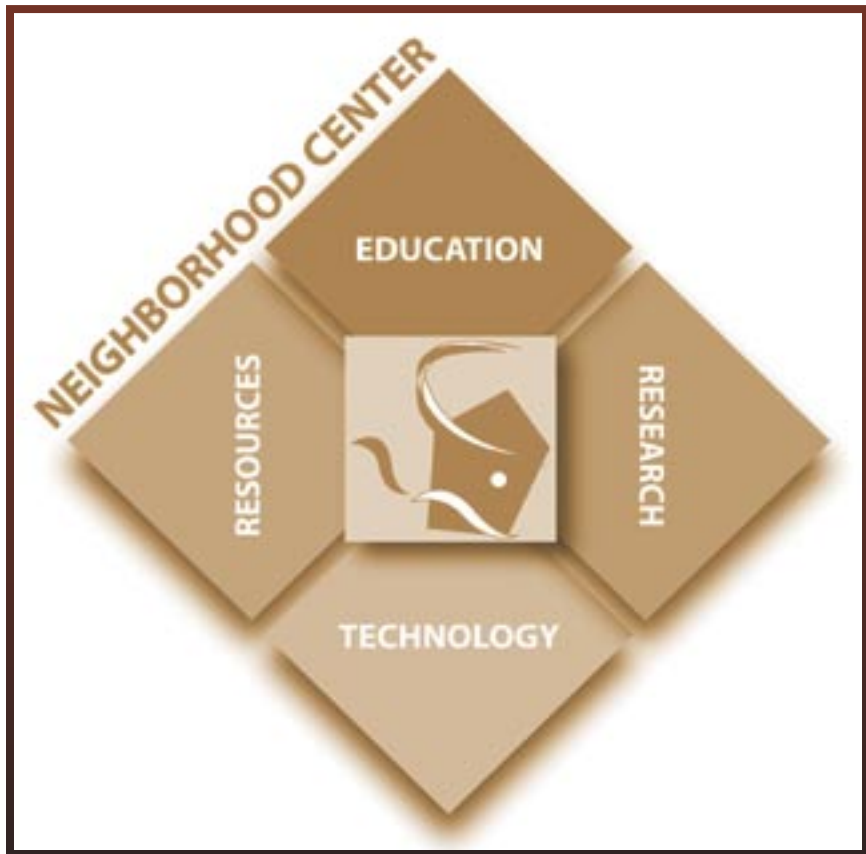


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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

WE MEET AT LAST – Next FPNA Meeting

On October 23rd, we will finally get together for a bona fide meeting, instead of all these other so-called meetings we've been having! Yes, we worked on the Home Improvement Tour together. Yes, we met with the architects from Des Moines together. But, no, these events don't count as actual meetings. So, let's have one.

Come to 134 Park Ave. on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas Boutique will be winding down by then and we will have the place to ourselves. We can have another peak at the house everyone has been talking about and it will still retain some of its festive atmosphere. Please bring cookies or something similar. There may be some apple cider left but, just in case, something wet would also be nice. See you there!

NONPROFIT STATUS

We recently submitted our application to attain 501(c) 3 status with the IRS. The process takes a long time but when it is completed we will be a nonprofit entity and will be able to apply for grants without involving a fiscal agent, among other things. Thanks to Nate for preparing this application. The paperwork is about the size of a small book and without his expertise it probably would not have been done anytime soon.

IOWA ARCHITECTS VISIT

On October 8th, two architects from Des Moines visited us to gather input for the community design program they will be designing for our neighborhood. This "charrette" was held at the public library and included several city officials and historians. During their afternoon visit, they also walked our streets, hills and all, to take an up close and personal look at the area. After all that, they met with many of us in the evening at Kyle and Cindy's house, where we enjoyed our usual good food. We have asked them to design a way of making our NA appear more cohesive visually—we already are cohesive in the more important ways (friends, all). Some ideas that were discussed were ways to make the entryways to our neighborhood more attractive and informational so folks know when they enter our area, and installation of poles throughout that could contain solar or LED lighting and places for large banners, flower baskets and other holiday décor. They will meet with other architectural volunteers in Des Moines over the next month and will return to Council Bluffs on Friday, November 5th, with their final presentation. We will find a meeting place (The Center has been recommended) and we encourage everyone to come so we can see their vision for the future appearance of our streetscapes. We'll let you know where. The participation of the IAF in this project was funded by Iowa West Foundation.

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Yes! I want to be an active member of the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association. Please find enclosed a check for annual dues in the amount of \$20.00 per household.

