

Attendees: Vicki Baroody, Amanda Garris, Sage Gerling, and Katie Ostrowski

Summary:

Review of the Pocket Park Passport Parties

The group reviewed our passport parties. The attendance was low by participants, but high in terms of volunteers. The parties were successful in terms of raising awareness about the parks. Below is a summary of the parties:

Completed or Upcoming

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| 1. Bicentennial Park | Bicycle Tune-up (4/16) |
| 2. Washington Park | Arbor Day Event (4/29) |
| 3. Ridgewood Park
Brook St. Park
Washington Park
Lafayette Circle | Bicycle Tour (6/25) |
| 4. Pulteney Park | Nancy Curvin Players (7/26) |
| 5. Genesee Park | Project Restore (8/27)- Not our event |
| 6. Nieder Park | Star Party (8/12) |
| 7. Washington Park | Star Party (9/9) |
| 8. Gulvin Park | Star Party (10/7) |

Cancelled

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| 1. Richards Park | Star Party (6/10) – cancelled due to rain |
| 2. Jefferson Park | Frisbee/Bocce Tournament (9/24)- cancelled due to HWS Frisbee tournament on campus |
| 3. Chartres Park | Renaming/Softball games - cancelled |

Updates

1. Lafayette Circle Park improvements
The City DPW installed a water line connection, painted the lamp post and prepared the planting bed. Massa Construction donated the concrete pad for the bench. The GNRC transplanted bushes from the former Lyons Bank courtyard to the new planting bed. The Castle Heights neighborhood association raised funds for the new bench and donated/installed perennials in the new bed. A dedication is scheduled for the morning of October 22nd.
2. Brook St. Park improvements
InSite Architecture completed preliminary designs for the Brook St. Park improvements. The Revolving Loan Fund denied the matching fund request for the City to submit a grant proposal to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Funding will continue to be sought.
3. Disc Golf
The Disc Golf weekend (Aug. 13th/14th) was a success. A permanent course on the lake front is being pursued. A possible land swap between

the State Park and the City might impact the location of the future disc golf could.

4. Lakefront Kaboom! 2012

HWS, the City, and community partners are working on a possible community build playground site south of the ice cream stand.

Next Steps Brainstorming

The group briefly brainstormed next steps for the group.

1. Park Improvements

The group briefly brainstormed possible park improvements to focus on next. Ideas such as addressing the wetness issue in Nieder Park, leveling
No decisions were made.

2. Events

3. Austin Park Foundation

Sage asked group members to check out the Austin Parks Foundation (<http://www.austinparks.org/>). In particular, sign-up to hear about volunteer opportunities to stimulate ideas, read about geotagging on Google and the adopt a park program.

4. Kaboom! Listing

Sage asked the group to check out <http://kaboom.org/mobile> to see how our parks can be mapped. HWS students will be working with Janelle to add our park system to Kaboom! online tools.

5. More ideas

The group decided that the next few meetings will be dedicated to planning next steps for the group.

Set next meeting date:

A doodle survey will be sent out to park group members to select the next meeting date.