



Minutes

Lincoln Park Advisory Council
November, 10, 2004

The evening was started at 6:53 p.m. with an introduction to and presentations from Representatives of Aldermen with Wards in Lincoln Park.

Bennett Lawson of Tom Tunney's staff began. Bennett has been with the Freshman Alderman for three months now and comes from Senator Carol Ronans staff. An AIDS Memorial Garden south of Belmont Harbor is in the planning stages. A red ribbon is to be carved into the path with seating and planting areas all around. The Alderman has had several meetings in the Ward. At Diversey and Cannon Drive the Goethe statue that was renovated three years ago is to be lit. Three new oak trees courtesy of Charlotte Newfeld have been donated. New decorative fencing and plantings are planned at, Belmont Sheridan, and Lakeshore drive around the triangle. It was discussed that more than one access will be needed as to not inconvenience the pedestrians. The Alderman did not consult LPAC, and we need to be involved in the process. There are still meetings planned for the renovation of the closed restrooms at Roscoe, a vendor proposed putting a new venue at that location and is willing to include upgrades at the site for the privilege. Questions were raised as to where in the process is the liquor license for the Belmont Yacht Club. Plans should go before the Advisory Council prior to community groups or the Park District.

Chuck Eastwood represented Ald. Vi Daley of the 43rd Ward, which is between Division and Diversey on the Lakefront. Ald. Daley is on the board of the Lincoln Park Conservancy and has many of the large Institutions in the Park within the 43rd Ward boundaries, Historical Society, the Zoo. Ald. Daley is very active and cooperative with the various groups within the Park. Ald. Daley requires Licensees to obtain Park group endorsements prior to receiving her support.

Ingrid Verholst represented Ald. Maryann Smith of the 48th Ward. The Ald. is very involved in caring for the parks. The Ald. Is Chair of the Parks Committee her major goal is to acquire new green space, as the 48th has the least green space in the city. This summer saw more police personnel being assigned for complaints and incidences in the Parks. The Ald. is looking into a proposed dog park near to St. Andrews to relieve over run of dogs at Osterman Beach. The Park District has a rule that a dog park must be a certain distance from residences.

A formal planning process is needed for the North end of the Park.

President Sheli Lulkin called the meeting to order at 7:55pm.

Randi Doeker seconded by Jill Niland moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Report

Cindi Jahraus of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center, stated that the Haunted House and the Crazy Carnival were both huge successes. They were both put together by Lincoln Park Staff, over 450 people went through in two days. There is a new program every Friday a Park Kid of the week is picked.

Dana Zilinski spoke, Wizards of Wonderland at Waveland was well attended by 800 people in spite of the high winds. There is to be one more operating budget meeting on Saturday 11-20-04. The Parks on the North Lakefront will represent the Park District at the Holiday Lights Parade. A bus will depart from each park to the floats. Asylum at Theatre on the Lake was very successful.

A laundry list of problems in the Park was discussed. The sewer near the fountain south of the Totem Pole on the east side of L.S.D. is failing. The running path not finished north of Belmont. Part of Lakefront trail is out of gravel, Streets and Sanitation has been contacted for help. Mary Grey has counted 87 holes in the path.

Marty Brown seconded by Mary Grey moved to adopt the minutes as amended.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Vickie Matthews stated that there has been no change in the balance \$2,194.49. Grace Chun seconded by Mary Grey to accept the Treasurers report, motion carried unanimously.

Grace Chun spoke of a joint study between the Forest Service and the University of Chicago in the Park. An Activity and Interest survey is being conducted at four different points and three different times interviewing people in the Park. Grace will invite Paul Gobster of the Forest Service to speak at some point. Paul has been very helpful in getting funds for the Montrose Point Project and Long Range Plan.

Randi Doeker reported on the Park Board meeting.

New Business

Lincoln Park Zoo is having a free family event on 11-21-04 reservations are required. The Chicago Park District is having their concessions meeting on 11-017-04 at Margate Park. Bring refreshments for the holiday party at the Peggy Notebeart Museum.

Vickie Matthews seconded by Chuck Eastwood moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Fuscaldo, Secretary

