



Draft Minutes

Lincoln Park Advisory Council

January 11, 2006

President Jill Niland called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. At Margate Park.
Randi Doeker seconded by Dana Zilinsky moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
Grace Chun seconded by Mary Gray moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
Frank Fuscaldo seconded by Randi Doeker moved to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried unanimously.
Vickie Matthew's seconded by Jill Niland moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoo Presentation

Neal David and Kelly McGrath of the Lincoln Park Zoo presented plans for the renovation of the pond and surrounding area. Currently the Zoo is in the conceptual design phase to conclude in March. Search for funding will begin at that time. Costs in the amount 9 million dollars are expected, all funds to be raised privately. Pond dimensions are not to change; hard edges are to be removed. Planed changes will allow for a more user and environmentally friendly area. Softer edges will allow for bird habitat, and water runoff will naturally filter pollutants. Dredging the pond will result in cooler water temps in summer and no winter freeze-through, giving the pond year round life. Plans are being made to use the dredging for the landscaping instead of hauling it away. Various ways to make pond energy self-sufficient are being investigated, wind and solar power suggested. Turbines on wind power would be bird friendly. Current plans would allow for people to circumnavigate the pond entirely by foot with the use of boardwalks made from recycled wood products. Two possible pavilions, one for open-air classes the other for impromptu meetings. Paddleboats are a source of revenue for the Zoo. The concession may add a large paddleboat, for narrative tours. Research is continuing into the ponds past. Historical integrity is of concern in this project.

Park District Report

John Davidson spoke on Margate Park. Park registration is going great; the winter programs have been successful. The girl's hockey team came in second place. For two years in a row they have made it to the finals. The fitness center is selling out. Programs for volleyball and jazzercise continue.
Cindi Jahraus of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center spoke. Seventy fitness classes are at capacity. There is a new childhood recreation leader. Time of your life Players senior group is coming to the Park. Maybe three performances a year to start in the spring.
Dana Zilinski spoke. The Framework plan steering committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1-24-2006. Truman College is to use the Wilson lot for two years. Rehab of two sections of lakefront trail Belmont to Recreation Drive on the west edge. Second stretch to be from Lawrence to Foster. Funding will be obtained from State grants. If you have been prescribed medicine for obesity the park district is offering one free ten-week fitness session. Summer registration begins online on 4-17-06, in person on 4-22-06.

New Business

Park Liaison Randi Doeker spoke. It is now possible to obtain a county dog tag at the Vet for \$5.00. The tag is a newer requirement for the dog friendly areas in the city. The current Park administration is sports oriented. President Jill Niland stated that programs are needed for February and march. April program will include a presentation from Jim Landing. An update from Tom La Porte on water in the Park is desired. More information from Theatre on the Lake is expected as well.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Vickie Matthews read the membership renewal letter. There is a balance of \$2,266.31.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Fuscaldo, Vice President