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Chicago, Illinois 60614

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David Doig, General Superintendent & CEO
Chicago Park District
425 E. McFetridge
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Re: Peggy Notebart Nature Museum Expansion

Dear David:

Joe Shacter of the Nature Museum called on some of the board members of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council to show them a new plan for the museum. We understand that in order for the Nature Museum to be a leader in the museum community, it needs to have its resources consolidated and have staff members in the same building as the museum. Currently the CPD holds the title for the museum's administration building on Clark street several blocks from the museum. We have been told that the CPD is willing to turn the title over to the museum so that the building can be sold and the proceeds used for expansion of the administrative facilities at the current museum sight.

Joe presented his concept that would utilize the current outdoor deck to be enclosed for offices and reconfigure some current office space into additional exhibit space. The great idea about this plan is that there will not be any additional building outside of the current footprint and height plan of the existing building and it centralizes the campus.

While the Lincoln Park Advisory Council does not support the building of office space within the parks we can support this plan given the fact that the building currently exists and it creates additional exhibit space for the museum allowing it to bring additional exhibits to the museum.

Sincerely,

Vickie Matthews
President

Cc: Joe Shacter, Nature Museum
Phil Levin, Dept. of Planning & Development