



Minutes
Lincoln Park Advisory Council
2005 June 8

Program Summary

Nancy Harris and Amy Pine of the Chicago Gay Games provided a Progress and Planning overview of Gay Games VII. The Gay Games is a quadrennial athletic event which is expected to draw ~13,000 participants during July 15-22 of 2006. It is expected that the event will bring well over 20,000 people to the city after including the spectators and family members.

There will be several major sports “Villages” around town that will host the various events. The Lakefront and Lincoln Park will be a prominent village hosting tennis (Waveland), Beach Volleyball (North Avenue), Sailing (Belmont), and Volleyball (Navy Pier). Additionally, there will be a triathlon, a marathon and the diversity parade – all of which are expected to make use of Lincoln Park.

They are looking for volunteers to assist in the execution of the event. People with knowledge of the Parks and city are needed. Interested parties can contact the Games team through their website at www.GayGamesChicago.org.

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President Jill Inland called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Randi Doeker moved to adopt the agenda – the motion was seconded by Grace Chun. The motion carried unanimously.

Park District Report

Cindi Jahraus represented the Park District team at this meeting. Key points include:

- No news on the Roscoe concession/washrooms
- Bike racks will be installed at the Magic Hedge and Sulzer playlot
- The Children's Museum is going to be providing training to North Lakefront CPD staff on Progress Art – this focuses on teaching children the value of the artistic process with less emphasis on the end product
- Mary Gray requested that additional attention be paid to placing the trash cans on solid surfaces and not on the grass – placing the receptacles on the grass tends to kill the grass
- Jim Landing requested an update on where the ARAMark contract stands – he thought that it was possible that the contract signing was a couple of months late
- All but one camp at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center are full
- The Cultural Center is starting a new teen program this year and has had a very active enrollment
- The annual photo contest is coming up – Cindy has applications for anyone wishing to enter
- Summer Camp starts on June 27th

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Randi Doecker moved to approve the minutes as amended. Grace Chun seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Betsy Altman submitted a Treasurer's Report showing that there is \$2,314.73 in the Council account.

Randi Doeker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report -- Grace Chun seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Jill Niland covered a number of points in her first report as President. Topics covered include:

- Program planning for future meetings is in progress. Several possible topics that Jill is pursuing are:
 - Geoff Williamson who gives tours of North Pond
 - The Bicycle Federation – with focus on potential cooperation and support of mutually interesting efforts
 - Meeting/tour at the Historical Society
 - Jim Landing suggested we also consider requesting someone from the Department of the Environment to discuss implications of the recent organizational changes
 - Others thought that it would be productive to re-invite the Police Department Parks liaison to join a meeting

- Other ideas would be appreciated – please email them directly to Jill.
- Jill is working through Ginny Fitzgerald at the Historical Society to determine if they are still willing to handle our mailings for us – as well as to arrange a meeting/tour there
- We will need to resolve an open point regarding the organization’s Registered Agent. Jill took this point to discuss with Ginny and bring back to the July meeting for discussion.
- Jill reported that fencing has been installed at selected locations at the Montrose Point and fencing other areas is planned. These locations will be marked as off limits to everyone. The intent is to reduce the use of more secluded locations for inappropriate activities. This action will be matched with greatly increased police patrols. People caught crossing into these areas will be arrested regardless of their intended activity. While this is a compromise for birders and others who have appropriate uses in mind – it is hoped to be a reasonable means of curbing the undesirable activities.
- Randi Doeker moved that we NOT meet in August – this motion was seconded by Frank Fuscaldo. The motion did not carry. We will re-visit this issue at the July meeting.
- It was suggested that we send a courtesy letter to Tim Mitchell and Robert Steel informing them of our new officer roster. Jill supported the idea and offered to write these letters.
- There will be a meeting on June 14th to be held at Margate, 6:30 p.m. to discuss the further planning for the area north of Irving Park to Ardmore. Members are encouraged to attend.

Old Business

Randi Doeker moved that we elect Steve Bell to the LPAC Board. This motion was seconded by Frank Fuscaldo. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Grace Chun moved to adjourn. Randi Doeker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brown, Secretary