could confer a benefit such as attendance at an annual party.

5. Adjournment. BG Hook moved for adjournment; Karen Fox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.