

Friends of the Grant Park Pool February 15, 2006 meeting

Attending: Melissa Devereaux, David Ringstrom, Rachel Chmiel, Tim Saviello, Mandie Mitchell, and Kelly MacDonald

Updates

Opportunity Bond (Tim): Tim had a very positive meeting with Curtis Winston and Shekey Benham of the City Aquatics Department. We spent the bulk of our meeting time reviewing the notes from that meeting (attached). In short, we should be greeted this summer season with a repaired pump house, trimmed trees, and a saline pumping system! The city will also offer extended adult-swim/lap swim hours, Grant Park morning swim times, and swim lessons. We agreed that – in terms of priorities for facility improvements for next summer – the bath house and a zero-entry kiddie pool are comparable. In other words, both are equally important for the neighborhood and deserve comparable financial investments.

Next Steps: Follow up meeting with Curtis set up for week of March 6th. Start publicity now – GPNA meeting, Porch Press article, possible mailer to npu-w, other neighborhood meetings, etc. Also set up a meeting with Phil Cuthbertson re; possible synergies with conservancy.

Concessions (Melissa): Susan and Melissa had a very exciting meeting with Nick Fletcher of Cadbury/Schweppes. He has offered to donate soft drink product for our concessions stand this summer. He has also offered to help set up a meeting(s) with an apparel rep from Target or similar store (for bathing suits), and will try to get some signage printed for our concessions area. Melissa also announced that she had received a donation of about 50 men/boys suits from her bathing suit contact in Florida.

Mid-summer Party (Kelly): We will have the mid-summer party on June 23 from 5-8 PM. Kelly has offered to chair this event again.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mid-Summer Party Committee: Help plan the party of the summer!

Other Parties Planning (Melissa): Councilwoman Carla Smith will again sponsor an Opening Day Party on Memorial Day (May 29). Hopefully, GPNA will host a Back to School Party again. We'd love to see other neighborhood parties, as well! Want to help organize parties? We need you!

Swim Lessons: We need one or two people to help publicize and coordinate sign-ups for swim lessons.

Word-Out: We need help with mailings, poster-hanging, etc.

Concessions: Know any responsible teens/young adults/college students? We need them to help with our concessions booth this summer.

Old Business

Porch Press Thank You Ad (Susan): Susan/David will write an article for Porch Press that announces plans for this summer and thanks

Dine-Out Fundraisers (Melissa, Susan, David): Several Dine-outs are already on the docket (Six Feet Under in May) and others are in the works (Agave/Red Fish; Grant Central).

Questions/Issues

Next Meeting: No date set yet.