

Merryman Park Advisory Council
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Meeting Minutes

04-29-2010

Present: Laura Floyd, Monica Blakely (Secretary), Erin McGuire (Sheil Park Supervisor), Rebecca Maxcy(President), Rik Lantz, Melissa Kane, Helen Costello

Next Meeting: 05/20/2010 7pm, Sheil Park

I. Announcements

- a. Overview of meetings to date
- b. Overall goal to raise \$450,000 to redesign/update Merryman Park
 - i. \$150,000 to be raised by the community
 - ii. \$150,000 to come from the Park District
 - iii. \$150,000 from public officials
Points ii and iii are usually secured once a strong community investment is guaranteed
- c. Call for Treasurer and Vice President
 - i. Treasurer will establish account for the Advisory Council, most likely through Friends of the Park or Parkways
 - ii. Vice President serves as a back up to the president to lead meetings and/or attend Friends of the Park Meetings
Rik will talk to Jen to see if they would like to assume those posts
- d. Big thanks to Amy and Peter Derksen for setting up the website, www.merrymanpark.com

II. Discussion

- a. Getting the word out about the next meeting
 - i. Flyers will be placed around the neighborhood
 - ii. Website
 - iii. Email blast
- b. Brainstormed fundraising ideas
 - i. Events
 1. Martyr's– concert
 2. The Piggery– host and event
 3. Carnival or Block Party *Rebecca volunteered to lead*
 4. Trike-a-thon
 5. Community Rummage Sale
 6. UPS- have hosted contest using lock boxes before
 7. Play Days at an indoor gym *Melissa and Laura volunteered to organize*
 - ii. Contact local businesses for donations / fundraising days

1. Whole Foods offers quarterly grants
 2. Trader Joe's
 3. Dominick's Days
 4. Jewel Days
 5. Family Grounds
 6. Capt'n Nemo's
 7. Machu Picchu
 8. Ginger's
 9. Cy's Crab House
 10. Kitchenette
 11. Tai 'til 4
 12. PotBelly
 13. Cubs
- iii. Reach out to other organizations that use the park
 1. Black Bear
 2. YMCA
 - iv. Sell bricks to be used in park

III. Next Meeting / Agenda

- a. Announcements
 - i. Introductions
- b. Discussion
 - i. Confirm remaining officers
 - ii. Finalize by-laws
 - iii. Volunteers for fundraising sub-committees
 - iv. Volunteers for marketing and website development
- c. Next Meeting
 - i. Decide on next meeting date
 - ii. Goals for next meeting