My Name and Spouse's/Significant Other's Name: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numer: _____ Email Address: _____

Remit to: John Huggins, Treasurer, 206 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503



Yes! I want to purchase a Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association banner.

Please find enclosed a check for the Banner fee of \$10.00

(Or additional amounts of _____ for additional banners totaling _____.)

You must be a paid member to purchase a banner

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numer: _____ Email Address: _____

Remit to: Sharon Babbitt, President, 200 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 or John Huggins, Treasurer, 206 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Grant Wood Lecture Series

The Bluffs Arts Council's Grant Wood Lecture Series will conclude with a very interesting and relative topic regarding the internationally famous Iowan painter. The lecture series coincides with the organization's Chieftain Hotel Iowa Corn Room Restoration Project and is intended to provide further education with regard to the artist who left his footprint in Council Bluffs in the late 1920's.

On Wednesday, October 20th, Dr. Gregg Narber, Assistant Professor of History at Luther College, will present *Grant Wood's Eppley Hotel Murals: A Style in Transition*. Dr. Narber will discuss the different styles with which Grant Wood experimented, including impressionism, and the way his murals for the Eppley Hotels – one of which was the Council Bluffs Chieftain Hotel – demonstrate a move from the impressionist method to his mature style, one characterized by consideration of Iowa's past. He will talk about Wood's decorative handling of components of his compositions and his reliance on photography and appropriated images rather than observed models for his works. Dr. Narber will compare the work done in Wood's "corn room" murals to his depictions in the murals of early Council Bluffs. This lecture will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Public Library. A freewill offering will be taken.

These programs are sponsored by the Bluffs Arts Council and the Bluffs Arts Foundation. For more information, contact the Bluffs Arts Council at 328-4992 or go online to www.bluffsarts.org

Grant Wood Lecture Series

Dr. Gregg Narber

Wednesday, October 20th at the Council Bluffs Library

7:00 p.m.



Lets meet
October 23rd 
 134 PARK AVENUE
 7:00pm



Kirn Park Update

By Carol Mattox

225 Huntington Avenue

I presented Larry Foster with a Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association custom plaque for all the help he and the Council Bluffs Parks Department has given our association in regard to the Kirn stadium painting and future plans for the park. The plaque was made and framed by our very own Kyle Muscall. Larry Foster was very pleased.

I received the following email from Larry Foster to update us on the future of Kirn Park. I believe it is very exciting news.

Greetings All,

Much has been going on around Parks and Recreation – but I thought I should take a minute and give you all an update on where we are with this project:

Stadium Painting – First Coat: Great partnership project!! The first coat has been applied.

Stadium Painting – Second Coat: There had been some discussions about the Neighborhood Groups doing this. Frankly, by the time the City purchased the paint/brushes, etc. and covered the cost of staff to be there when the group could paint (which may have involved weekends), it turns out to be about as cheap for a professional to apply the last coat. A good bid was received for this and, if all goes well, the second coat will be completed today

Stadium Bench Brackets Painting: All brackets received one coat of paint. The south and middle sections received a second coat. Both these coats were applied by the Mutual employees and the Neighbors. Amount 30% of the brackets still need the second coat. I was surprised how much difference this made and glad we used the rain day to attack the brackets. Finishing the final brackets could be part of the Neighborhood Group effort, along with the next project.

Painting of the Stadium Reveal: We need to pick a color for this final element of the stadium. I believe the Neighborhood Group has volunteered to do this painting. And since this involves traditional paint in smaller containers, it can be done without City staff being there all the time. At this point, perhaps this should best be left for spring.

Bleacher Replacement: The Department has replaced those benches that were in the worst condition.

Roof on the South End of the Stadium Extension: The majority of the existing rolled sheet roofing has been torn off by vandals. The City will be installing new corrugated metal roofing as previously discussed. This will completed before winter comes.

Vandalism Camera: A pole has been added for the camera. However, we will be relocating the camera to the Black Angel for Halloween.

Football Field Improvements: Park Maintenance has inspected the field, evaluated the low spots and general turf condition and is developing an approach and cost to renovate the field.

Securing the Rear of the Stadium: Approaches have been discussed. Need to finalize how best to do this.

Master Plan: No additional meetings have been held, but it's now time to get back into this process. An initial meeting is being planned with the Consultant. This will then generate some drawings. As this process moves forward, I will contact Carol and we can get the Neighborhood Group back together for input.

Iowa West Foundation Grant: Applying for an IWF grant to complete this entire project remains a possibility. We need to complete the Master Plan and have a good feel for costs.

Thanks, everyone!

