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Lincoln Park Advisory Council  
July 11, 2007

**Special Presentation: Fullerton Bridge Project**

CDOT officials presented the proposed plan for the rebuilding of the Fullerton Avenue Bridge over Lake Shore Drive. The work will be done in 2009. While the structure maintains its historic art deco appearance, there will be changes: the pedestrian walkway on the south side will be converted to an additional auto lane, making the southbound turn open to two lanes; the pedestrian walk on the north side will be widened to 19 feet; and the pedestrian pass under Fullerton will be re-engineered to fix the drainage problems.

Questions from the attendees focused on two areas of concern: the loss of the photo-op location that currently exists on the southern sidewalk and the possibility that the drivers in the eastbound through-lane will attempt to turn south onto LSD. Additionally, members of the Lincoln Park rowing club asked if the column under the bridge could be removed. CDOT agreed to review these requests.

**Business Meeting**

1. Called to order by Jill Niland, President.
2. Agenda adopted by voice vote.
3. Park District reports:

Cindy Jahraus reviewed the many activities held recently at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center; all a great success. The summer camps are oversubscribed with the exception of a teen program. The Walking club currently meets at 9:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; in the fall an afternoon walk will be added. Plans for the LP Art Faire (September 15-16) are proceeding at a fast pace. Photo contest submissions must be in by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Cindy challenged LPAC members to participate.)

John Davidson reported that the Margate summer camps are also full and in full swing. He offered an exhaustive and exhausting list of activities his team has provided, including a trip to see the play Wicked. Five kids from Margate placed in the recent state track and field events, a first for the lakefront. One of the winners is the recipient of the LPAC scholarship.

Dana Zilinski and Alonzo Williams, lakefront managers, distributed a list of the concessionaires across the park district. Dana announced that usage permits for park facilities will be distributed based on a lottery system (rather than the traditional process of giving returning groups a priority) to allow new organizations to gain access to the park. (The Special Events process for activities like marathons remains the same.) In response to a request for advance notice on these larger events, Alonzo replied that he often does not know about them until the last minute.

The park district has a program called Tour d'Lakefront to encourage biking along the lakefront. Yellow t-shirts are awarded to those who complete the full lakefront path.

Alderman Shiller will be offering movies again this year on Cricket Hill.

Alonzo advised that the CPD Planning Dept. would like to meet with LPAC early in the Fall to go over the park framework plan. (This will be scheduled for the September meeting.)

4. Park District Liaison report – Randi Doeker

The CPD commissioner meeting for this month will be held next week. Randi will report any news via the Yahoo group.

5. June Meeting Minutes approved by voice vote.

6. Treasurer's Report – Vickie Matthews

Two dues payments were received this month bringing the total available funds to \$1884.72. The annual state registration forms have been submitted. A printed dues reminder has gone out to the people who have previously belonged to LPAC.

The group discussed the low membership numbers. It is believed that when the Olympics planning starts, the membership will pick up.

7. President's Report – Jill Niland

The proposed fee-based movies at Waveland have been dropped for this year; the CPD officials indicate the proposal may be revived next year. Charlotte Newfeld, the Jarvis Sanctuary steward, is actively opposing the proposal.

LPAC web: Randi has volunteered to take over from Marty. When Randi pointed out that she does not have the full skillset to manage a website, it was suggested that the LP Zoo staff might help as their contribution to LPAC. (Randi will check with them).

Latin School contract with CPD re soccer fields: The press continues to inquire about it. The LPAC consensus is that it is beyond us at this point. Per Chuck Eastwood, Alderman Daley is actively working on a community meeting.

New beach ramp at Montrose: CPD has installed a new, more substantial ramp at Montrose to improve wheeled access to the beach. Unfortunately it stops well short of the water.

Work is underway at the Montrose beach house. It is not known if it is repairs or remodeling.

8. 2008 Budget hearings – July 17<sup>th</sup> at SSCC and July 26<sup>th</sup> at Margate (6:30pm both locations)

Suggestions for the LPAC list:

North end of Diversey Harbor

Re-do the South Lagoon

Construction of a beach house at Osterman Beach

Add showers to the existing comfort station at Osterman

Jill advised she would circulate a list and ask for more suggestions via the list serv.

9. Next meeting – September 12<sup>th</sup> at Margate Field House

Submitted by Randi Doeker