

**Friends of Grant Park Pool  
April 4, 2006**

**1. Community Meetings**

Melissa Devereaux: Thanks to all who have volunteered to help get the word out about FOGPP at various community meetings. Still need volunteers for two meetings. (Sarah Wilcox volunteers to do one.) Let Melissa know if you can help.

Susan Rouse: A flier with summary information about FOGPP will soon be completed; the fliers can be distributed at these meetings.

**2. Facilities**

Tim Saviello: We haven't heard from city officials since our February meeting with them, but Tim has sent a check-in email to Aquatics Director Curtis Winston.

Our top facilities priority for this year is the pumping/filtration system. It's also essential to get a new roof on the pump house to protect the new electrical system.

We need the city to provide enough security guards to allow access to the pool three weeks before opening day so that we can prepare. Also need name and contact number of project manager for the work funded by the bond issue. We hope to see the big bond-funded projects begun as soon as the pool closes for the 2006 season.

Tim to cc everyone on Curtis' response.

**3. Staffing**

Melissa to follow up with city about staffing issues. Tim also plans to meet individually with pool managers Jose and Chico to discuss responsibilities for the upcoming year.

**4. Programming**

Melissa: Regular swim time for Grant Park residents has been designated from 9-10 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, plus all day for lap swim.

We're still waiting to hear from city/Camp Best Friends what days/hours will be available for lessons and swim team. Tim and Melissa will follow up with Aquatics; Tim will also seek Chico's input on lessons.

**5. Midsummer Party Planning**

Kellie McDonald: Midsummer Party will be held Friday, June 23, from 5-8 p.m. Charge is the regular pool admission plus \$4 for food.

Total cost for party was about \$1,000 last year; should be about the same this year.

Kelly to seek a DJ from University Entertainment, perhaps cotton candy machine and Hank's Ice Cream. Will also seek new grills, use of tables (perhaps from Park Avenue Baptist Church, which provided them last year).

Sarah: Will get in touch with contact at Coca-Cola about possible donations.

Susan: Will contact Mark about party posters.

Melissa: We'll contact Grant Park Conservancy about cutting grass and removing mulch pile by parking lot.

## **6. Opening Day Party**

Carla Smith's office is planning Opening Day party for May 29. Melissa will contact Carla to see what they need from FOGPP.

## **7. Opening Day Preparation**

We'll plan a spruce-up volunteer day May 20, the Saturday before Labor Day weekend (to be followed by the party for pool staff). Need to touch up paint on pool deck; after this summer the deck will be re-done. Will inventory what paint we have.

Also need to contact Grant Park Conservancy to make sure area is mowed and that large mulch pile is removed from beside pool parking lot.

Sarah's mother is a master gardener and may be able to get a group together to do landscaping at the pool as a continuing education project, using native, low-maintenance plants. Sarah will investigate this possibility. Any such work would be coordinated with Conservancy.

We will also check with Conservancy about the possibility of blocking off the old pool entrance with some planters.

How will we spend the money raised by the four dine-outs to be held by area restaurants? Possibilities: Pool chairs, umbrellas, swimsuits, pool vacuum, cleaning nets.

Group agrees that chairs are needed. Stackable chaise lounges could be chained outside bathhouse. Will get cost estimate from pool supply companies.

Enacting a summer pool pass as we've discussed previously requires new legislation from Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Melissa to look into this.

Melissa plans to use \$200 to buy kids' swimsuits for the upcoming season, and will keep looking for donations as well.

