

Historic Hudson Community Association

February 12, 2014, GMP Hall

The regular meeting convened at 7 PM. Sherry Cass, President, presided over the meeting. Members present: Carol Floyd, Sherry Cass, Sondra Lott, Richard Lott, Mindy Nelson, Rod Nelson, Jose Cabral, Ann Rao, Ely Rao, Jim Amore, Robert Scanlon, and Linda Scanlon.

Guest Speaker

1. Sherry Cass introduced our first guest speakers, Patty Hobson and Blake Hobson, Playworld Midstates, New Albany, OH. The guests began by asking what we wanted to see in the North Street Park. Given the small space, they suggested a playground focus for 3-5 year old children, yet be suitable for 3-12 year old children overall. This would be ADA compliant, have about 44'x56' footprint, rubberized mulch, about 15 year warranty depending on components, and minimal maintenance involving visual inspection and occasional bolt adjustments.
2. Our second guest speaker was then introduced, Kevin Ferris of Recreation Brand and Groups. He mentioned that safety is a critical factor in playground design primarily meeting needs of 2-12 year old children. He envisioned a park capacity of 35-45 children with shading, ADA compliant, ASTM-CSPD compliant. A park could also be structured for 25-35 children. It should be paved with 6" of shredded rubber, despite a higher cost, made of green products, with a foot print of about 35'x40'.

Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The previous budget stood at \$1730.07. No new revenues were received, and expenditures of \$165.07 were posted. This left a balance of \$1565.00.

Committee Reports

Beautification & Historic Preservation Committee: Richard Lott stated that a meeting was held on January 23, 2015. A quorum for the meeting was not met. He stated that the application for funding needed to be submitted about a year in advance. He then presented survey results that are part of this application (see attachment), and mentioned that storm water runoff is a concern needing to be resolved. In order to move forward with park funding issues, HHCA would need to assume stewardship of the project. Richard stated this presented an opportunity for HHCA that is consistent with one of its charges, Article 2, Goal 3b, "establishment of...a recreational park within the Association."

Motion: HHCA shall adopt North Street Park as a community park. The motion was seconded and approved following discussion centered about HHCA's responsibilities. This motion changed HHCA's role from 'exploratory' to one of park development and stewardship. It is expected our duties will include oversight of funding grants and basic park maintenance, such as weeding flower planting, perhaps overseeing water use. The Committee is now charged with seeking funding, collaborating with City and other parties, plan the development of the park, and grant writing.

Additionally, to proceed forward with park stewardship, HHCA needs to enter into a contract with the City of Newark (see enclosed).

