

Columbus Square Advisory Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 16, 2011  
Meeting Summary  
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I. **Minutes From Last Meeting**

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

As of June 15, 2011, the balance of the account was \$7985.20. Revenue was received from summer camp registrations and the tot program. Expenses incurred included those associated with summer camp. As always, a full review of the account is available at the office.

III. **Committee Reports**

**Programming:** All classes and workshops will be suspended for the summer. The last yoga class will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Yoga will resume on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes are still the same low price of \$6.00 per class or \$25 for a block of 5 classes, paid in advance. Class is held from 6:30-7:45 PM.

Children's programs: Approximately 20 children have signed up for summer camp. The maximum number is 30. A new Tot-Rec program will be starting up in the fall. Sign-ups are beginning now. So far 5 tots have been registered. Donations of books and toys for this program are welcomed.

The following outdoor programs are planned for the summer:

- June 19: "First Annual Kids Day on the Grassy Knoll" (Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Wharton). This is a pet free event for children only, for them to romp and play in the grass.
- July 8: movie night
- August 12: Concert in the Park
- September: community safety information event

In addition to the Fall Flea Market and Craft Fair described below, the annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising:** A **Spring Flea Market** is planned for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 vendors have signed up for a table. A band will provide entertainment from 11 am-1pm. The flea market will start at 7am. Donations of items to be sold at the advisory council table for the benefit of park programs are

welcomed.

An application was submitted for an Activity Grant. We will receive word about this in the Fall.

Other planned fundraising activities include the following:

- Fall Flea Market and pumpkin painting is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Indoor Holiday Craft Fair, November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **IV. New Business**

In follow up to an issue raised at the last meeting and complaints made to the police regarding dogs running off leash, "Leash Law" signs, including requirements to pick up animal feces have been posted in the kiosks. Signs will also be posted by police around the perimeter of the park. It was also reported that drug paraphernalia has been found in and around the park. This was also reported to the police. All are reminded to call 911 to report these and other quality of life issues so that these things get included in the system.

It was reported that groups who have permits for use of the field have been leaving garbage behind. Attempts will be made to work with these groups to reinforce the need for them to clean up after they use the field.

The regular park maintenance person was recently hospitalized. A temporary worker will be taking over maintenance duties.

It was reported that funds are to be appropriated by Councilman Frank DiCicco for lighting to be installed around the perimeter of the park.

#### **V. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**