

Columbus Square Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2012
Meeting Summary
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NOTE: This meeting was moderated by Pat Funaro, Advisory Council Secretary. Neither the President nor Vice President were able to be in attendance at this meeting.

I. **Minutes From Last Meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting, June 21st were approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

As of the end of August, the balance of Advisory Council funds is \$17,862.27. Most of the expenses and income are related to the summer camp and pre-school programs. As always, a full review of the budget is available at the office.

III. **Programming**

Katie provided a report of current programming. Flyers with information about all of the following activities/classes are available at the front counter.

- Zumba class started on Monday, September 10th from 6:30-7:30 pm and will run through Monday, June 24, 2013. The cost is \$6.00 per class or \$25.00 for five consecutive classes.
- Yoga class resumed on Tuesday, September 11th from 6:30-7:30 pm and will run through June 25, 2013. The cost is \$6.00 per class or \$25.00 for five consecutive classes.
- The Play Group started today, Thursday, September 20th for children under 5 years of age accompanied by an adult. Play group will be held on Thursdays and Fridays from 2:30-4:30 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per child per day or \$2.00 per child for families with more than one child. Ten passes can also be purchased for \$20.00.
- Pottery classes for both children (ages 5 and up) and adults will be held on Thursdays from October 4-October 25th. The children's class is from 6:00 to 7:00 pm @ \$50.00; the adult class is 7:00 to 8:30 pm @ \$65.00.
- The After School Program has resumed with the start of the school year. It runs Monday through Friday from 3:00-6:00 pm. There is a \$25.00 registration fee and costs \$35.00 per week or \$140 per month.
- The pre-school program currently has 24 registered and 10 on a waiting list.

IV. **Upcoming Special Events**

- The annual Pumpkin Fest and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 am to noon. The Flea Market will begin at 8:00 am. More details regarding registering for a space will be forthcoming.
- Love Your Park clean up event will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 20th in lieu of a regular business meeting.

V. SPADO:

A cleanup of the dog run is planned for Saturday, September 22. The group will also identify and coordinate tasks that can be done as part of the Love Your Park event in November. The group is also planning to build a pergola for shade above the dog run and is pursuing the permit process for accomplishing this. New boards will also be installed to mitigate the stones on the sidewalk outside of the dog run.

VI. New Business/Concerns

Some questions/comments were raised by those in attendance as follows:

- A concern was raised regarding vandals hanging out on the Wharton Street benches. It was suggested that some additional lighting would help deter this activity.
- Dogs on the field and off leash are recurring issues. All were solicited to assist in addressing this when it occurs.
- It was suggested that time on the field be set aside for dog use and that this could be used as a possible fundraiser for the park.
- It was suggested that the dog park be expanded.
- The square padding in the tot lot is loosening. This is a safety issue which needs to be addressed.

All of these issues/concerns were noted. Some items (lighting, loose padding) are in the process of being addressed. Specific ideas for use of space should be presented in the form of a proposal to the Park.

VII. Next Advisory Council Meeting:

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM.