



September 14, 2011, 6:45 p.m.
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

Margate Park Fieldhouse XX Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

No program was held.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm, 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

Sandy reported that Jen left work ill today. Margate had a great summer with many programs that were full. The programs for the fall are full, too. The gym floor has been refinished. Jen is engaged to be married in December! The Trapeze School has been very successful. It was suggested that a nicer fence be used and that they be moved off the immediate lakefront in future areas. The Clock Tower has attracted a steward group to clean up the area. 30 volunteers work in the area every day. Sandy will pursue why LPAC didn't review the new restaurants in Lincoln Park, at Osterman and at Montrose. CPD received a lot of grants for trees.

Cindy reported that the ADA conversion of the Cultural Center is nearly completed. The art show was a super success on the most recent weekend. Fall classes begin on Monday. Most slots are taken.

3. Park Liaison report

The Board met today and handled many items. They approved purchase of new budgeting software, replacing a 10-year old program. Sporting events sponsored by CPD will provide ambulance and EMT support. CPD entered into a lease with the City for trucks and vehicles. CPD owns 45% of their vehicles, mostly heavy duty ones. 50% come from the City and 5% are rented, as needed. \$125,000 is spent annually to remove asphalt and concrete. New land was purchased for the Bloomington Trail. An excellent and inspirational presentation was made on DuSable Museum. Mike Kelly is the new acting superintendent of the park.

4. Approval of Minutes

July minutes were moved, seconded and approved.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that LPAC has \$1,149.60 and \$50 was paid out in September.

6. President's report

Jill attended the Friends of the Parks all Advisory Council meeting with a focus on security in the parks. There wasn't much focus on Lincoln Park. The speaker mentioned that they put more security people at Clarendon Park and crime has diminished.

We discussed the fence around the Montrose boat storage and the fact that people will be allowed to work on their boats, spreading toxic chemicals into the parks. The bridge on Fullerton going east to Lake Shore is scary. We wondered when this bridge will be repaired.

7. New Business

The CPD Budget hearing is on September 22. Sheli will attend. She will speak to the need for every city agency to bring issues in Lincoln Park to LPAC for review and approval. She will mention the signs being put up for bird and butterfly habitats without review with LPAC. She will talk about bike and running paths needing serious repair.

Benches are needed at the Cultural Center and other places where seniors walk to see the flowers and birds. An ADA beach ramp is needed at Osterman Beach. Rodents abatement is essential including geese removal and raccoons. The bike path from Foster north was never finished and needs to be completed. Tuck pointing is needed at Lincoln Park Cultural Center. An engineering study should be done for a second floor at Margate Park. Most of the playgrounds need replacement of equipment and to be brought into compliance with Children's Memorial Hospital guidelines. Moved, seconded and approved as the wish list for the advisory council.

Green Market had become a problem for the neighborhood in recent years. Expansion of the vendors and attractiveness to buyers has brought attendance to 2,500-3,000 people each Saturday. The truck parking is a nuisance to the neighbors, made worse by the trucks arriving as early as 3 am. It is unsightly, as well. The new drainage system is working, but the enormous amount of mulch has turned the area brown. Scavenger service is provided by CPD, not a private vendor, which results in the bins being left between market days. The market has changed the quality of the area and the big issues need to be resolved. A meeting was held to discuss the issues with the Alderman and Friends of the Parks. The feeling was that nothing will be accomplished that adds cost to the Green City Market. Sheli will call the Alderman's office to express our interest in resolving the truck parking issue. LPAC needs to stay on CPD for landscaping of the site. Perhaps we can talk to Notebaert about hosting the Green Market.

Francis W Parker is using Granma's Gardens and others planted, non field areas to practice Track and Field and soccer. Damien Jones, Assistant Principal, informed an LPAC Board Member that he would go to the City for permission to use these areas that are easily accessible from Parker, but not appropriate for sporting activities. CPD has repeatedly told Mr Jones that he must get a permit for sporting areas. CPD will talk to Mr Jones.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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October— CDOT speaker on LSD rebuild project, Sheli will invite

November—Aldermanic Forum on Lincoln Park Planning

Future meetings: Tom Palmisano, Fishing in the Parks, Margate Park, Concessions audit in Lincoln Park; Brendan Daley, Chicago Park District Sustainability, Margate Park

January's meeting will be in the renovated and ADA accessible Cultural Center