



November 10, 2010, 6:50 p.m.
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Program normally precedes the formal meeting. Tonight, the meeting was recessed for the program, which started at 7:30 pm.

Lou Vasta, Vasta Associates, talked about his experience as an event/sports planner. He discussed the World Cup of beach polo. (ChicagoBeachPolo.com) The sport started on the beach in Miami. The sponsors decided to take the program to other locations, throughout the world and the US. The proposed date is October 1, 2011 weekend, noon – four each day for the polo games. It includes a fashion show at a hotel, and six teams of men and women players. Ten pavilions will be erected on the beach. The expectation is for 1,000-2,000 people to attend. Two charities will be beneficiaries of the event. LPAC can have a say in how the money is spent in Lincoln Park for items like infrastructure or programs. There will be a VIP tent, sponsors for high ticket items, celebrities. This is a sport geared to the very wealthy. General admission will be free or \$5 for 1,000 – 2,000 people. 60-80 horses will be on site in their trailers. Six to eight matches are held on each day, four on four horses and riders. They will go through the permit process after the first of the year. General Superintendent Tim Mitchell approved the event. It is projected that the park district will realize \$10,000 plus the donations to the charities.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 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

Jennifer reported on Halloween activities. The family friendly event was well attended. Jazz City will be at Margate Park on Friday, Nov 12. Skate with Santa will occur again on Dec 17. Two championship floor hockey teams are winning their matches. The origami class was pushed back to December 18.

Cindy reported on the construction at Lincoln Park. The final completion date is delayed six weeks to mid February. The dance teacher at Lincoln Park left. A new instructor is being sought. May I Have This Dance will do ballroom dancing during the winter. The teens will go to The Lion King. Busy activities occur through December at Lincoln Park. New Leaf Theater will renew their 10th year at the Cultural Center.

Sandra reported on a playground being developed near Ostermann Beach. It is being privately funded and the location is not confirmed. A contract has been given for the design of the playground. No trees will be impacted the site but there is a gravel service road that goes through the site. Local residents would prefer to have the playground on the west side of the Drive in the meadows. The existing playground behind St Andrews may have been committed as a dog park. Sandra thought it was a feasibility study and not a design. We are told there will be public meetings.

3. Park Liaison report

The internet connection for the Board meeting was not working so Randi did not have a report.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

5. Treasurer's report

Chuck Goes reported \$763.65 in the bank. No dues notices were sent in 2010 so people who may have missed paying their dues were contacted by Chuck through email and snail mail so their membership doesn't lapse. Randi will remind people through Yahoo Groups to pay their dues. The dues notice is on the website. The report was moved, seconded and approved.

6. Standing Task Force

No report.

7. President's report

Volunteer awards at Friends of the Parks. Jill reported that David Painter who works at Montrose Point won an award to be given November 14 at Garfield Park.

8. New Business

Harbor development and harbor fees were discussed. The boat storage at Montrose was discussed. A letter will be sent to the Plan Commission asking what process was followed for the installation of a fence and boat yard with cranes. The letter was moved, seconded and approved.

Four of the five wards adjacent to Lincoln Park have Aldermanic races. LPAC will send a questionnaire to those candidates who file to run. Randi and Becky will develop the questionnaire to be reviewed by the list serve.

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.

Ellen will contact Sandy to see if we can get Permits to come and discuss the process and the clean-up afterward.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was recessed at 7:40 pm. The meeting was reopened at 8:35 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

December Program—No meeting, enjoy the holidays

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January Program—Marine and Lake Michigan Issues in Lincoln Park, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

February Program—Permits and the Permitting Process, Margate Park

March Program—TBD, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

April Program—TBD, Margate Park

May Program—tour of the board walk at the South Pond