



## **Lincoln Park Advisory Council**

**June 9, 2004**

*Approved July 14, 2004*

Vice President Jill Niland called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cultural Early Childhood Center. Grace Chun moved seconded by Chuck Eastwood to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously Betsy Altman moved seconded by Grace Chun to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Lincoln Park Zoo Report**

Neil David and Kelly McGrath of the Lincoln Park Zoo presented the plans for the Cannon Drive Parking modifications, fee structure, and Picnic Grove. Picnic Grove new design is to be a covered facility with four eating Pavilions and toilet space. Currently it is a temporary tent in season. Currently four thousand square feet will be increased to five thousand square feet. The major path will be rerouted closer to perimeter fence and the Lagoon. Public hearings are to be held with a possible fall construction date. Grace Chun, seconded by Betsy Altman moved to approve the Parking modifications and picnic grove. Motion carried unanimously.

The new West Entrance is almost completed. There a square sections of gravel between new paver bricks for run off water. Most trees and shrubs will be installed by fall, almost 200 full grown trees some are as big as ten ton.

Meetings have been held with the Mayor, the Department of the Environment and the Park District concerning the South Pond in front of Cafe Brauer. South Pond is to become a community nature center. Phase I will be grant proposals. There will be meetings with Shedd Aquarium for water quality issues. The Shedd in conjunction with the Chicago Public Schools is to have a laboratory that children can come in and do water testing. A more natural wetland border is to be created; the Chicago Historical Society is to address animal and historical issues.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$2,144.49 balance. One check for dues has not yet been deposited. The Annual State Reports have been prepared; two checks are needed one for \$15.00 and one for \$5.00.

### **Park Report**

Margate Park. The ground has been broken as of last week at Margate Park. The Mosaic was done two weekends in a row with six families participating. Fitness classes are at 75% or better. White Sox offer Willie Wonka Day for a dollar, children get to run the bases and get autographs. It is \$300.00 for 50 children and 10 adults. The summer camp program is sold out the theme is aquatic life.

Lincoln Park Cultural Center. Very busy this year, Earth Day Queen for a Day music recital, and many other preschool events. The center is outgrowing its space. Summer Art Fair is coming 7-17 and 7-18. John Pagone spoke. A hot sheet for special events was passed out. Resurfacing of the walking path will be put out to bid. Montrose beach mats are to be installed in the next couple of weeks. At the time of the Montrose Protection Project inferior-quality core samples were taken, for some reason construction continued, no one is sure why. Now that the revetment

is having problems, the City is trying to determine liability. Aimie Ferguson Department of the Environment 312-744-9087 is working on the project.

Tree Mulching will begin soon. Beach cleaning, an eight-foot path is provided for the entire beachfront, close to the water as possibly, different portions are cleaned on different days. Hot coal cans are being put out, and are needed South of Barry.

Concessionaires are allowed a thirty-minute time period to load and unload. Urban Concession manages Concessions 312-915-3870. Lake Front Regional office for the Park District is 773256-0949. The handicapped mats at Oak Street Beach are not accessible you have to go through the sand to get to them. The Driving Range is now a dust bowl. Kemper needs to plant grass at the range. The water is up 11". South Belmont Harbor opened Memorial Day. Will be a premium facility with the Yacht Club to open 6-26-04. The Club was moved in 12 minutes.

Grace Chun moved, seconded by Steve Brown to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Fuscaldo, Secretary