

Minutes from the May 21st Concessions Meeting

The following is a report on the meeting. I think all the points under discussion are mentioned. The meeting went past 8:30, longer than any of us anticipated. Sheli, Gus, someone from the Boat Club and I were there. They didn't have a sign-in sheet nor was there anyone from CPD or any handouts as in the past. It seems as if we knew about the meeting before they did and they were not told what to expect. The team seemed open to us and the discussion was productive. Time will tell.

On Monday, May 21, 2007, 6 p.m., a meeting was held at the Margate Field House in Lincoln Park with Park Concession Management. It's the new team contracted to be responsible for Chicago Park District concessions and established for this purpose. The team consisted of Levy Restaurants represented by Tim Champagne, Director of Operations and Karla Flores, License Administrator and Elaine Davis representing U. S. Equities Realty as General Manager. The contract is for 5 years with two one-year options.

They will review menus, ensure diversity dependent upon area served, ensure that sales reporting is accurate with accounting practices to include cost control, daily inventory sheet component and with sanitation and safety inspections during open and closed hours of operation.

Discussion followed by those in attendance in regard to some of the sites, especially in Lincoln Park. Concerns about cleanliness of the area surrounding concession sites, types of food served, design of sites, types of non-food concessions, security, the state of some concession sites and the need to put more work into making them ready for business.

A map and website for each concession is in the process of being developed by Park Concession Management. For any concerns or questions they may be called at 312-456-7092. Meanwhile information should be on the CPD website.

According to Park District code and their contract four public meetings are to be held every year. No date has been set for the next meeting. In the past it was following the concession time of operation (about 4 months).

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