



January 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

Margate Park Fieldhouse

XX Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Jim Wrenn talked about the concession at Theatre on the Lake. His company is taking over the concession, a change that requires that he apply for a new liquor license. He has success with Lizzie McNeall's Pub on the River in River North. He stressed that he understands the importance of keeping those drinking alcohol within the boundaries of the restaurant. They will upgrade the menu to better than beach fare, Panini sandwiches and similar food. They are concerned about litter control, too, well past their boundaries. The trailer at the foot of Fullerton will be removed and tables and chairs provided from Jim's restaurant. We asked to see the final footprint at a future meeting. Jim is looking for support from LPAC.

Grant Crowley talked about the various marine issues that impact Lincoln Park. He started with Shad, the fish that are in the news, and the Asian Carp. Grant provided a link on the Asian Carp to a Field Museum researcher who has been sharing his knowledge of Asian Carp and its breeding needs. The researcher, Philip Willink, Ph.D. of The Field Museum / Fish Division, has an informative web page, **Asian Carp in Chicago FAQs**: <http://sites.google.com/a/fieldmuseum.org/pwillink/asian-carp-in-chicago-faqs>. His home page is: <http://sites.google.com/a/fieldmuseum.org/pwillink/Home>

Grant spoke about the dry boat storage at Montrose. The idea came from explorations for revenue generation to help pay for the cost of the new 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor. At that new harbor, the demand for winter storage will be high and the design can ensure that it is hidden from general view in the bermed parking garage. As revenues have fallen for the harbors, several other locations were identified for prototype storage in advance of the building of 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor, one at DuSable Harbor on the lowest level of the outer drive and one on the boaters parking lot at Montrose. The winter storage lot at Montrose is open and exposed. The new 10 ft fence breaks the vista of this historically open area. Further, boatyards are inherently dirty places with environmentally hazardous activities. While the park district has stated that no work will be done on boats in the facility, people will prepare their boats for launching in the spring. Chicago has 10 boatyards that provide outdoor storage (indoor storage is provided in less urban areas around Lake Michigan primarily for large power boats. Chicago's boatyards are not at capacity. It is concerning that the park district has chosen to compete with Chicago's businesses that pay property and employee taxes and create a commercial activity in the parks without proper public input and review. Further, the Lakefront Protection Ordinance prohibits constructing permanent structures and features in Chicago's parks. LPAC is concerned that other harbor edges will be turned into boat yards in the winter, cordoning off vast spaces from public use and enjoyment.

#### LPAC Meeting

**1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm, and the Agenda was moved and seconded, approved.

**2. Park District Staff presentations**

Sandra Olson, Lakefront Director  
Cindy Jahraus, Cultural Center Manager  
Jennifer Bice, Margate Manager

Cindy reported on the construction at Lincoln Park. Construction went full speed over the holidays. While the construction completion has slid, the contractors ran into anticipated problems. Classes are nearly full with the addition of home schooling classes at 1:30 pm. They have a Young Scientist program. Teen Club has 28 students.

Sandra reported the sledding hill has a barrier, no vendor trucks and no plowing. Margate had 130 people at Skate with Santa event. It was listed as the number 1 thing to do with your family in Time Out Magazine. They nearly ran out of skates. The lakefront path is in poor condition because of lakefront storms, from Fullerton to Oak Street. The park district is trying to work out what to do with the loose asphalt. There have been troubles with lights on the

lakefront path. Please call Sandy with any areas that need to be repaired/replaced. She wrote an email to Gia Biaggi (CPD Planning) regarding the playlot in Edgewater and was assured that we will be included in the public meetings on its siting and use. Sheli asked Sandy to look into public seating and tables at Theater on the Lake. Geese control will be done in Lincoln Park.

**Of special note is that Cindy and Jen both took the first class for supervisors and both passed the examination to become Certified Park and Recreation Professionals. Well done, ladies.**

**3. Park Liaison report**

Randi reported that there is discussion about installing surveillance cameras in Lincoln Park. We would like to have input as to where in Lincoln Park these will be installed. One significant action was CPD taking ownership of 600 acres of parkland, not contiguous, but a large amount of acreage. The Grant Park Music Festival will be free in 2011 with reserved seats for CPD staff.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

November minutes were approved. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

**5. Treasurer's report**

Chuck Goes reported \$580.72 in the bank. Chuck's reminders for dues resulted in 15 renewals. The dues notice is on the website. The report was moved, seconded and approved. Coleen Blake will serve as the new fiscal agent with the registered office at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center. The dues notices will go out in February before the next meeting.

**6. Harbor Advisory Council**

Grant Crowley spoke on issues during the Program period before the meeting. We moved, seconded and approved a letter objecting to the process for creating the dry storage at Montrose, the possible misuse of hazardous substances at the boatyard, and to the ongoing rise of fees, pushing small boaters out of the system. Sheli will write the letter to be sent to Brian Traubert, President of the CPD Board, and Tim Mitchell, Superintendent.

**7. President's report**

The Aldermanic questionnaire was nicely done and is posted on the LPAC website. Two notices were sent by email to 31 Aldermanic candidates (and 14 received it via snail mail). We have posted the responses of 8 candidates on the LPAC website. Two additional candidates want to be included. We proposed to send the additional two responses on the Yahoo Group. The concern is that late responses have a chance to attack the responses received on time.

We moved, seconded and approved a liquor license at Theater on the Lake. We appreciate that the trailer at Fullerton will be removed and that public seating be established.

Sheli would like to do a work day in the park.

**8. New Business**

Speakers for future meetings: Marc Kramer will contact the Chicago Area Runners Association in hopes they can send a rep to talk to us about their interest in park maintenance.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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**February Program—Permits process, Margate Park**

**March Program—TBD, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**

**April Program—TBD, Margate Park**

**May Program—Annual Meeting, tour of the board walk at the South Pond**