

**Friends of Grant Park Pool  
Monthly Meeting  
June 6, 2006**

Attending. Melissa Devereaux, Sylvia Davis, Kellie Macdonald, David Ringstrom, Genny Drash, Sarah Wilcox, Rachel Chmiel, Joy Ayre, Allison Riley and Shecky Benham of City Aquatics Department..

**Facility Update:**

**Rules and Security:** Have seen improved enforcement of rules so far this season: swimsuits, guards in chairs, security.

Will post rules on FOGPP website so everyone will be aware.

**Facilities:** Saline chlorination system is not working, though we were told it would be at the beginning of season.

Shecky: This system has not yet been installed. It may be installed along with the major renovation in time for the 2007 season; funding may come from opportunity bond money instead of the regular budget. First, must address leak in poolhouse. City is also working out kinks with the new electrical season.

Baby pool circulation issue has been resolved.

Pool has new wire brushes. The vacuum is here now, but may need to move back and forth between pools. Once city gets other pools opened, will keep here year-round.

Umbrellas are still at city hall.

15 lounge chairs are coming. We may put them in the bathhouse with bikelock.

**Pool Hours:** There has been some confusion about hours. Lap swimming is supposed to be all day, with 9-10 GPNA swim on weekdays, then from 10-1, camps groups and lap swim. Then 1:30-4 free swim (instead of noon), and 4:30-8 paid swim. Weekend hours are 1:30 (not noon) to 8 because security must be here before the pool can open.

**Opening Day:** Some people couldn't get in because pool was so crowded on the sunny Memorial Day. City Councilperson Carla Smith says there are no plans to change the date or time of opening day party. Crowds are to be expected on a holiday weekend.

**Concessions**

**Burglary:** During a break-in the night of June 5, someone came through the front pool gate, slammed open the keypadded lockbox that held the key to the concessions building,

and used the key to open the building. Taken were \$200 worth of newly stocked food plus containers, along with cash box with \$50-plus.

Shecky: Police were notified. City crew will look into reinforcing door.

FOGPP will no longer keep key on premises.

**Staff:** We have Meghan, Jessica and Timothy working concessions during the week. Still need some volunteers for weekends.

### **Swim lessons**

Swim lessons have started as scheduled; 2<sup>nd</sup> session will start mid-July. Need to clarify guidelines on which lessons are appropriate for which ages.

### **Swim team**

No practices yet because of confusion over hours. There's no city of Atlanta league but we could compete with other nearby leagues. If we get enough members, could form a league.

For meets, we could set pool up as a 25-yard pool (it's 25 yards across), and host meets on weeknights. If diving blocks became an issue we could deal with that.

### **Staff Recognition**

Is it acceptable under city laws for FOGPP to bring pizza to show appreciation pool staff? Shecky says yes; we'll let him know when we plan to do it.

### **Unaccompanied Minors**

Question to Shecky: How is this enforced?

Shecky: We've traditionally followed the "4 foot rule": If under 4 feet, must be accompanied by adult. But this is a gray area. Do siblings count as adults if they're over 4 feet? What if a child just had a growth spurt? Must keep in mind that we're dealing with inner-city population, and coming to the pool is actually a pretty positive choice for a minor to make.

The fairest way seems to base this decision on behavior, and that is what pool manager Jose Salazar is doing. If unaccompanied minors follow the rules and cause no problems, they're OK. If not, will be asked to leave based on behavior.

### **Opportunity Bond Contracts for Next Summer**

Melissa: How will the \$750,000 from the opportunity bond be spent at Grant Park Pool?

Shecky: We're still in the "everybody get their list together" stage. No deadline set yet, but work is supposed to start day after pool closes. (In reality, it may be sometime after that). Will probably have formal meeting w/in next 2 weeks.

He notes that the FOGPP wishlist seems workable, including revamping the city pool, but notes that there will be some issues that are a priority for city but not necessarily for Friends (such as security lights).

He mentions that prefab option might be best for bathhouse. He will email information to Melissa about this.

### **Midsummer Pool Party**

Date is June 23, time 5 p.m.

Kellie will need people here that day to help set up; should arrive at about 3 pm. Also need extra garbage cans

Party will be similar to last year's. Will have Hanks ice cream instead of cotton candy this year. DJ is booked. Will sell a food plate for \$4, hotdog or burger and sides.

Posters are going up now.

### **Swimsuits**

Have given out all the boys' swimsuits that are available for patrons who don't have suits (this was not a donation; we paid for them). Cost is \$350 for 40 suits; Committee votes to place another order for boys' suits.

### **Dineouts**

FOGPP raised \$500 from Redfish dineout, \$1,300 from Six Feet Under.