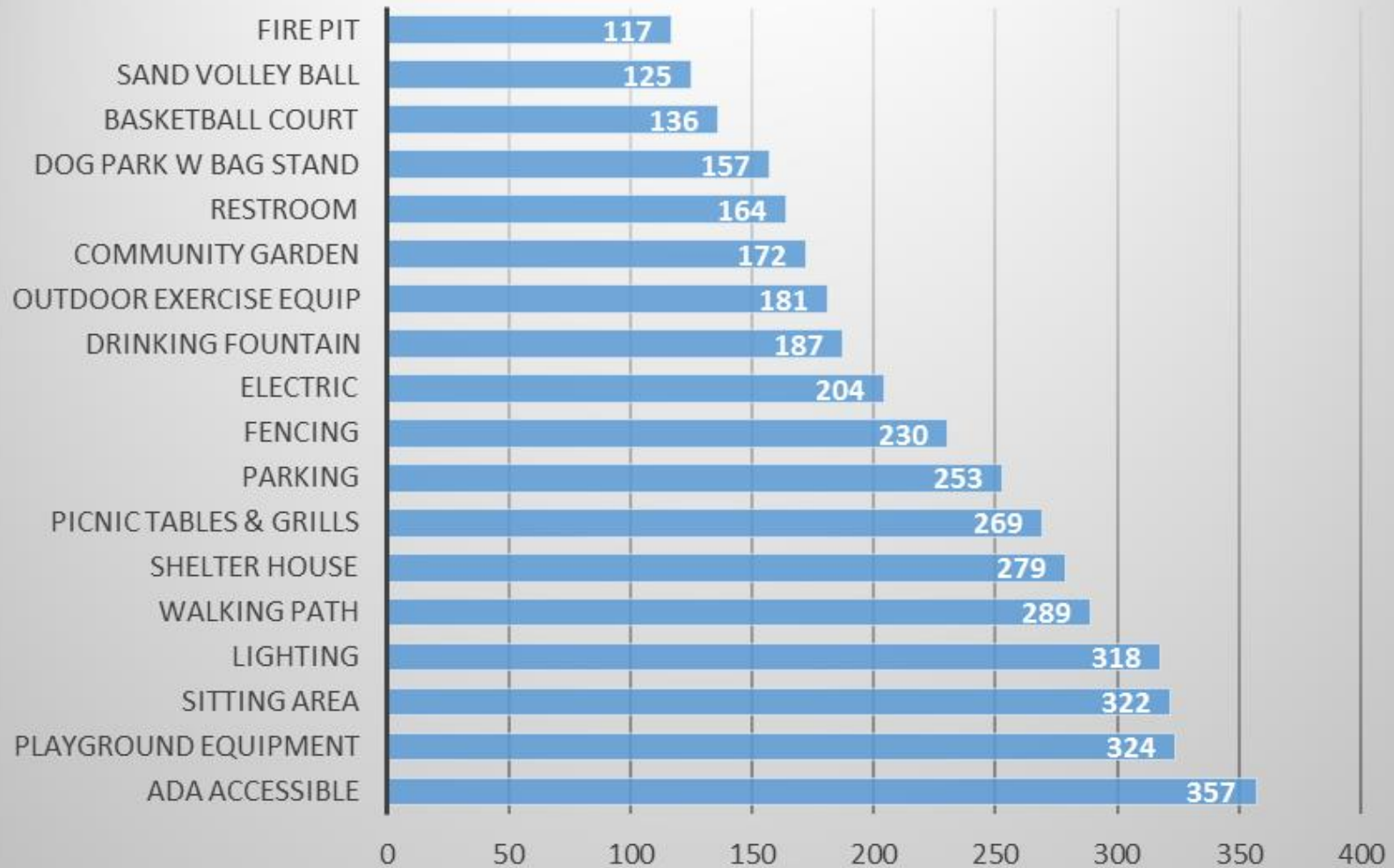
Motion: HHCA will enter into an agreement with the City of Newark through its “Adopt –A-Park Program”, run by Newark’s Parks and Recreation Department. The motion was seconded and approved.

Richard mentioned that we will most likely need to hold various fundraising events on behalf of building the park. Further discussion on this issue was tabled for future meetings.

