



Minutes
February 9, 2005

Sheli Lulkin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She said that the program had been cancelled as park staff were not available. Randi Doeker moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting with one change, Jill Niland seconded. Motion passed.

Vickie Matthews gave the Treasurer's report. There is no change in the Council's financial status; bank balance is currently \$2059.

Dana Zilinski gave the Park District report. She said that about 35 people had attended the Theater on the Lake public meeting, and that there will be a second public meeting before the next LPAC meeting. She reported that the Park District would be staging the opening of several lakefront washrooms over April and May, and would open the rest after Memorial Day.

Vickie asked why there is another music venue planned for the lakefront at Northerly Island. Randi noted that Northerly Island had been the only topic of discussion at the Chicago Park Board meeting earlier in the day. She said that two vendors, Clear Channel and Jam Productions, are fighting over the contract to run the venue. They both think they can generate the \$800,000 in revenue that the Park District is requiring, which would then be used to build a park at the island. This is reportedly a temporary arrangement, using 6 acres at the north end. The CPD Board also approved the use of the old terminal building as a wedding venue.

Grace reported that she and Sheli had attended a Park District workshop on fundraising. Park District policy requires CPD to review any fund raising plan; a letter of intent from the advisory council is mandatory, even if the plan is to solicit in-kind donations. Sheli noted how well organized and successful at door to door fundraising some park advisory councils were.

Sheli asked LPAC attendees if they were interested in fundraising for new computers for Margate and the Lincoln Park Cultural Center. Roseann had volunteered to investigate getting 'excessed' government

computers. There are issues regarding providing funds for internet access and proper disposal of old computer equipment. Vickie suggested that we check with Brent August or other attorney because the other grants we had gotten had involved a great deal of paperwork. Sheli said that we would only send CPD a letter of intent if we are sure we will get PCs. She noted that other fundraising projects might include items needed for handicapped accessibility at beaches.

Lynn Krohn raised a point that LPAC isn't a fundraising organization, but a communications organization. Sheli responded that the information we used to have to seek is now readily available and that CPD now needs financial help. Lynn suggested that we should try to develop and maintain better communication with other organizations working in Lincoln Park. Roseann suggested that we might partner with condo associations of buildings near the park to work on areas where park improvements are needed. Two attendees at this meeting are from the Park Towers building at 5415 N. Sheridan, and they have worked on plantings behind their building, near the beach.

Sheli reported that arrests for inappropriate/illegal activities at Montrose Point were thrown out by a judge. Given the damage that has been done by people using the hedge and other areas, she suggested that we write an article about the importance of the Magic Hedge and Montrose to migrating birds and wildlife, and ask local papers publish it. Jill volunteered to write or find someone to write an article.

The program for the March 9th meeting will be an updated presentation by Chris Gent and Ann Miller, who is the new north end planner, on further plans for Theater on the Lake. Sheli asked the group to think of what needs to be done for the North End of the park and how to build on the old framework plan, now that the planner has been assigned.

Grace said she is working on a new museum on Chinese Americans in Chicago that will open in Chinatown in May. Mark Cihlar described new initiatives that he is working on as part of the Lakeshore Marathon, including an urban reforestation project with 200 Chicago schools, an Earth Day Memorial for soldiers, firemen and policeman, and an effort to incorporate walkers and other volunteers into the marathon. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15.

Submitted by Jill Niland