

Columbus Square Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, November 18 and Saturday, November 20, 2010
Meeting Summary
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NOTE: The minutes from this month's meeting were recorded from the Saturday, November 20th meeting only. The majority of the Thursday, November 18th meeting was spent in conversation with the new police captain for the district.

I. **Welcome**

All were welcomed to the meeting. A special guest at the Thursday night meeting was the new police captain for the third district, Captain Michael Ryan. He was introduced to the advisory council and came to the meeting to hear issues of concern to the community, including crime and vandalism in the park and in the neighborhood. He was unable to attend the Saturday meeting.

Regular update meetings with the captain and/or police representative are being requested.

I. **Minutes**

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

The starting balance at the end of September was \$8,850.50. There were deposits in the amount of \$1,054 and expenses totaling \$477.34. The expenses included supplies for the clean up, pumpkins for the Fall Family Fun Day, yoga instructor. The balance at the end of October was \$9,427.16. As always, the full financial report can be viewed in the office. In addition, the snow blower has been repaired and is being stored in the storage area adjacent to the building. A leaf vacuum/mulcher has also been purchased. Community members are welcomed to bring their leaves to the park for mulching.

IV. Committee Reports

Programming:

- The next upcoming program is the **Holiday Party** that will be held on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. It will also be the last business meeting of the calendar year. The party will be a potluck event. All are encouraged to bring a special dish or dessert. Entertainment for adults and children will be provided including a balloon artist, gingerbread house making with Norma Brown and saxophone entertainment by Mark Brown.
- **Fall Family Fun Day** was a big success. It was well attended

by local families. A variety of baked goods were donated by community members. Attendees also made generous donations in exchange for baked goods, coffee and apple cider. The children painted pumpkins, participated in a costume parade and had their faces painted.

- **The Gnocchi Making** workshop held on November 4th was also well attended and well received by the participants. Other cooking workshops will be offered in the future.

Beautification/Landscaping: Due to the holidays, there will be no formal clean up at the end of December.

I. **New Business**

The future of the Saturday meetings was discussed. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for parents who are unable to attend the Thursday meetings to participate in the advisory council and to have the opportunity of attending enough meetings to be eligible to vote and run for office. However, attendance at the Saturday meetings has been very limited. Therefore, it is likely that they will be suspended.

It was suggested that the Kids South of Wash list serve be used to disseminate information to parents regarding Columbus Square activities.

The possibility of offering a Saturday activity for children on at least a monthly basis was also discussed.

VI. There next CCAC Business Meeting will be Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. This will also be the Holiday Party.