

Attendees

Vicki Baroody, Sage Gerling, Loren Marshall, Sharon & Jim Oshewske, Katie Ostrowski, Bill Pealer, Paul Wagner

Summary

The group finalized the logistical details for the April 16th Spring Bicycle Tune-up and worked on selecting dates for the other park parties. Loren reviewed her plans for canvassing the Western Gardens and Washington Park neighborhoods around Jefferson Park for her survey project. Sage updated the group on the Greenway the Gateways project.

Pocket Park Passport Parties

1. Spring Bicycle Tune-up, April 16th Logistics

The group reviewed the schedule for the event. All volunteers will meet at 10 AM at Bicentennial Park. HWS volunteers will arrive sometime after 10 AM. Janelle will have Rec. Dept. staff bring over supplies (2 tables, 2 water coolers with ice/water, cups, trash cans, tent, and four chairs) to Bicentennial Park for 10 AM. The bike tune-ups will be set up under the tent in the middle of Bicentennial Park. The face painting will occur in the stadium seating area. Officer Bennett and two other officers will set up the bike rodeo at the lakefront. We will have a group of volunteers escorting the young people between Bicentennial Park and the lakefront. Bill Pealer will coordinate the prizes (\$20 Walmart - 2 bike locks, 2 spokelits, \$25 from Lake City Hobbies, 2 Mark's Pizzeria coupons) and music. Sage will send out a assignment list and volunteer list (done.) Joe will be providing Cliff Bars. Katie and the Geneva Bicycle Shop are providing water bottles. Bill is checking on Red Jacket apples. Sage is getting a park campaign banner made for all events and will do signs for the different activities and directional signs for getting between the parks. The group did a great job getting the event flyer up around town and delivered to West and North Street Schools. Sage was recorded for the FL Radio Group. Bill Pealer and maybe Janelle will be going on the radio on Friday, the 15th for WGVA.

2. Finalizing dates for other social events:

Park	Date	Events/or Suggested Events
1. Bicentennial Park	April 16 th , 11 AM -2 PM	Bicycle Tune-up
2. Washington Park	April 29 th , 10 AM	Arbor Day Event - Tree Planting
3. Jefferson Park	Fall	Frisbee/Bocce Tournament
4. Pulteney Park	June 25 th	Bicycle Tour
Brook St. Park	10 AM to noon	Bicycle Tour
Ridgewood Park	Rain date: June 26th	Bicycle Tour
Lafayette Circle	1 to 3 PM	Bicycle Tour
5. Chartres Park	TBD	Renaming/Softball games
6. Gulvin Park	TBD	Star Party
7. Genesee Park	Fall	Acoustic Night
8. Richards Park	TBD	Star Party

9. Nieder Park

TBD

Star Party

Janelle mentioned that the Nancy Culvin Players could perform in a few of the parks this summer. Typically, they perform at Lakefront Park and other venues on Monday through Thursdays from July 4th through mid August. Janelle is going to look at their schedule and the possibility of booking them in another park. Bicentennial was suggested as a good location due to the built-in seating.

Since the meeting, Sage connected with Doug Reilly regarding the Star Parties. He was planning to move the Star Parties around during the summer months. There may not be a July Star Party because Doug will be out-of-town. The group will need to discuss if additional activities will be done before the star gazing starts. Finger Lakes Institute may be able to provide refreshments.

Loren's Survey

Loren will be canvassing the Western Gardens and Washington Park neighborhood around Jefferson Park with a short door-to-door survey from April 14-17th. She will collect emails and send the residents a longer on-line survey. Janelle is providing Loren a rec dept. t-shirt, so that the residents know that Loren is connected with the City. She is interviewing Joe Marone as well. The survey needs to be completed by April 20th.

Loren noted that the HWS Geneva Heroes might want to utilize the parks this fall with the Boys & Girls Club.

Greening the Gateways project (entrance beautification)

Sage shared an update on the gateway project. Amanda, Sage and Janelle are heading out to select potential pilot projects in a few parks for this summer. The potential sites will be reviewed with Mark Perry and Paul Cosentino.

Next meeting date: April 21st at 6- 7 PM, GNRC