Larry N. Foster



ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt
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200 Park Avenue

KIRN PARK PAINTING

Good News!! We didn't have to paint a second coat on the stadium at Kirn Park—aren't you relieved? The Parks Dept. was able to hire professionals to complete this phase of the stadium project. Our turn is coming, however, when we will be asked to paint the trim on the stadium next spring. Thanks to Carol for her role in bringing attention to Kirn; to Larry Foster, Dennis Kuhlmann and everyone else at the Parks Department who participated in this project (even the Mayor had a hand); and to the volunteers from Mutual of Omaha, who worked like pros and had fun doing it. Check out the photos on pages four and five.z

HOME IMPROVEMENT TOUR

Final results of the tour: lots of visitors and lots of moolah. We sold exactly 150 tickets and probably had even more visitors because this didn't count our own volunteers who toured for free. We also nearly doubled our treasury, hooray. Thanks to all the homeowners and volunteers for making this ventures the success that it was! Maybe we should do it again in the future—what say you?

TIMES CHANGE

Tracy has been our newsletter editor for more than two years and has been marvelous at it. Job changes make it impossible for her continue in this position now, and she has had to resign as editor, though continuing as a Board member. We thank you, Tracy, for all your hard work! After a little arm twisting, Terri Dowell has agreed to fill the vacancy. This is one of the hardest volunteer jobs anybody can do, so please support Terri by sending her articles, recipes, and other tidbits. Send to allen-dowell.4@cox.net

THE LAST WORD

Here's how good things can happen. Recently, Mark Hotz, a renter who has lived in his apartment with his wife for several years, had a problem with a new tenant in his building. His landlord was slow in responding. Mark approached the NA for help. One of our Board members, a law enforcement officer, was able to handle the situation with the undesirable tenant and Mark and Gwen are now living at peace in the home they have known for more than six years. The neighborhood is also a winner because we supported a good tenant while also helping to clean up our environment. Although FPNA doesn't have enforcement power of any kind, we are sometimes able to help provide satisfactory solutions to problems. And, Mark and Gwen, the cake you brought to Kyle's was delicious, and thanks for dropping by to thank us in person!

Until next time.....Sharon

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 23rd
F.P.N.A. October Meeting

October 20th
Grant Wood Lecture Series

October 15th-17th
October 22nd-24th
Christmas Boutique

December 3rd.
FPNA Christmas Party
126 Park Avenue 7:00 p.m.

to be frank-



I love
Halloween

OCTOBER IN HISTORY

Blackest day in stock market history, October 29, 1929.

John Adams, second President of the United States, born in Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., October 30, 1735.

Benito Mussolini founder of fascism, became premier of Italy, October 30, 1922.

According to tradition, the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of a church at Wittenberg, October 31, 1517

Erie Canal opened to traffic, October 26, 1825.

The Federalist papers began appearing in the New York newspaper Independent Journal, October 27, 1787.

Theodore Roosevelt 26th President of the United States, born in New York City, October 27, 1858.

Captain James Cook, English explorer, born October 27, 1728.

Harvard College founded, October 28, 1636.

Statue of Liberty dedicated, October 28, 1886.

Jonas Salk, American developer of a polio vaccine, born October 28, 1914.

The United States flag was formally raised over Alaska, October 18, 1867.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, born October 18, 1919.

First general court in New England held, Boston, October 19, 1630.

British troops under Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, October 19, 1781.

Thomas Edison began first successful demonstration of his electric light, October 19, 1879.

Clayton Antitrust Act became law, October 15, 1914.

Dictionary editor Noah Webster born October 16, 1758.

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Free rural delivery of mail began in the United States, October 1, 1896.

First "Model T" Ford put on the market, October 1, 1908.

Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States, born in Plains, Ga., October 1, 1924.

Cordell Hull, American statesman, born October 2, 1871.

George Bancroft American historian, born October 3, 1800.

Painter Jean Francois Millet born October 4, 1814.

Rutherford B. Hayes 19th President of the United States, born at Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822.

Artist Frederic Remington born October 4, 1861.

The Soviet Union launched first artificial, October 4, 1957.

Chester A. Arthur, 21st President of the United States, born in Fairfield, Vt., October 5, 1829.

Joshua American playwright, born October 5, 1908.

President Harry S. Truman made the first presidential telecast from the White House, October 5, 1947.

George Westinghouse, American inventor, born October 6, 1846.



Kirn Park Restoration 2010



Thank you to Mutual of Omaha, The Council Bluffs Parks Department, Gibraltar Neighborhood Association and the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association for volunteering your time, effort and energy to make our park beautiful



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