

**The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010**

In Attendance: Rick Zehrer, Bruce Warmuth, Robert Smith, Diane Thompson, Betty Ann Courtney, Angela Thielemans, Dave Anderson, and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1pm with Rick Zehrer presiding as president and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

October minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report available as our treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

Old Business

- **Par Course update:** This project has been completed and looks great! A thank you letter was sent out to the Halls for all of their help.
- **Hills Fest:** Betty Ann and Angela Thielemans gave a summary report of the event. Betty Ann passed out an outline of the final budget including details and contact numbers for volunteers and event venues. The total cost for the Park Commission was \$1,450.71. Games2U was very good and enjoyed by the kids. The 10 cases of water that was donated by the POA was just the right amount. For the future, we will need 25, 12 packs of sodas for next year's event. The pumpkin painting was a hit and it was suggested that we order 200 small pumpkins in the future. The band was entertaining and the musicians had wanted a dance area which was not available since only space we have was the pavilion and that was needed for food and dining. The event attracted mostly younger people and their children. Not as many retired/empty nester residents attended as we were hoping for. Angie and the POA has already agreed to join forces with the Park Commission for next year's Hills Fest and budgeted \$2,500 toward the event. Additional comments were made that we would like to attract more of the retired folks in our community as well as the families. It was also emphasized that we need many more people to help with the set-up and clean-up. Other items that were noted are that we do not need to cover the picnic tables other than the ones for serving food; we will not need new trash cans next year as the ones we had this year have been folded up and saved in the storage area. Betty Ann donated 2 open tubs to The Park for next year's event to be used for water and other drinks. We currently have 4 large folding tables and 1 smaller one in the storage area.

Bruce did a wonderful job and the display board and she has suggested that we get a frame for the display next year so that it will be easier to place. The Thompsons also did a lot to help out throughout the day. Angie reported that there were only about 4 cars that parked at Serene Hills Elementary. Because of the difficulties arranging approval for the parking, the school districts strict requirements, and the lack of usage by attendees, we may need to abandon parking there next year. Instead, we can ask security to monitor parking on the street. Another suggestion is that we invite the "Friends of The Park" to next year's meeting when the Hills Fest is on the agenda to encourage more volunteering. Robert will compose a letter for Angie to send out thanking the donors and volunteers. Angie is planning on donating 2 pages of the POA newsletter to the Hills Fest including photos and Robert's letter. Betty Ann and Rick will collaborate on a thank you letter to be sent out on behalf of The Park to all of the volunteers and contributors.

- **Who will volunteer to become Vice-Chair next year? And other new commission members:** At the time of the meeting, Dave Anderson, had been nominated as a new member to the commission and was still waiting on official approval from the BOA. Also, we still needed a volunteer for Vice-Chair. Post meeting decisions were made: the BOA approved Dave's position and Betty Ann Courtney has stepped forward to be our next Vice-Chair. Congratulations and thanks to both for stepping up! At this time, we still need two additional members for the 2011-12 Park Commission.

New Business

- **Rosemary plants at the Pavilion area:** Diane reported that the 2 rosemary plants near the pavilion have been removed. She would like to replace them with witch hazel plants. Betty Ann asked about having Florintino trim the suckers and remove dead plants in the salt cedars as well as weeding plant beds. Rick will call Alma to discuss the specifics with Florintino and get these items taken care of.
- **Vandalism:** The letters on the sign entrance, N,R, E need replacing as they have once again been taken. Josh is working on getting Stokes to make these letters. Meanwhile, we will ask Carl and the constable to send out an email alerting residents about the vandalism. The Hills is about to install a new security camera system and the cost for adding camera to the Park would be about \$3,500. Also, it was noted that cameras have been stolen in the past. It was agreed to try lighting at the main entrance sign area first to see if this could deter future vandalism.

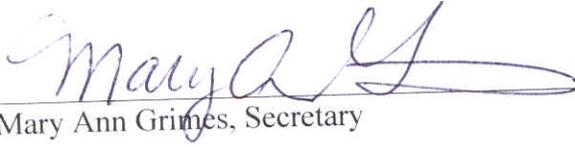
Other Business: None.

Next meeting will be December 14th, 1PM

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM



Rick Zehrer, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission



Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary