



Minutes
Lincoln Park Advisory Council
2005 July 13

Program Summary

Angela Sturdevant, Chicago Park District Natural Resources Manager, provided an overview of the approximately 50 natural areas within our parks focusing on the Lincoln Park locations.

The locations within Lincoln Park are:

- Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary
- Montrose Dune
- Marovitz Golf Course (out-of-play areas)
- Jarvis Bird Sanctuary
- North Pond Nature Sanctuary
- Alfred Caldwell Lily Pond
- South Pond & Rowing Lagoon

Angela pointed out that the success of many of the nature locations can be directly attributed to the strong volunteer base attached to those locations. The Montrose sites are great examples of this.

Laurene von Klan, the new President and CEO of the Notebaert Nature Museum attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Council. She has been on the job for about 6 weeks. Her three top priorities for the museum are:

1. Focus on globally important topics with local relevance – for example, migratory birds which are of particular interest locally.
2. Science relevant to the community – she is intending that the museum will conduct science projects that will help deal with local problems -- for example, a strain of Avian botulism killed some ducks in the pond a while back
3. Engagement with the community – making the museum a natural part of the community

Laurene comes to the Nature Museum after 13 years as the Executive Director of Friends of the Chicago River.

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President Jill Niland called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

Park District Report

Dana Zilinski represented the Park District team at this meeting. Key points include:

- Still no news on the Roscoe concession/washrooms. They are closed and portable potties are in place.
- Chevrolet is going to sponsor the Lincoln Park Cultural Center art fair. They are offering to provide some funding and music. To accommodate some logistics, the date is moving to September 17th and 18th.
- The deadline for the Cultural Center photo contest has been extended. Anyone wishing to submit a photo to the contest should do so quickly.
- Revetment south to Fullerton is to begin in 2006 and be completed in 2007. It is intended that the work on the Theatre on the Lake will be coincidental with this activity to minimize the impact on that portion of the lakefront. This will, however, be dependent upon fund raising activities for the Theatre work.
- Chevrolet is also sponsoring Wednesday evening concerts at North Avenue Beach – the first was held last night.
- There was recently a change in responsibility for Dog Friendly Areas (DFAs). The State transferred that responsibility to the County. This has led to some new requirements for fencing of the areas as well as a desire to better control access. Dana explained that dogs/owners will be required to be licensed to use the DFAs – including the current lakefront location at Montrose. The specifics of this licensing are still in development – it is expected that they implemented yet this summer.
- The 2nd Lincoln Park Framework session was held. A public meeting intended to broaden the number of people included in the discussion is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 13th at Margate Park Field House.
- Budget hearings are scheduled for:
 - July 26th at 6:30 pm in the South Shore Field House
 - July 28th at 6:30 pm in the Margate Park Field House
- The topic of hot coals disposal in the Park was once again discussed. This follows the recent serious injury of a young girl on the South side. There continues to be concern for the inadequate coverage of coal containers, monitoring etc. Ideas that were shared for addressing this issue include:

- Multi-language labeling of the few cans that are in place
- Re-establishment of the Park Ranger program – maybe consider a volunteer staffing if funding cannot be found
- Leverage children participating in after school or summer Park programs to help them understand the danger. Children will often do a better job of teaching parents than other adults.
- Leverage other Park district personnel who are present in the field to educate people about the safe disposal of coals.
- The discussion was concluded by a question of what more we should/could do to heighten sensitivity on this issue. Dana suggested that she would once again raise the issue with appropriate CPD officials and report back at the next meeting.

Park District Liaison

Randi Doeker reported back the following key points:

- Corinthian Yacht Club has been granted permission to apply for a liquor license. They are the last yacht club to make this request.
- A new ADA policy office has been created and a person has been identified to fill this position. The individual currently works within the City.

Minutes

Frank Fuscaldo moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Chuck Eastwood seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Betsy Altman submitted a Treasurer's Report showing that there is \$2,394.73 in the Council account.

Frank Fuscaldo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report – Chuck Eastwood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Jill Niland covered the following topics in her report:

- August meeting -- Randi Doeker moved that we not hold a meeting in August – the motion was seconded by Frank Fuscaldo. The motion carried.
- The Historical Society will not be able to cover the cost of our mailings this year. So, we will be moving to an electronic notification approach. A mailing will go out this month notifying the membership that there will be no meeting in August and that we are making this change. Supporting changes to the bylaws will be prepared.
- The Historical Society also confirmed that they can not provide someone to be the Registered Agent – Vickie Matthews has volunteered to take on this responsibility for the Council.

Old Business

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

Adjournment

Grace Chun moved to adjourn. Roseann Molyneaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MRB', written in a cursive style.

Marty Brown, Secretary