



Draft Minutes Lincoln Park Advisory Council September 13th, 2006

Presentation

The evening began with a presentation by Gia Biagi and Jim Cronis. They spoke of demand for multi-purpose fields -- especially for soccer. The fields don't have enough time to regenerate. Five fields using artificial turf in high-demand areas would be multipurpose. In Lincoln Park it would be installed at South Field. It's turf, grass-like, maintained with a zamboni, playable after rain and would extend the playing season. Three are scheduled (Reiss, Calumet and Lincoln). Permit fees will increase to recoup expenses. It takes 5 months for construction and design. The life span is 8 - 10 years.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
Randi Doeker moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
There were some new faces, all made introductions.

Park District Update - John Davidson (Margate Fieldhouse) reported on summer camp activities eg., Hawaiian luau/ cartoon lalapalooza. The fall program is sold out and they are looking for capacity to expand. A grant for early childhood literacy was received. Open gym on Tues. and Weds. starting this fall. Arts and Crafts, 2 p.m., Weds. for adults. Fitness center has 300 registered people.

Dana Zilinski announced Lincoln Park Art Faire to be held this coming weekend. She reported for Cindi (LP Cultural Center), only a few spots are still open and there have been an increase in programs. Halloween, LPCC, 13 and over, Fri. & Sat., 10/28-29, 6-9 p.m., \$5. Area-wide, Pumpkinpalooz, Margate, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. will include many activities. Fountain Girl sculpture to be installed at North & LaSalle.

Comfort stations open until end of Oct. Volleyball poles will come down Oct. 2. Bike rack in at Magic Hedge. Signs for track are now correct. Budget hearing, Warren Park, Thurs., Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Docent training for Conservatory coming up. Staff changes include Gia Biagi, Planning Director replacing Arnold Randall now Director of External Affairs. Megan McDonald left CPD. There are open and available concessions but no new manager. Request was made from LPAC to be kept up-to-date and meet whoever takes the place of former concessions manager.

Park Liaison report by Randi Doeker. People in the Parks - Skinner Park Adv. Coun. reminded Board that money has been available for a drinking fountain for 15 months and can't get information about installation.

Michelle, new representative for Nature Museum, passed out latest newsletter. Query made about parking lot and she will check into status.

Treasurer's Report made by Vickie Matthews. Balance is \$2969.67. Not all grant money for Montrose was spent but Friends of the Park (grantor) has no problem with this.

President's Report by Jill Niland. Family Appreciation Day for advisory councils, Northerly Island, Sept.9 was well attended. Due to going out of town, Jill will not be able to chair the Oct. 11 meeting. November program's speaker will be Jim Gantz, new security director for park. There will be discussion time about increasing membership and look into any new issues.

Old Business - none.

New Business - Budget ideas discussed. Reinstatement of the plan process for the north end of Lincoln which seems to have been dropped. Safety issues in regard to golf ball whackers at field near Diversey driving range, along LSD. Start park survey again?

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Chun