



## **MINUTES OF LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL May 13, 2009 MEETING**

The session convened at 6:45pm at the Notebaert Museum with President Vickie Matthews, presiding.

### **Program**

Julia Bachrach, Chicago Park District Historian, gave a presentation on the history of Lincoln Park.

### **Meeting**

The meeting of the Council started at 7:40pm. This was the Annual Meeting of the Council and so eligible members were able to cast their vote for board members and officers.

### **Agenda Approved**

The agenda was moved and seconded, approved without comment.

### **Report from Park Staff**

Jennifer Bice, supervisor of Margate Park (312-742-7522) gave an activity reports. Derrick Martin, Area Manager (312-287-3410, [derrick.martin@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:derrick.martin@chicagoparkdistrict.com)) responded to the earlier requests for information the Council had made.

(1) Can we get a list of permitted activities for Lincoln Park on a regular basis?

- The marketing department is working on a "hot sheet" of permitted activities for Lincoln Park and he will forward that list to the Council president.

(2) Can we get a list of violators (e.g. permit holders who make a mess and do not clean up)?

- There is no record of permit violators that he knows of, but he suggests we may want to file a FOIA to ask for such a list.

(3) What is the Latin School's usage of the new soccer field?

- There is no record of the Latin School's usage of the soccer field, but he suggests we may want to file a FOIA to find out.

(4) Unrelated to permitting process, but related to overall service in park, the council asked for a list of budget cuts and how those cuts would affect Lincoln Park.

- The budget is still being worked on so no one can say how service in Lincoln Park will be affected.

Comments were made that the lights on the new artificial turf soccer field are on to 11pm even when no one is present. He said to call him or call Park Security. Gus Z. also announced that 16 accessible beach walkways are going up all along the lakefront. He says that the bathrooms are next on the list of facilities to be made ADA accessible.

### **Park Liaison Report**

Randi Doeker reported that the Park District board met earlier that day. The new admission fess for the Art Institute were discussed. A contractor has been hired to install the artificial turf at the new Foster soccer fields. Artificial turf fields also being installed at Kiwanis Park and Hawthorn School Park, with the total cost per field at about \$600,000 per field. A member asked why the South Field built for the Latin School cost \$2 million.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the April meeting were approved with out comment.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Council's cash balance as of April 30 was \$3,983.42, with net assets of \$2,416.89.

### **Report on Standing Task Forces**

- Park Survey Task Force— no progress here. Coleen Blake will send out an email to see who is interested in participating on this committee.

- Planning Task Force – Tom Tresser, chair, presented the position of the Task Force as a motion, which was moved and seconded by Pat Yeray and Herb Caplan. The motion read as:

“The Lincoln Park Advisory Council Planning Task Force opposes and will recommend that the full Council oppose the siting of the 2016 Olympic tennis court venue at the Waveland Park area because:

- (1) It would seriously damage the bird sanctuary and adjacent nature area and the wild life therein,
- (2) It would destroy park land,
- (3) Cause a net loss of 7 tennis courts,
- (4) Cause a loss of approximately 100 trees.
- (5) Risk grave damage to this area by the presence of tens of thousands of spectators.”

There was spirited debate and both Alderman Helen Schiller (46<sup>th</sup> Ward) and Gyata Kimmons, Director of Community Relations for the 2016 Committee both addressed the Council. Fred Hagedorn made the following replacement motion, seconded.

"The Lincoln Park Advisory Council supports the resiting of the Tennis Facility for the 2016 Games away from the bird sanctuary to a better site within Lincoln Park, as outlined by Helen Schiller, 46th Ward Alderman, and welcome the commitments to restore the surrounding areas after the 2016 Games."

The motion to replace the Planning Task Force recommendation was approved 16-13. The President of the Council referred the matter to the Planning Task Force for further study.

### **Old Business**

Betsy Altman proposed the following language as a bylaw amendment:

ARTICLE TWO, Section Four – Meeting Notice

Notice for all membership meetings shall be posted on the LPAC website at least 5 days before the meeting.

- There was discussion of this measure and a vote was taken (affirmative vote of 2/3 of eligible members present required for adoption). The measure failed 15-16.

### **New Business**

- It was decided to postpone discussion of rules for the LPAC email list serve to the June meeting
- It was decided to postpone discussion of a tree donation program until the next meeting

### **New Board**

With 43 potential voting members and 38 voting members who attended the meeting and cast ballots.

The results are:

President - Sheli Lulkin

Vice President - Ellen Issacson

Secretary - Betsy Altman

Treasurer - Chuck Goes

One Year Director - Karen Kass

Two Year Directors - Randi Doecker, Marc Kramer, Terry Leja, Bob Lerch, Jill Niland, Patricia Yeray

Continuing Directors starting the second year of their two-year term are: Coleen Blake, Chuck Eastwood, Frank Fuscaldo, Mary Gray, Becky Rossof

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tresser, LPAC Board Secretary

**Next meeting on June 10 at 6:45pm at Margate Park.**