



Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Park Advisory Council
April 9th, 2008

Presentation

President Jill Niland at 7:00 p.m. called the meeting to order at the Margate Park field house.

Park Report

Cindy Jahraus of Lincoln Park Cultural Center spoke. Wiggly Wabbit had 800 - 900 in attendance. About 100 had breakfast with the bunny. The street was also shut down for a big egg hunt. 950 class spots have been filled at the Cultural Center. Saturdays will be for birthdays. The art show will be in September on the 13th and the 14th.

John Davidson of Margate Park spoke. Margate Park: highlights: Hippity Hop day still had around 200 people despite the snow. Kids were taught transition from ice hockey to floor hockey. The winter regionals were wrapped up and many great experiences were had. The Thursday night movie series has wrapped up. Children 6-12 were taken on a trip to the local library for a reading program. Most adult and children's programs are filled.

Dana Zilinski spoke. The Park District has been reorganized into three divisions North South and Central. Dana is going to a new position in Park Services. Brian Loll is to be in charge of the Parks new North Region which includes Lincoln Park. Vice President Frank Fuscaldo publicly thanked Dana Zilinski for all her hard work and diligence working with the Lincoln Park Advisory Council. Dana will be missed. There was a round of applause.

It was noted by the people in attendance that the Lakefront is a specific area with special needs; the public was not consulted prior to this major change. The lakefront path has been striped with a completion date of 5-1-2008. The Wilson Avenue Bridge is to be worked on overnight and traffic rerouted to Simmons and the Inner Drive from 4-20-08 / 5-2-08. An eight million dollar donation from the Wallace foundation will be used to get agencies connected for teens. Computers are also to be brought into the Park Houses with internet access, Lincoln Park Cultural Center to be the first recipient.

New Business

Terry Leja spoke. Terry went with Pat Manahan to Board of Commissioners Meeting in Avalon Park on the Southside about the soccer field for the Latin School. Ten people spoke against the location of the Chicago Children's Museum, expressing that this was public land not for private use. Comments were made about secret deals. All Commissioners except Margaret Burroughs voted to pass. It now goes to the City Council for a vote. The Illinois Supreme Court has twice ruled that Grant Park should be free and clear. Museums in parks get huge subsidies from tax payers.

Michelle Broglio of the Nature Museum spoke about the New exhibit, the art and Science of the American lawn which opens 5-23-2008.

Betsy Altman Spoke. Formal Advisory council has been formed for the Harbors. For 20 days in June 90 to 105 big Sailing boats will be in Belmont Harbor. The Olympic Committee for 2016 donated a lot of money for a Regatta. Four hundred sailors 100 of which are world famous, will participate. The Regatta will be held on 6-29-2008 and the event will begin on 6-13-2008. For more information visit the web site etchellsfleet11.org; click on the Worlds 2008 icon. This is to be a world championship race.

Grace Chun spoke. The University of Illinois study in June of 2007 on Montrose North pond and the Lilly Pool has been made available.

Betsy Altman seconded by Lynn Krohn moved to accept minutes as amended. So moved.
Lynn Krohn seconded by Grace Chun moved to accept Treasurers Report. So Moved.

Presidents Report

Seventeen park groups were invited to give feedback to the Park District; it appears as though there was some intent to exclude some Advisory councils. The meeting was last Friday and was fruitful. Park District has agreed to revert to the 2000 guidelines, which are listed for review on Friends of the Parks website. The Park District wants background checks for people practically working with kids. It was proposed that Advisory Council Board Members must live in the city. Reportedly a new company was hired to do the background checks.

Election of Officers and Board Members

Betsy Altman gave the nominating report. To be eligible to serve on the board you must have attended at least three meetings in a twelve month period and dues must have been received by 4-30-2008. Motions from the floor for nominations were as follows:

Patricia Yeray seconded by Lynn Krohn moved to nominate Tom Tresser for Secretary. So moved.

Tom Tresser seconded by Patricia Yeray nominated Colleen Blake as a Board Member. So moved.

Terry Leja seconded by Tom Tresser nominated Patricia Yeray as a Board Member. So moved.

Lynn Krohn seconded by Grace Chun moved that the slate be approved as amended. So carried.

For a one-year term as an Officer

President Vickie Matthews
Vice President Ellen Issacson
Secretary Tom Tresser**
Treasurer Betsy Altman

For a two year term as a Board Member (2010)

Coleen Blake**
Chuck Eastwood
Frank Fuscaldo
Mary Gray
Becky Rossof

For a one year term as a Board member (2009)

Michelle Boglio
Grace Chun
Terry Leja**
Sheli Lulkin
Patricia Yeray**
Gus Zografopoulos

Past President Jill Niland

Continuing in a two year term (2009)
Randi Doeker

** Nominations from the floor.

Frank Fuscaldo seconded by Patricia Yeray moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;
Frank Fuscaldo,
Vice President