



2045 North Lincoln Park West  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

November 17, 2008

Superintendent Timothy Mitchell  
Chicago Park District  
541 N. Fairbanks  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Superintendent Mitchell,

The Lincoln Park Advisory Council appreciated the excellent report presented by Bob Foster at our November meeting on the artificial turf program and its installation at Foster Avenue. He also spoke about the lights that will be installed.

During our meeting, we passed a motion that stated that we have significant concerns about the health and safety issues of using artificial turf and that we are concerned about the impact of the lighting on nearby residential buildings and the natural areas. We are requesting that the environmental impact of the artificial turf and the lights are studied before the project is put to bid, that LPAC receive an update on the environmental issues before the bid documents are prepared, and that the bid documents specify that the artificial turf will be lead-free.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the concern of our citizens. This is clearly an important issue to the community as we had more than 30 people in attendance at the meeting.

LPAC is one of the oldest advisory councils in Chicago and has had a major impact on the health of Chicago's largest regional park with 1,200 acres and 7.5 miles of lakefront. We participated in the development of the Framework Plan completed in 1995 and helped to implement the majority of its recommendations. We have worked with the park district on an update to the Plan to include the north end of the park which is being implemented now. We provided the forum for the renovation of the North Avenue Beach House and have done virtually all the redevelopment of the Montrose Point natural area including raising significant funds for its replanting. We continue to be active stewards in our park and to provide the vital communication link between the park district and community for all issues in the park.

Sincerely,

Victoria Matthews

Cc: Bob Foster  
Brian Loll  
Alderman Vi Daley  
Alderman Tom Tunney  
Alderman Mary Ann Smith  
Alderman Brendan Reilly  
Alderman Helen Shiller