

Columbus Square Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 1013
Meeting Summary
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I. **Minutes From Last Meeting**

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was not available. However, as always, a full review of the budget is available at the office.

III. **New Business**

- Flea Market: approximately 10 tables have been pre-registered for the flea market to be held on Saturday, April 27th. The advisory council will staff a table with coffee and donuts as well as miscellaneous items for sale. All proceeds will be used for park programs.
- Plans are in place for having the broken sidewalks repaired. Work should be done over the next couple of weeks.
- The estimated completion of the rain garden was raised. Contact will be made with the Water Department regarding status.
- The Community Design Collaborative has awarded a grant to the park to help frame a plan for use of park space. In addition to input from the task force of community representatives, input is being solicited from the community at large and users of the park via e-mail blasts, notices and emails through the Passyunk Square Civic Association, and through forms located at the front counter. These forms are available in both English and Spanish. All input received will be forwarded directly to the Design Collaborative volunteers for inclusion and consideration for plan development.

It was suggested that some leafleting might be done in the community close to the park to assure that the closest neighbors are aware of this effort and have the opportunity for input. A version of the form already prepared will be used for this purpose.

Some examples of parks which have benefited from the Design Collaborative include Dickinson Square, Seger Recreation Center, and Schuylkill Bank Park.

The scheduled meetings of the task force are April 29th and June 17th.

IV. Programming

Current and future programming was reviewed. Flyers with information about all activities/classes are available at the front counter. They include the following:

- Zumba class continues on Monday nights 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 continues on Tuesday nights 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 for children under age 5 accompanied by an adult, continues on Thursdays (9:30 to 11:30 AM) and Fridays (2:30 to 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.
- The After School Program 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 is divided into two age groups, 3 year olds and 4 year olds. All sessions are 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The three-year olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday; the four-year olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$50 registration fee. Tuition for three-year olds is \$810 for the school term or \$90 per month. Tuition for four-year olds is \$1125 for the school term or \$125 per month.
- Pottery classes for children and adults are resuming on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning April 4 through April 25th. The children's class is from 6:15-7:15 at \$50.00 and the adult class is from 7:15-8:45 at \$65.00.
- T-ball will be starting April 8 through May 20th for boys and girls ages 4-6. Practices and games will be held on Mondays 6-7 PM at Capitolo Playground, 9th and Federal streets. There is a registration fee of \$10.00.
- Summer Camp registrations are also underway.

IV. Upcoming Events

- The Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Set up will start at 7:00 am.
- Love Your Park clean up event will be held on Saturday, May 11th.
- The Fall Pumpkin Fest and Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th.

V. **Next Advisory Council Meeting:**

The Columbus Square Advisory Council is looking for new people to serve on the advisory board and to serve as officers. Anyone interested in serving as a future officer is encouraged to contact the office.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows:

June 20

September 19

November 21

December 19 – Annual Holiday Party