

February 11, 2004 Minutes
Lincoln Park Advisory Council
Approved March 10, 2004



President Sheli Lulkin called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. at Margate Park Field house. Brett Batchelder moved, seconded by Roseann Molyneaux, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Report

Cindi Jahraus of the Lincoln Park Conservatory gave a report. The after school program is a success. A toy drive was held during the holidays. The items were donated to a local home for unwed mothers. In conjunction with Loyola Park valentines were made for seniors. The early childhood room has opened with many improvements. A luncheon was held for the tradesmen who worked on the project. The next big project is to enhance the Jewelry program. The jewelry lab will be updated. There are about thirty-five adults in the program. Kurt Kramer currently has an exhibit at the Conservatory; "Good Sports" open to the public from March the first through to May the twenty eighth. The learning center has new computers, terrariums and aquariums.

Dana Zilinski also spoke. In cooperation with the museums the Park District has a program called park voyagers, which facilitates field trips. Locations have not yet been decided for the beach mats. "Megan McDonald should contact us for our input". Summer library has a partner for reading program. Last year the Museum of Science and Industry, this year the partner is the Park District with a theme "Readers at Play". Dana is to bring the schedule for the water fountain and bathroom openings to our next meeting. Some of the fountains at the North end were not opened last year. The revetment project is done at the north end of Belmont.

The Park Board believes the Park District staff is attending all of our meetings. Stephanie Gibbons the parking person for the Park District has yet to attend as promised by Megan McDonald three months ago. The City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs in conjunction with the Park District will once again sponsor Art Gardens. The Sea Monsters and Pink tubs however are coming out of the Park. There will be 25 locations throughout the city this summer, but only in locations that already have flowerbeds and primarily along boulevards. There are six in Lincoln Park, four around the Conservatory, and two by the Lagoon. We need more annual gardens but were told there will not be any new ones for the upcoming season. With over forty thousand cars a day at Hollywood there will not be a garden there as promised. Once again everything is in the south end of the park. Frustration was conveyed. A letter to Tim Mitchell cc to the Aldermen is needed on the subject.

Reconfiguration of seating at Margate Park to discourage congregation of the homeless near the new playground is needed. Also another fountain is needed at Margate, the current fountain is inconveniently located in the play lot, and is very busy when the children are present.

Last season we had problems with the concessionaires not cleaning around their stands and ignoring parking regulations. Main problem spots have been the Diversey Kiosk and Golf Range. Lets keep an eye out for violations and report them this year.

Grace Chun moved, seconded by Betsy Altman, to adopt the minutes. Motion Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report has no change with a balance of \$1,289.49. Rahm Emmanuel has gotten federal dollars for the Lincoln Park Trolley it is to be announced at the Nature Museum on Friday February thirteenth at eleven am.

Betsy Altman attended two meetings of the Park District Committee and Board. Bonds are being sold for capital projects without public knowledge of what the projects are. Another meeting is to be held in March. At the program and recreation meeting the Chicago Yacht Club agreement was approved. A five-year lease with five years option up to three times on a lease. The Yacht Club is to pay to construct a sail training facility and up to fifteen slips. The Park is to pay for connection to utilities. It will cost one point two million to move the facility. A new crane and a sail training barge are to cost about seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Eleven of sixteen lagoons are to be rehabbed in the Park. We have two in Lincoln Park and with the current watermark it is an ideal time for the rehab, hope we are on the list. Fifty-three vehicles are to be purchased thirty-five of which will be natural gas.

Betsy Altman seconded by Grace Chun moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Fuscaldo, Secretary