



**Minutes**  
**Lincoln Park Advisory Council**  
**October 10, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by general agreement at 6:45pm.

**Park Staff Reports**

John Davidson: The Margate teens are using an Egyptian theme for this year's Halloween activities. A Haunted Drive-Theater featuring The Mummy will be held October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Margate fitness center is being upgraded.

Cindy Jahraus, Lincoln Park Cultural Center: An Arts at Large series of "Unusual Classical Delights" will be held through November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dana Zilinski, Regional Manager: Gia Biagi, CPD Planning Director, has asked for a list of Lincoln Park projects that should be included in the 2008 budget. (The group suggested showers at Osterman Beach and an improvement in the air circulation system at the Margate gym, to start.)

The comfort stations along the lakefront will be open until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report – Vicki Matthews**

The cash balance is \$2,219. There was a voice vote to approve payments to Leslie Borns and Friends of the Parks (annual fee).

**President's Report – Jill Niland**

The group discussed the Latin School soccer field contract. Jill will draft some talking points reflective of the group's view that the terms of the agreement are excessive.

Jill will ask the new staff person at the park district and the new head of Mondog to attend the November meeting. There has been a significant increase in the number of off-leash dogs around Montrose Point.

It was agreed that someone from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward should be included in the January 9<sup>th</sup> discussion; Randi Doeker will follow-up.

Jill will also contact the Chicago Olympics group regarding a future discussion.

**Park Liaison Report - Randi Doeker**

The board meeting was delayed a week.

**New Business**

The group discussed the LPAC website and Yahoo groups. We need an additional moderator for the Yahoo group (in addition to Vicki and Jill). Randi Doeker will check with Marty Brown regarding the activities he previously supported, including any postal mail lists he may have. Randi is also looking for a way to organize the website so that it can be supported by people without web skills.

Respectfully submitted  
Randi Doeker



**Lincoln Park Advisory Council  
Minutes, November 14, 2007**

**Presentation by Montrose Dog Beach Group ( MONDOG) Chair: Steve Redfield and Sheri Rush:**

- Steve became involved in last year and is reconnecting to folks interested in the Park. New leadership of group.
- 2 years ago park had wood fencing. CPD put in new metal fencing.
- Discussion of improving access to park (steps) so CPD put in ramp through boat launch. MONDOG would like some additional fencing and CPD has plans for handicap only parking space, so ongoing fundraising.
- Summer 07: change to catamaran moorings – 16 slips approved by CPD in dog beach, but only 3 used. MONDOG working with CPD to try to remove these, and also working on concept for an information kiosk. Will also work on the development of a 'Dog Etiquette' sheet and volunteer education, to particularly help with preventing use of whole beach and dog walkers who walk multiple dogs on the beach. Jill Niland noted that it would be a good idea for the flier to educate regarding city ordinance on use of leashes, and how dogs loose in the park have an impact on migratory birds.
- There is a dog area at Margate – Puptown – so group is looking to do joint fundraising.
- Steve noted that there were some problems with accessing the 'beach conditions' link of the CPD website.

**Meeting**

President Jill Niland at 8:05 p.m. called the meeting to order at the Margate Park Field House. Jill seconded by Sheli Lulkin moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. Minutes from October Meeting delayed, but will have for next meeting.

**Park District Staff Presentations**

John Davidson of Margate Park:

- Early Childhood program will have superhero training on Saturdays, and Thursday Night Movies will start for families on 2/1/08. In October the Margate Teens hosted Haunted Drive-In movie Theatre (for 3 nights since one power outage), and Pumpkin Palooza had approximately 1000 attendees, who also enjoyed the Corn Maze outside.
- Five Teams participated in Volleyball and Hockey Tournament at Holstein Park, and approximately 770 teens will attend the skiing trip to Wisconsin 2/9/08.
- Teens Summit: this year will include collaboration with the Culinary School, a rules of the road component, and fundraising ideas.
- Regional Managers Meeting will be held at South Shore Cultural Center on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Cindi Jahraus of Lincoln Park Cultural Center:

- Halloween saw 300 attendees to the Haunted House and five Halloween parties.
- Fall family Cultural season saw 80 attendees at the first show, and approximately 50 attendees at the concerts.
- Next week: will see the start of the Pint-sized Pilgrims, and After School fitness program.
- December: Busiest month with Jingle ball for under 4's, Holiday camp, and Dance Recitals. Also new winter classes in the works.
- Tiffany, the center jewelry instructor, had baby daughter Lydia.

Dana Zilinski:

- Mayor came to Pumpkin Palooza.
- Walgreen's donated \$50,000 to CPD for Halloween events and programs.
- Thanks expressed to LPAC from Planning Department for request lists.
- Operating budget for 2008 went online. One more hearing on 12/5/07 at 4 p.m. at Fairbanks Office. (Full details on CPD website).
- Winter registration is up and spring starting.
- Artificial Turf Field planned at Foster (American Youth Soccer Association involved). Dana said article in Pioneer Press says two fields, but this is incorrect it is just one.
- Dana and John attending a reading workshop.
- Dana presented about Chicago Lakefront to a Public Service class at DePaul.



- Southside Haunted House had a big crowd – approximately 900 attendees.

#### Questions for Dana:

- Sheli asked if Army Corps revetment planning anything at Lawrence and Foster (Dana did not know).
- Sheli asked if a new dog beach planned at Foster and Sheridan (Dana did not think so, but process would take approximately 2 years).
- Chuck asked if CPD would put in lights at Fullerton stretch of revetment project (Dana will find out).
- Jill said she had not heard from her contact about the Park Framework Plan. (Dana said that this should be rolled out in January 2008).

#### **Park Liaison Report**

Randi Doeker did not attend but Jill raised a few items:

- Greg Niece at Lincoln Park Zoon will help LPAC with their website, and may host it on their site. This may need some additional software, with an LPAC cost of approximately \$100. Jill will get more information.
- Once LPAC site up and running, we will post updated minutes.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Collected \$75 in dues otherwise no major change to budget. Sheli Lulkin, seconded by Chuck Eastwood, motioned to approve budget.

#### **Presidents Report**

Jill shared that the soccer field work is proceeding at Latin School, with a slight reworking of terms. A resolution introduced to City Council, but not out of committee. CPD and Latin School representatives met and agreed to give back some hours, mostly in summer, and last week Vi Daley had a meeting which Jill and Chuck attended (Jill shared minutes). At this meeting, there was lots of criticism about the process followed with the soccer field; issues were raised about the width of the track at certain spots too. Vi Daley recommended that LPAC send a letter to Commissioners, so Jill will send a draft letter to LPAC via email for review.

#### **Old Business**

None raised

#### **New Business**

Confirmed there will be no December meeting. Next Meeting on January 9, 2008 at Notebaert Nature Museum, with Alderman presentations. Tom Tunney is already confirmed.

Vickie Matthews, seconded by xx (sorry missed who), moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Boglio, Board member