

Friends of Grant Park Pool meeting March 7, 2006

Swim Lessons

No dates for lessons set yet; deadline for Camp Best Friends to submit their schedule is March. Members of FOGPP to seek this information during meeting with city Aquatics Director Curtis Winston on 3/9.

Community Meetings

FOGPP received good feedback at last Grant Park Neighborhood Association meeting. Rachel Chmiel gave a brief presentation at NPU-W meeting, which draws little attendance from families.

Melissa Devereaux will e-mail a signup sheet for FOGPP members to sign up to make presentations about FOGPP, its mission and accomplishments at Summerhill, Benteen, SAND, and Chosewood neighborhood meetings in April and May. She asks that these members contact each meeting's agenda-setter to let them know you plan to attend.

Porch Press

Melissa has arranged to have the FOGPP meetings, scheduled dine-out fundraisers, and parties listed in the Porch Press calendar. The Porch Press is willing to publish photos of our events, etc., even when there is no accompanying article, so members are encouraged to take and send in photos.

Promotional Postcards

FOGPP plans to send postcards with information about the pool and FOGPP to all households within the official boundaries of Grant Park. We're exploring options to help cover mailing expenses (probably \$500-\$800 to some 2,200 homes). A grant from the GPNA is a possibility, as is assistance from Councilwoman Carla Smith's office. It may also be possible for a local business such as the new Redfish restaurant to help defray costs in exchange for an advertising mention (Simone to check on this). Postcards can also be handed out at the Grant Park Parent Network's upcoming Spring Fling.

Bathhouse Renovation Plans

FOGPP (via Mandy Mitchell) is seeking donation of plans for a redesign of the interior of the pool's bathhouse coordinated by a member of architectural firm Lord, Aeck & Sargent (possibly as a project/contest by architecture students).

Pool Staffing

Curtis Winston has vowed to increase professionalism of staff. We hope to look for college students interested in the summer job; also hope to draw candidates from the neighborhood. Perhaps we can advertise positions on the FOGPP postcards? Also will confirm return of pool managers Jose and Chico at 3/10 meeting.

Concessions

We need ideas for concessions, especially about who can sell them during the week (we'll continue volunteer sales on the weekends). Inquiries to local church/homeschool groups have had little response so far. Next steps: List on GPPN message board, reach out to Southside High students? Total pay would be \$1,140 for 8 weeks (excluding payroll tax). Have discussed using a vending machine, but there are concerns about security and expense. We could possibly install the machine inside the lockable storage shed we now use.

Issues to Discuss with Aquatics Director at this week's meeting:

- Saline chlorination
- Lesson times and community swim hours
- Short-term aesthetic improvements (such as paint)
- Job description for guards/managers
- Use of neighborhood residents as guards
- Vending machine
- Bathhouse plans
- Kiddie pool
- Regular meeting with Curtis at pool
- Triathlon

Swim Lesson/Team Coordinators

Sarah Wilcox (with Tim Savilla) to coordinate swim team efforts for FOGPP this year.
Sylvia Davis to coordinate swim lesson signup/scheduling.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 4/4 at 6:30 p.m. at Dakota Blue.

Action Items:

1. Item: Get swim lesson dates, job description for guards and managers, and employee manual (if available) from city. Owner: FOGPP members meeting with Curtis Winston.
2. Item: Sign up to give presentations at meetings. Owner: FOGPP volunteers.
3. Item: Check with local restaurants about helping with postcard mailing costs. Owner: Simone.
4. Item: Check with GPPN about postcard mailout. Owner: Simone
5. Item: Seek concessions stand workers from Southside High, and thru GPPN message board. Owner: ??