

I. **Minutes From Last Meeting**

The minutes from March meeting were approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

To date, the balance of Advisory Council funds is \$14,305. Included in the revenue for March was a Taney donation of \$500 and pre-school payments totaling \$1400. The teachers' monthly fees range from \$700-\$1000 per month. The program is now self-sustaining. Of the \$2500 beautification grant received, \$1324 remains. Possible uses of these funds are for the Learning Garden and Love Your Park projects. As always, a full review of the budget is available at the office.

III. **Committee Reports**

Programming:

The programming year is winding down.

- The Pre-school program will end May 25th, the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Summer Camp registration is full at 35 registrants. There are currently 10 on the waiting list. The cost is \$375 for six weeks and runs from July 2-August 10.
- A city-wide "Love Your Park" clean-up event will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. Volunteers should meet at the corner of 13th and Reed at 10:00 am. Some of the tasks will include weeding, planting, clean-up and painting the graffiti on benches.

See the website for updates to programming and a full calendar of events:

www.columbussquarepark.org. Also see our Facebook page.

Fundraising:

- The Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday April 28th from 8am to 1pm. Donations of items to sell at the Advisory Council table are welcome.

IV. **Other Business**

SPADO: SPADO is now in a position to accept and manage its own funds. They have plans to maintain the area around the fences of the dog run.

Dust: There have been several complaints about the dust that is being kicked up from the field, as heavy permitting of the field does not allow for good or proper maintenance. To try to help alleviate the dust issue, volunteers are being sought to hose down the field in the morning. Some sources of volunteers include the community; field users, e.g. Taney, Academy at Palumbo; Charter School children as a service project. A watering schedule will be devised. Terri Ruiz volunteered to assist Katie in setting this up.

It was also suggested that the city's 311 number as well as city council representatives be contacted to report this issue for attention by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Also, all complaints received by the park staff or advisory council officers will be forwarded to city officials.

Signs: "Drug Free Zone" signs for the park will be coming from Ace Delgado, community liaison with the police department. In addition, "No Dogs on the Field" signs are coming.

V. **Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 PM. Councilman Squilla has been invited to attend.**