



Draft Minutes

Lincoln Park Advisory Council

May, 11 2005

President Sheli Lulkin called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. at Margate Park.

Betsy Altman seconded by Marty Brown moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously

Bennett Lawson of Alderman Tom Tunney's office gave a presentation of 44th Ward projects. The Sheridan Rd. triangle is on the clean and green list for Saturday May 14th @ 9:00 a.m. plants and labor are to be donated. Six new benches and two trash cans are to arrive in six to eight weeks. Two homes were torn down for a new community garden on the eight hundred block of west Roscoe. There was a detailed presentation of improvements for the playground at Roscoe and the Lake. The cost of the project is estimated at \$150K with \$100K coming from the Alderman's menu money. The audience stated that since the playground at Roscoe is to be nicer it will also attract more children so we need the bathroom building opened. Improvements may begin in late July. Betsy Altman stated that it would be better to wait until fall because that park has heavy use and there is not another playground nearby. It was also suggested that the playground be fenced in, to better monitor who is using the playground and cut down on vagrancy near to the children. There was a positive reaction from the audience for Bennett Lawson's presentation.

Tom Laporte and Mike Sterdvin an Engineer both of the Water Department spoke about the water system in Lincoln Park. The bike path is open at Fullerton. The whole length of the Park presents two major challenges, the age of the pipes, installed in the 1930's, and the pipe sizing. There are sixty miles of piping in the Park District System. Historically fountains in the park are on 24 hours a day. The piping is cast iron and water sitting in cast iron gets a stale taste. Looking at all fountains in Lincoln Park sixty have been removed due to seldom use, fifteen were moved closer to the water source, others will be fed directly from the city mains, all in an effort to reduce stale water. Monitoring water quality and a flushing program will also be done. Lots of pipes are to be retired that were connected to Murdock hydrants for sprinklers that are not used, this will further reduce stale water in the system. When there is a heavy demand for water it gets pulled from these old systems where the water just sits and becomes stale.

At Fullerton and LaSalle three pipes under Lake Shore Drive are to be retired and replaced with brand new ductile iron water mains, which will not be in the road but out and accessible. There will also be a new main under the bike path. In the next year or so Ardmore to Bryn Mar has three possible solutions.

1. install a new water main under the street to the city water system.
2. install a new device that turns on and off.
3. reconfigure the pipes, which are now oversized with smaller pipes, which will make the water flow faster.

At the Montrose hook there is a water main that breaks a lot. There is not a lot of demand at the end of the hook; it just feeds a fountain, comfort station and some slips. These pipes were laid in the 1920's and have had nine breaks in the last year, new piping that is smaller would be useful there. There were forty-four leaks in Lincoln Park that have been identified and repaired. There is a chemical that is used to prevent lead from leaking into the system. It has been so successful the EPA has reduced monitoring. It was stated from the audience that we need to know when the projects are to begin so that we can be part of the planning process. Tom promised to come and advise us of all new projects.

Park District Report

Dana Zilinski spoke. Mothers Day at LPCC was very successful. The Alfred Caldwell Lillypool was opened on Arbor Day 4-28-05 Docents are available to show you around.

The vacancy for lapidary and stained glass is being interviewed for and there is a good candidate. Monday, the beach mats start to come out. Dana is to see what signs are coming down in the park and the possibility of donating them to the Historical Society. Children's fountain is being moved to an area behind the Chicago Historical Society. The Jersey walls at the Wilson underpass have chunks of concrete falling off.

The Advisory Council is worried when things are just done without taking in the Park plan or consulting with the Council.

The Framework meeting is being rescheduled to 6-14-05, 6-15-05, or 6-16-05. Each group in the park is to send a representative with the Advisory Council Board members to be automatically invited.

Randi Doeker gave a report on the Park Board meeting. The Park District is to get 1 million a year from Clear Channel at Northerly Island. Thillens is to be Park District managed. Thillens managed to borrow 90 million to stay in business. Park District has partnered with the Chicago Public School system for an event in June. The longest group reading of poetry ever. The Guinness book record is one thousand they will have two thousand and four hundred at the fountain of time in Washington Park.

Mary Gray seconded by Randi Doeker moved to approve the minutes as amended. Carried Unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Fiscal Year 2004 –2005

Dues collected	\$765.00
Expenditures	\$594.76
Balance	\$2,314.73

Jill Niland seconded by Mary Gray moved to approve the Treasurers report Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

Presidents Report

The City of Chicago received an official flag from Washington D.C. We are now an official tree city. The dedication is to be at Sheridan and Thorndale and the flag is to be flown over Senn High School.

There is a change in direction In Chicago much more cohesiveness in the government agencies.

Sheli thanked the group for all their help through the years stating it was a pleasure to serve as President. The group reciprocated with a warm applause and thanks for Sheli's dedicated service. It was also stated that Sheli brought in new people new ideas and a breath of fresh air.

One of Jill's first tasks as President will be to write a letter to Maria Saldonia.

Election

Steven Bell of the nominating committee spoke. The Slate presented on 4-13-05 with the exception of Ellen Isaacson, and Kelly McGrath, is to be elected by acclamation. So moved by Lynn Krohn and seconded by Chuck Eastwood. Motion carried unanimously.

The two were removed due to the requirement that dues be paid in full in order to be elected to office. Betsy Altman moved seconded by Lynn Krohn to defer the election of Kelly McGrath and Ellen Isaacson by one-month giving them an opportunity to pay their dues. Motion carried unanimously.

Now that Steven Bell is no longer on the nominating committee Lynn Krohn seconded by Betsy Altman moved to nominate Steven Bell as a board member till 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Our thanks to Steven Bell, Grace Chun and Mark Chilar for their work on the nominating committee.

Old Business

Ginny Fitzgerald offered the Historical Society as a meeting site for LPAC. The rowing club has also invited us to have a meeting at their facility. We now need a new representative from the Peggy Notebeart Museum for LPAC.

Frank Fuscaldo seconded by Randi Doeker moved to have LPAC's June and July meeting at Margate Park. Motion carried unanimously.

LPAC traditionally does not meet in August. September meeting possibly at the Boat Club.

New Business

There is a sculpture program in the 44th Ward, new sculptures are coming. Grace Chun invited us to attend the Chinese American Museum @ 328 E. 23rd St. on 5-21-05 @ 1:30.

Frank Fuscaldo seconded by Vickie Mathews moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Fuscaldo, Secretary