**Clarendon Park CPAC Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2025**

Meeting convened at 6:45pm. In attendance: Michael, Ryan, Melanie, Connor, Lara, Laurie, Andrew, Rosa

Stephen Grant, the lead architect on Clarendon’s renovation, took Michael on the official community center walk-through! Michael shared tons of photos—hard to believe it’s the same building. The group identified punch-list of items to be fixed within the 30-day time frame. After work completed, Michael will receive training and keys. **Action item: keep team informed when Michael has keys/access. Arrange CPAC tour.**

Grand Openings—one hosted by CPD, another by CPAC for the community. Waiting for confirmed date from the CPD on their Grand Opening. Historical photo for the lobby has been selected. Requires research on copyright and what organization has the best original photo. Time sensitive since the large photo will be behind a heavy piece of glass the contractor will install. **Action item: Melanie will check on locating photo to be copied and reproduced. Michael contact Stephen and/or construction manager to assure glass not installed until photo in place.**

Grand Opening CPAC celebration—Connor will begin researching Uptown restaurants/association to discuss food donations. Entertainment options we discussed: Uptown People’s Music school, Mariachi band, Victoria Boataug, performer and children’s drumming circle. **Action items: Lara spoke with Uptown People’s Music School, needs firm date for their availability. Michael will reach out to Mariachi band when date confirmed. Katharine will do the same with Victoria. Connor will explore the food donation options.**

Garfield-Clarendon Model RR Club. Stephen will be in touch with Ryan to confirm final details on the room layout. **Action item: Ryan will tour RR club room to finalize room setup.**

**Classes/programs at Clarendon Park.** Summer 2025 will be a soft opening with classes/programs. Summer camp will open late June. Softball and football will begin. Use Google doc. insert link here please Michael and CPD staff working on additional classes like Kid’s Karate. Synapse Dance will be an ARCS partner. Andy has initiated research on a pottery room/classes. Katharine contacted Dept. of Family Services, Senior Programs, and requested Zumba, Tai Chi or Chi Gung, and possibly stretch and tone classes to begin. **Action items: Continue to build on potential ARCS and Family Services offered programs. Michael & Staff for fall program offerings.**

**Homeless Camp near Clarendon Park.** Michael and Tony are working on this. Will keep us updated.

**Native Gardens.** We’ve been discussing several native garden matters with Kristin. CPD wanted us to form two separate community garden groups, one for the edible garden beds, another for the new native garden beds. Melanie located the original 2015 community garden documents. After reading, determined could continue as one group with two co-leaders. Signed required form and Michael scanned copy to Kristin. Good to go! Second matter is designing/selecting garden plants and planting maintaining the newly planted native garden. Kristin offered us three options: 1. Nursery will design, plant and water for one year. 2. Nursery will plant and community volunteers will water/maintain. 3. Community volunteers will purchase, design, plant and maintain. Kristin will provide pricing for 1. & 2. **Action item. Upon receiving the garden pricing for above items. Will determine which option best suites our needs. Katharine, Laurie, Melanie**

**Social Media, CPAC Website & Newsletter.** Looking for a Facebook manager. Discussed next CPAC newsletter will go out after we’ve toured the building and have more information on when the community center will open. Differed to next meeting, updates to the CPAC website. Newsletter Editor/writer. **Action items: Discuss next CPAC newsletter and possible newsletter editor/writer and Facebook manager.**

**Bocce ball court and adjoining garden beds.** Discussed renovating this area that needs an update. Initial conversation on adding a second bocce ball court. Build two new courts with proper surface that keeps weeds out. Remove the garden beds. Add large pots to plant herbs and compatible perennials. Add more benches. **Action items: Michael with talk with Sandy regarding Bocce ball. Rosa will research courts and surfaces.**

**Discussion on creating pottery studio.** Andy has the lead on researching building a pottery studio with kiln and wheels. Also offering pottery classes, like those offered at six CPD field houses. He’s found possible instructor from Lil Street Gallery. Will continue to research costs, etc. **Action items: Continue to research costs, options. Andy**

**Open discussion** Melanie kindly filed the required CPD Annual Report. She would like to turn this over to the secretary for 2025 filing.

**Next CPAC meeting is April 16th. Seen you then!**