



April 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Brendan Daley, Green Initiatives at the Chicago Park District, stressed that conservation is important in the parks. He talked about green initiatives in Chicago's park (recycling, energy management, sustainability, etc—not natural resources issues). He will return in June with a PowerPoint presentation. He stressed that reducing paper has been a major achievement and more is done online today. As an example, he noted that Procurement has saved reams of paper through their online bid meetings and bids. Anyone interested in seeing the bid documents may register for free and obtain an electronic version. Brendan noted that new buildings have solar panels but old buildings cannot sustain the weight of the panels. He noted that 25% of the energy used in the parks is green energy.

Brendan offered to contact Natural Resources for information on issues with the Night Herons roosting in the trees south of South Pond instead of the trees on the island in the pond; a proposal for a Community Garden at Foster Beach (is this flowers or vegetables?); invasive dune grass used in north Lincoln Park. Sheli asked Brendan to look into solar lighted stop signs and a pilot program at Montrose for the bike path.

#### LPAC Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

Jen reported that her Rec Leader, Vanessa, had a baby boy and will be back for Day Camp. Spring programs are completely filled except for two spaces. Early childhood classes are popular late in the day when parents can participate. These will be offered again in the summer. Spring break camp is filling up. The teen boys participated in the citywide volleyball tournaments losing in the semi finals. The soccer team lost in the semis at the regional level. Play camp is sold out for the summer and 15 spots exist in day camp. Pay to park is coming to Margate.

Cindy reported that the water fountains are being turned on in quadrants with no date for completion. Cindy's children and teen programs are full. Her adult programs have spaces. Construction is ongoing. Hopefully, it will be complete by summer camp (originally scheduled for January 2011). Summer programs are at capacity, except for adults. Every summer staff member is returning in 2011, which will make a fabulous season.

**3. Park Liaison report**

Randi reported that the Board met today. They renewed contracts for Natural Resources. TIF money was approved to purchase a new park at 1600 S Clark St. New lighting was installed at Sheridan Park (Racine and Taylor) that seems unduly bright and annoying to neighbors. Loyola University is partnering with CPD to build a track at Broadway Amory (50-50%) with Loyola entitled to use the park 25% of the time.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

March minutes were approved with corrections. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

**5. Treasurer's report**

Chuck Goes reported that we have \$692 in the bank. The dues notice is on the website. The report was moved, seconded and approved. The dues notices were emailed on March 9, 2011. Dues are due April 30, 2011 if you want to vote at the May election.

**6. President's report**

We discussed involvement in regard to the Parker lights and field issues. LPAC will write a letter to Deborah Cohen supporting their concerns high intensity lighting that reflects on Lincoln Park and Grandma's Gardens and elsewhere in the park.

Green City Market, Mark Psilos, made a presentation regarding renewal of their space north of LaSalle Extension between Clark and Stockton. New paths will be laid, some of asphalt and some of wood chips to sort out the muddy conditions that prevail when it is wet. They have worked with a landscape designer who understands the value of protecting the tree's root systems from damage. 11 new trees will be planted. Prairie grass will be used for the understory. Entry ways to the market will be planted with flowers. Mulch will be used to help with drainage and a perforated pipe with landscape fabric will be placed under the mulch for drainage. The new paths will accommodate the 300-400 people who use the parking garage each market day. A map will be posted on the LPAC website.

LPAC voiced concern over horse drawn carriages in south Lincoln Park causing a nuisance with their urine. A community Garden is being installed at Foster Avenue Beach.

The Flowrider concept was scheduled to go to Plan Commission on April 21. Sheli will write a letter opposing it on the basis that LPAC is concerned that North Avenue Beach will turn into an amusement park. The Polo group obtained a permit to use North Avenue Beach for a long weekend in late September/October.

The Boat Storage lot at Montrose is causing irritation among soccer players who were accustomed to using this lot in the preboating season to park. It is completely off limits to park users for parking.

**7. Nominating report**

The Nominating Committee nominates the following officers:

- Sheli Lulkin, President
- Ellen Issacson, Vice President, Membership
- Betsy Altman, Secretary
- Chuck Goes, Treasurer

The Nominating Committee nominates the following directors for a:

<b>two-year term expiring 5/2013</b>	<b>one-year term expiring 5/2012</b>
Randi Doeker	George Blakemore
Marc Kramer	Patricia Yeray
Bob Lerch	
Jill Niland	
Terry Leja	

Betsy Altman, LPAC Nominating Committee Chair representing the Board  
Brett August and Grace Chun, Nominating Committee Members representing the membership

**8. New Business**

Lake Shore Drive is scheduled to be redone starting in three years. It will be a 10 year project. LPAC needs to be ready for opportunities that will arise in the park. Sheli asked Betsy Altman to chair the task force. Chuck Eastwood will represent bike interests. Marc will handle running. Our goal is to make transitions in the park from pedestrian to automobile safer. Anyone interested in a specialty area is encouraged to volunteer.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

**2011**

**May Program—Annual Meeting, tour of the boardwalk at the South Pond** – meet at the large platform near Stockton Drive at the southwest corner of the lagoon. Disabled parking is adjacent. We will meet in the Farm in the Zoo classroom.

**June Program—Brendan Daley, Chicago Park District Sustainability, Margate Park**

**July Program—Tom Palmisano, Fishing in the Parks, Margate Park**

**August—no meeting**

**September—CDOT speaker on LSD rebuild project, Sheli will invite**

**November—Aldermanic Forum on Lincoln Park Planning**