

SAMSONS ISLAND PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUES FROM MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Carnival. Members in attendance were Sandy Carnival, Sam Lauricella, John Cherniga, Brian Gilcher, Wayne Kartzinel. Also present was Dori Hughes, Recreation Staff and Kerry Stoms, Recreation Director.

Review Minutes from March 10, 2009 meeting

Minutes from March 10, 2009 Samsons Island Park Committee were approved as presented.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments

Council Liaison Comments

There were no Council Liaison Comments

Volunteer and Public Works Activities

Dori Hughes would like to bring to the next meeting information on putting a rain barrel on Samsons Island. Three owls were seen in the Pines area and the osprey has taken over the owl nest.

Discuss Spring Open House

The members would like to see more folks join the open house next year. Possibly tighten up the boat trips or add a third boat. The lunch was discussed and the group decided to address lunch differently next year. Maybe provide only a fruit and water, encouraging folks to bring their own picnic lunch.

Invasive Plant Grant

The members discussed the possibility of submitting a grant to the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management for eradication of all invasives on Samsons Island. This would include the stand of Australian Pines. Since the removal of these trees has been a sensitive issue in past years, it was suggested that Councilwoman Kirby include this comment in her Council report and see if there needs to be further discussion prior to submitting the grant. Kerry will pursue gathering information on the grant process.

Discuss Samsons Island Budget FY 09/10

Public Relations: Brochures \$1,000; Work days 4 @ \$40 each; Adopt a-Park Program 6 work days @ 40; Open House \$1000

Operation Supplies: Infant life jackets (kerry to get price); replacement chairs for boat \$50

Minor Apparatus: to be discussed further following inspection of island camp/picnic sites

Vegetation: Garlon \$1,000; mulch (kerry to get amount required and price)

For Future reference the following sites will have these amenities:

Picnic areas will have 1 garbage can, 1 recycle can, 1 picnic table, 1 pedestal grill

Camp areas will have 1 garbage can, 1 recycle can, 2 picnic tables, 1 pedestal grill, 1 fire pit

#### Discuss new Programming

Kerry wrote down ideas discussed throughout the meeting that might be future interpretive programs: animal tracks, bugs, (two more not mentioned geosphere hunting and fishing).

#### Discuss Sunday tour times

The members discussed the problems associated with a Sunday 1pm tour during the summer: storms & heat. Since advertisement and park brochures have already been distributed stating 1pm, it was discussed that staff/work days can be added at more opportune times to accomplish work related tasks. However, for now, the public transportation will remain at 1pm. If that is going to be changed for the summer months, a good lead time to make appropriate schedule/advertisement adjustments is Feb/March.

#### Discuss meeting time and location

The members schedule two meetings on the island: May 12, 2009 @ 5:30pm and August 18, 2009 @ 5:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.