



## **Approved Minutes**

Lincoln Park Advisory Council

October 13, 2004

President Sheli Lulkin called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. at The Lincoln Park Zoo. Betsy Altman seconded by Marty Brown moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Niland seconded by Randi Doeker moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Vickie Matthews reported no change since last month. Sheli Lulkin seconded by Frank Fuscaldo moved to approve the Treasurers report. Motion carried unanimously.

Grace Chun and Sheli Lulkin attended the Budget Hearings. Tim Mitchell began by reading a three-page report on the poor financial condition of the Park.

Tim Mitchell stated that it would cost the Park District over 50 million dollars for ADA accessibility in the Parks. LPAC priorities for accessibility are the Cultural Center, and the Dog Beach. LPAC is still asking for some relief at Osterman Beach, the facilities are deplorable. The Park District should not be embarrassed to spend money in Lincoln Park it has very high usage.

There are three bodies of water in the park, the rowing lagoon, the south pond and the north pond, all of which need or have needed repairs. The Conservancy has done the North Pond, and is helping to raise money to repair the rowing lagoon. Randi Doeker gave a report on the Park Board meeting. The Park District has a ten million-dollar deficit, 27 % of the annual revenue goes to debt service. Three parks were named. Alderman Smith is looking into turning the current park near St Andrews at Hollywood into a dog Park and the regular park is to move to an area further south.

Peggy Notebeart Museum. Retaining wall area by the driveway is now to be a parking lot. Environmentally friendly parking area with about fifty spots. Jill Niland to contact the museum.

Sheli Lulkin had breakfast with the Mayor, who intends to go forward with the landfill islands in the lake. Tom Greene of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward was one of the 30 finalists but did not make the final six. Tom has an excellent design with nice landscaping.

### **Park Report**

Margate Park has opened its new playground. The gravel path from Belmont to the Totem Pole has not been done; the whole area is in Tom Tunney's ward.

AYSO is donating money to help with the renovation of the soccer field at Foster. The Conservancy in partnership with the Park District has started training for 12 new Docents at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. Friday and Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings will have tours of the greenhouse, the Lily Pool and the old Rookery. Cindi Jahraus stated that family movie night is very popular. Walgreen's is sponsoring a free Halloween event in the park. The City's Special Events Department is turning the Theatre on the Lake into a haunted sanitarium starting on 10-14-04. There are 44 classes at the Cultural Center this fall 40 are full. Dan Bardinero the staff person is very good.

Randi Doeker seconded by Chuck Eastwood moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Fuscaldo, Secretary

The meeting was followed by a tour of the new Regenstein Apehouse. Thanks are extended to the Zoo for the tour, the use of their facilities and the refreshments that were provided.