



- DRAFT - MINUTES OF LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING

The session convened at 6:45pm at Margate Park with President Vickie Matthews, presiding.

Presentation from Concession Management

David Myle, Project Executive of Park Concession Management (312-456-7079, dmyle@usequities.com) and Hal Goldberg Park Concession Management, presented an overview of their operation. Park Concession Management is a partnership between U.S. Equities and Levy Restaurants and has a five-year contract (started in 2006) to manage the concession process that brings all restaurants and concessionaires into the parks (but not pop machines).

In 2008, there were 165 permits with 29 having multiyear permits. [List attached] Each food vendor is required to have two safety inspections annually. Besides permit, insurance and a base-use fee, all vendors pay for electric, water and trash pick-up. All fees are paid directly to the Park District. All deliveries require a delivery permit to be displayed, flashers on and are not supposed to park long. If there are violations – call 312-456-7092 (answering service after 5pm, M-F). CPC can't ticket and the Chicago Police only ticket on lots, not on CPD property.

If you see trash cans overflowing, call Cindy Jahraus, supervisor at Lincoln Park Cultural Center, 312-742-7726.

Questions to be resolved:

- Updated list of concessionaires
- List of inspection reports and health violations
- Look into illegal parking at Diversey – how to stop it
- Status of chain link fence around Park Bait Shop at Montrose Harbor
- Look into bike signs chained to trees
- Status of concessions trailer at south parking lot at Belmont

Presentation from Bob Foster, Chicago Park District Planning Department

Mr. Foster, a Senior Project manager, reported on two proposed artificial turf soccer fields at Foster Drive and Simmons. Lights will be installed. No trees will be removed and there will be no sewer hook ups. The contractors and materials suppliers have not been picked to build these fields. They hope to start construction in mid-summer of 2009.

Questions asked:

- is the synthetic turf lead-free and free of other toxins?
- Will there be "hazards to health" signage?
- If any health studies are done, will they be shared with the Council?

Meeting

The meeting was called to order around 7:30 pm.

Agenda Approved

The agenda was moved and seconded, approved without comment.

Report from Park Staff

Area Manager Brian Loll (312-742-0378, brian.loll@chicagoparkdistrict.com) introduced the new supervisor for Margate Park, Jennifer Bice. Jennifer used to work for Sports Monster. The Council warmly welcomed Jennifer to her new assignment.

Cindy Jahraus (312-742-7726), Lincoln Park Cultural Center Supervisor, gave an activity report. The new artificial turf soccer field opened at the South Field on November 1.

The 2009 Park District budget doesn't impact her programming but there was an unfilled staff slot that was eliminated.

Park Liaison Report

Randi Doeker reported on the November 12 Park District board meeting. It was reported that for 2009 no new property taxes will be imposed and 138 vacant positions will not be filled. Superintendent Mitchell talked about the evolving role of advisory councils and that a "new model" would resemble the council at Oz park, which raises money for the park.

Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the July, September and October meetings was deferred until corrections are made.

Treasurer's Report

The Council's net assets as of September 30 were \$1,553.46.

President's Report

There was a meeting at the zoo administration building in early November regarding the plans for re-construction of the South Pond by the Lincoln Park Zoo. Construction has started and will go through November 2009.

New Business

Becky Rossof made a motion, Betsy Altman seconded – that the LPAC go on record regarding health and safety Issues around the artificial turf and lighting being installed at several locations. The resolution that passed unanimously is:

"The Lincoln Park Advisory Council has significant concerns about the health and safety issues with the use of artificial turf. Additionally, LPAC is concerned about the use of lights and the impact they have on nearby buildings and natural areas. LPAC requests that the Chicago Park District returns to LPAC at the February meeting with an environmental impact study before they go out to bid this project."

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Tresser
LPAC Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 14, 6:45pm at the Nature Museum. The program will be a forum on the impact of the Olympic Games with two invited speakers.



**Park Concession Management
LINCOLN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES**

| PARK | STRUCTURE | CONCESSIONAIRE | CONTRACT | BUSINESS TYPE |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Osterman Beach | trailer | Border Crossing | seasonal | hot dogs, fries, beverages |
| Foster Beach | permanent | Drink Up America | thru 2009 | pitas, paninis, beverages |
| Foster Beach | kiosk | Bike Chicago | thru 2009 | bike rentals |
| Wilson Beach | permanent | LA Concessions | seasonal | hot dogs, sausage, ice cream |
| Wilson Skate Park | kiosk | Drink Up America | seasonal thru | pizza, smoothies, beverages |
| Montrose Beach | permanent | Drink Up America | 2009 seasonal | hot dogs, pizza, beverages |
| Montrose Beach | permanent | Kayak Chicago | seasonal thru | kayak rental |
| Montrose Beach | permanent | Drink Up America | 2009* | jet ski rental |
| Montrose Park | permanent | Park Bait Co. | seasonal | fishing supplies |
| Montrose Park | trailer | | seasonal | |
| Montrose Park | | JJ Concession | seasonal | hot dogs, beverages |
| Waveland Bike Path | trailer | Tony's | seasonal | Italian beef, beverages |
| Waveland Golf | kiosk | Lakeshore Bike | seasonal thru | bike rental & repair |
| Waveland Golf | permanent | La Playa LTD | 2009 | ATM |
| Waveland Golf | permanent | Kemper Sports | seasonal | retail golf shop |
| Waveland Tennis | permanent | Drink Up America | | sandwiches, breakfast, beverages |
| | kiosk | Juicy Orange | seasonal | orange juice, lemonade, sno-cones |
| Theatre On The Lake | permanent | Bistro On The Lake | | sandwiches, crepes, beverages |
| Theatre On The Lake | trailer | Bistro On The Lake | thru 2011 | hot dogs, snacks, beverages |
| Lincoln Park | permanent | North Star Eatery | thru 2009 | grilled sandwiches, beer, soda |
| Lincoln Park | permanent | North Pond | seasonal | upscale dining |
| Diversy Golf | permanent | Kemper Sports | seasonal | golf driving range, mini golf |
| Diversy Golf | permanent | Grill In The Park | thru 2009* | burgers, fries, fish tacos, ice cream |
| | permanent | Castaways | seasonal | full service restaurant |
| North Avenue Beach | kiosk | Better Body Massage | seasonal | massage services |
| North Avenue Beach | kiosk | Bike Chicago | thru 2009 | bike rental |
| North Avenue Beach | kiosk | NAB Sports | seasonal | roller hockey, dodge ball |
| North Avenue Beach | permanent | North Ave. News | seasonal | ATM, sunglasses, beach items |
| North Avenue Beach | tent | Escape2Fitness | | yoga, exercise classes |
| North Avenue Beach | tent | Henna Shop | | temporary tattoos |