



Minutes
4:30 p.m., July 23, 2023

ICON hosted a Family & Friends Picnic from 4:30 to 6:30 on Sunday July 23, 2023 at Lincoln Park.

Steering Committee members present were Jamie Adair, Polly Poskin, Jan Von Qualen, Donna Mathis, Jill Steiner, Kurt DeWeese, and Mark Mahoney. Special guests included Mayor Misty Buscher, Alders, Lakeisha Purchase, Shawn Gregory, Jennifer Notariano, and Brad Carlson, County Board member, Sam Cahnman, and Director of Public Works, Dave Fuchs. The President, Howard Nation, III, and many members of the Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Association were in attendance, as well as other friends from across the City.

Treasurer Donna Mathis reported that ICON had a total balance of \$6,226.87: 6,126.87 in checking and \$100 in online banking on June 30, 2023.

Mayor Buscher described how she managed the chaos that resulted from the June 29 derecho. Problems included the destruction of the cell tower and loss of 9-1-1 telephone service, causing all 911 calls to be forwarded to a neighboring county and then relayed back to Springfield. About 40,000 residents lost power. Hundreds of trees were blown over or lost limbs. City crews were on the clock 24/7 for several weeks, restoring power and clearing the streets. Dave Fuchs reported that Deputy Governor, Andy Manar, called to offer support from the State of Illinois. Governor Pritzker offered several Illinois Department of Transportation trucks and crews to assist with the clean-up a few weeks. The recovery from the storm will be ongoing for months.

Mark Mahoney recognized the support and achievements of former Alders, Kristin DiCenso and Joe McMenamin. Certificates of appreciation for their collaboration and assistance with ICON issues over their tenure will be presented to them at a future event.