



Lincoln Park Advisory Council
May 14th, 2008

Presentation

Chicago Department of Transportation staff gave a presentation on preliminary plans for bridge reconstruction on Lake Shore Drive at North Avenues which will begin in 2009. Questions from the audience included issues regarding scheduling of this and other bridge work on Lake Shore Drive, how existing trees were to be cared for, extent of road blockage, and pedestrian access. LPAC members asked that C-DOT personnel return once a tree survey was completed, as well as to report on plans for the other bridges to the north which also abut Lincoln Park.

Lynn Krohn gave an oral history of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council. Discussing such issues as, why we exist. The Lincoln Park Advisory Council was created in partnership with the Park District and the Lincoln Park steering Committee. LPAC is the primary forum for reviewing Park District issues provides for stronger communication, and balances conflicts with the Park District. The Frame work plan is not a blueprint but a framework for decision making. This plan is a model showing we can overcome three major impediments, communication, co – ordination and consensus. Our Mission is stewardship, fairness and partnership. We are here to witness what the Park has done and to avoid exclusivity in our parks.

President Jill Niland at 7:00 p.m. called the meeting to order at the Margate Park field house. Sheli Lulkin seconded by Betsey Altman moved to adopt the agenda.

Park Report

Cindy Jahraus of Lincoln Park Cultural Center spoke. LPCC Summer registration has sold out. Many activities were enjoyed by the children. Brunch at the ESPN Zone, sailing on the Windy, Lincoln Park comedy club, Mothers Day dinner, a new photo exhibit and Hansel and Gretel Opera performed by the children. Jacqueline Paul visual arts teacher went to a conference in Philadelphia and brought back ceramic knowledge to teach other Teachers. For any problems at LPCC please call 312-742-7726.

John Davidson of Margate Park spoke. Summer camp sold out with the exception of the early childhood program. New specialty camps such as early child gymnastics and cheerleading, golf and under outside skies programs all sold out. Margate Park did well in citywide competitions; the teen leadership program has been completed.

Brian Loll New area manager of the North Region spoke. The three year capital plan is posted on the Park District website and you can see what is funded. 30 Million dollar capital budget with one billion in needs, there is a 25 – 30 million dollar shortfall in the red. Primary focus is on operational needs.

Garbage removal is a big issue. Park District crews take care of garbage on Lake Front; all other areas are contracted out to Flood Brothers. Two crews landscape laborers just pick up garbage in summer another crew will be added for the 2 hour coverage. Collection is another issue not enough trucks another is to be purchased along with a recycling truck. Steel fluted garbage cans are going away for plastic with 10 lb weights at bottom. Laura Foxgrover the marketing person for partnerships was cut out of the budget. New fitness equipment for several locations. Andrew Schwerner is head of landscaping.

Park Liaison Report

It has been determined that the Park District violated the Lake Front Protection Ordinance, in its deal with the Latin School. Construction was frozen nothing to happen other than work for drainage area. Financial remuneration for Protect our Parks group was discussed as well. The F.B.I. is investigating the harbor contracts.

New Business

Randi Doeker seconded by Grace Chun moved to accept minutes. Treasurers report we are \$600.00 over last year as more dues have been collected. Sheli Lulkin seconded by Randi Doeker moved to accept report. So moved. Jill Niland seconded by Frank Fuscaldo moved to reimburse Lynn Khron for copying fees. So moved.

Betsy Altman had a meeting with Rob Raymond from Planning. Two harbors are to be built very quickly by Gateway. 400 boat capacity at Navy Pier and 700 boat capacity south of 31st street beach in a natural swell area that will cut costs by about 90%. Two levels of parking topped with landscaping and an integrated Harbor House are to be built as well. Betsy Altman seconded by Grace Chun moved to elect slate as listed in nominating report. So moved.

President's Report

Grace Chun "a Luminary Award recipient" was inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame for 2008. Leaders of Advisory Councils were invited to a Friends of the Parks meeting about land grabs for pet schools and Senior citizen centers in our parks; Jill Niland attended. Randi Doeker seconded by Mary Gray moved to approve \$1,500.00 in disbursements as follows, \$250.00 to each of three Natural area Stewards for volunteer support "water snacks ect..", \$250.00 each to Margate Park and LPCC in the form of a Jewel or Dominick's card to provide refreshments for children in the form of an ice cream social or some such thing, and finally \$250.00 to protect our parks. Motion carried.

Grace Chun seconded by Randi Doeker moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Frank Fuscaldo
Vice President