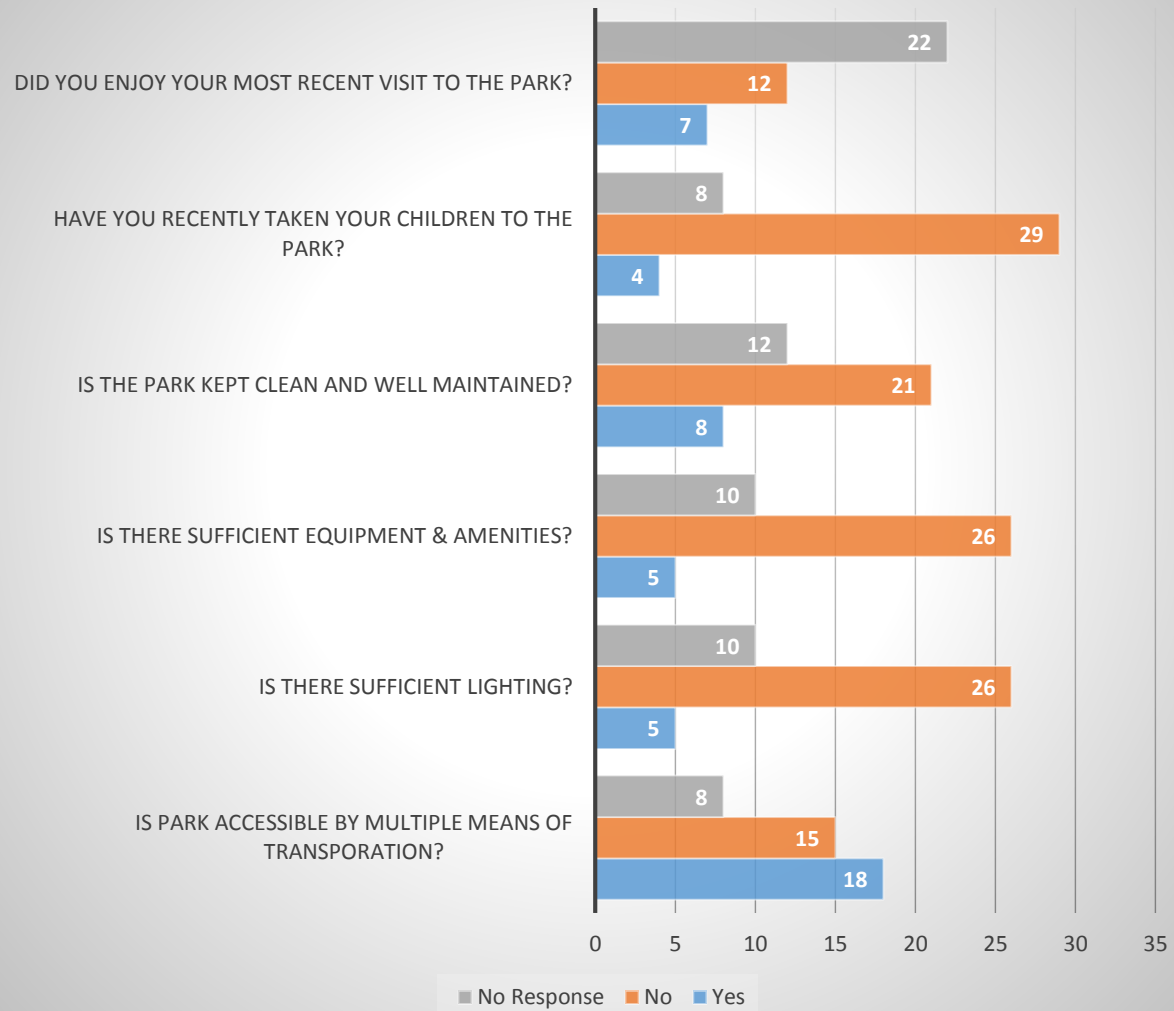
Old Business

Carol Floyd stated that our efforts regarding Hudson Ave lamp-posts have been successful. The City of Newark will send letters to residents and undertake tree trimming around lamp-posts to increase lighting and visibility.

Summary of Park Survey Amenities



Summary of Park Survey Questions



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Jeff Hotchkiss, Superintendent

Adopt - A - Park Program Application for Participation in 2014

Name of Organization: Historic Hudson Community Association (HHCA)

Name of Contact Person (please Print): Richard J Lott – Beautification Chair

Mailing Address: HHCA P.O. Box 5211 Newark, OH. 43058-5211

Phone Numbers (Home): (614) 915-6280 (Work): (614) 915-6280

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Area to be Adopted: Please list your preferred area to maintain. If you have no preference, the Parks & Recreation Department can assign an area for you to adopt. North Street Park 1480.MT. Vernon Rd. Newark Ohio 43055

Work to be Performed: The HHCA Seeks to redevelop the park into a community asset with new landscaping, equipment, parking, accessibility, and shelter house. Sustainable actions after redevelopment will be taken to ensure proper maintenance of park including but not limited to: seasonal projects, litter control, yearly maintenance reports, program coordination, and the pursuit of additional funding to maintain the park.

Please Check One:

- Litter Control
 Seasonal Project - Flowers Beds, Painting, Construction, Mowing, Weed Eating, Ect.
 Firewood Cutting

Note: Firewood may be cut for personal use only, not to be sold for profit

I understand the purpose of the activity is to enhance the community, assist the City with maintenance issues, improve City properties, and to become involved in my community. I also understand that if I do not fulfill my obligations as outlined above, I, or my organization, may not be eligible to assist with future events. (i.e., if I install a flower garden and fail to maintain it, the garden will be taken out and the area seeded).

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for participation in the Adopt - A - Park Program, I hereby wave release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage which I may have as a result of my participation. This release is intended to discharge in advance the City of Newark and its agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said program, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I understand that serious accidents occasionally occur along roadsides, or while performing work, and that participants could occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries, and /or property damage, as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of the particular activity for which I have registered, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs and assigns) for damages.

It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns.

I give the City of Newark the right to use photographs of me, participating in this program, in its own promotional materials.

I agree to accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the Adopt - A - Park program. (must be at least 18 years of age to sign application)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: 2 / 12 / 2015

(of sponsor who must be of at least eighteen years of age)