KAUFFMAN PARK FRIENDS BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, May 3, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Werek, Missy Toms, Kris Williams, Jennifer Scheel, Matt Nochta

RESTROOMS
- Restrooms have been vandalized twice in the last four weeks
  ▪ Kauffman Park Friends (KPF) and LakewoodAlive representatives will be writing letters in support of increased police presence grant

MASTER PLAN
- Lakewood Garden Club Donation Maintenance Plan
  ▪ KPF Board Members will maintain the Andrews Avenue Entrance
  ▪ Linda White at Keep Lakewood Beautiful has taken ownership of the area under the scoreboard
  ▪ Mulch will be provided by the city
- 1B Retaining Wall & Multipurpose Bleacher Hill: to be installed in late summer
- Playground Updates: KPF is working with Play & Park Structures to design an inclusive playground plan to use for grant applications
  ▪ The Hershey Foundation is a local foundation that funds playgrounds
    ▪ Gigi’s Playhouse has agreed to partner with KPF to apply for a grant for the inclusive playground
- Splash Pad: Play & Park Structures works with a Splash Pad company that can add to the design plan
  ▪ The splash pad will be a critical part of Kauffman Park’s identity
  ▪ Lakewood City Councilmembers have shown support for this identity among the city’s parks given the population of young children (ages 2-10) in the area
- Little Links Area: Reading garden is not a priority until the playground has been updated

2017 EVENTS
- 3Q 2017 Softball Games:
  ▪ 2nd Detroit v. Madison “Celebrity” Softball Game will be a free or low-donation event for businesses to participate in to attract citizens to Kauffman Park
    ▪ Slotted for Sunday, August 27th
  ▪ Possible follow-on softball game for individuals
    ▪ KPF will survey interest on Facebook
- 4Q 2017 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade: KPF will consider having APL at the event
PARTNERSHIPS / FUNDRAISING / GRANTS

- **Partnerships**
  - **City:** Jason Russell, Joe Beno, Mayor Summers, LakewoodAlive
  - **City Council:**
    - Ward 1 (W1): David Anderson
    - W2: Sam O’Leary
    - W3: John Litten
    - W4: Dan O’ Malley
    - At Large: Tom Bullock, Cindy Marx, Ryan Nowlin
  - **Public Art Task Force:** Jason Russell (City), Mike Gill, Heather Graham
  - **Lakewood Tree Task Force:** David Sangree
  - **Lakewood Garden Club:** Linda Grandstaff
  - **Keep Lakewood Beautiful (Adopt-A-Spots):** Mrs. O'Leary, Linda White

- **Grants**
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant is an opportunity for LakewoodAlive to partner with the city

- **Fundraising**
  - Winter Celebrity Bartending event is a possibility

COMMUNICATIONS

- KPF contacts will be maintained in MailChimp by the Secretary
- Announcements/articles will be released to Lakewood Citizen, the Lakewood Observer, Patch, etc. at the same time and include the same content

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NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, June 15, 2017 7p @ TBD**
Meetings traditionally every other month, with work via email-phone-committee meetings

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