



June 11, 2008

Action taken by the Lincoln Park Advisory Council:

Sheli Lulkin moved, seconded by Betsy Altman that a letter be sent to the President of the Park Board, and the Park District Superintendent with a copy to Brian Loll and that the letter state as follows:

*The Lincoln Park Advisory Council has been on record for many years as advocating for making Park facilities and especially comfort stations fully accessible to all citizens. It is therefore with great pleasure that we welcome the issuance of a \$35 million bond issue for this purpose.*

*The Lincoln Park Advisory Council also, has had a policy of giving priority to the north end of Lincoln Park because of the continuous neglect of this area in park facilities and improvements. An example of this is the allocation of water accessibility mats to the various beaches. Because so many north lakefront buildings have elevators, there are many people who live there that need to use mats to access the water. However, priority is being given to the beaches at the south end of the park.*

*We ask that all Lincoln Park Beaches be treated equally.*

*We also request that all dog beaches be accessible so that persons with service dogs may use them.*

*We request that if an accessible comfort station is out of order, it be given priority for service. There are few alternatives for persons using these stations. Also, a system should be developed that allows for the posting of out of order signs that show where the nearest accessible station is. When possible, we would like to see these signs posted in a way that spares the person who wishes to use them a long walk.*

*Our preference is that the Chicago Park District makes all restrooms along the accessible beach paths accessible.*

*We would also like the Park District Administration to consider using some of these funds to facilitate a fully accessible permanent beach house at Osterman Beach.*

*Sincerely yours  
Vickie Mathews, President*

Lulkin reported that the letter was the result of the cooperative work of Constantine Zografopoulos, chairman of the LPAC Accessibility Committee and herself.