



June 13, 2012, 6:45 p.m.

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary

### **Power Point Presentations by Jennifer Runge and Cindy Jahraus**

Jennifer Runge gave her Power Point presentation on Margate Park, which provides programs for all ages from early childhood to senior. In the last three years, fifteen new programs have been introduced. The ultimate goal is to provide a safe, inviting park that children want to be involved in and that parents feel safe sending their children to.

Programs at Margate include the fitness center, the Park Kids program, the Sports program, Summer Camp, Early Childhood class, Senior Conditioning, and special events such as Skate with Santa. The fitness center at Margate is the top fitness center in the city and has free weights, benches, tread mills, balance balls, elliptical, stationary bicycles and rowing machines. The Park Kids program is an after-school program for children 5 – 13 years of age. The main focus of this program is recreation and it uses both clubrooms and the gym. Summer Camp is for children ages 4 – 12. The Senior Conditioning class is free for ages 60 and up.

Margate Park revenue has increased over the last 3 years from \$139.1K in 2009 to \$190K in 2011.

Cindy Jahraus presented the programs at Lincoln Park Cultural Center, which are available for ages 8 months to 89 years old. Early Childhood programs include Mommy and Me and Tot Spot. The Dance program has 14 classes per week including Tap and Ballet. The newest program is the Family Boat Building program. The Cultural Center has 13 staff members. The Center also handles sports permits for tennis, soccer and softball.

### **LPAC Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 :15 PM. The Agenda was moved and seconded, and approved.

**2. Park District Staff presentations**

Sandra Olson, Lakefront Director

Cindy Jahraus, Cultural Center Manager

Jennifer (Bice) Runge, Margate Manager

Cindy reported that classes have ended and that the play "Happily Ever After" has sold out. Ballet camp will start next week. Jennifer reported that day camp has sold out but there are still openings in sports camp.

Sandy has received emails regarding muggings in Lincoln Park but says the park is safer than other areas. The park has a roving security car that goes up to Foster. A second car covers the area from Foster to Loyola. Becky Rossof requested that the car cover the meadow area west of Lake Shore Drive and the area around the Saddle and Cycle Club.

Sandy has received inquiries regarding entertainment at concession areas. The concessions need permits for amplified sound. North Avenue Beach has one for the weekend. At Osterman Beach, one concession used amplified sound without a permit, but the situation has been addressed and the concessionaire is now aware of the permit requirement.

**3. Park Liaison report**

The Park District acquired one half acre of land in Lakeview on West School Street. The Cubs will be pitching in for improvements to the site. Executives from the Shedd Aquarium reported that the Shedd is number one in attendance among aquariums across the nation. The popular Jellies exhibit has been extended. George Blakemore addressed the board during People in the Parks and thanked the Park District for providing more details on MBEs. Brian Traubert addressed concerns raised by People in the Parks speakers including the Grand Crossing advisory council controversy and the carnival at the Fountain of Time in Washington Park. Complaints about staff members must be presented in writing.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

April and May minutes were moved, seconded and approved.

**5. Treasurer's report**

\$360 was deposited in May and the balance in the LPAC account is \$1,332.34. Approval of the treasurer's report was deferred until July.

**6. President's report**

Wave Front Music Fest is scheduled for June 30 and July 1 at Montrose Beach. There will be 2 stages, both facing the water. Concerns were raised about the nature sanctuary, but the festival will be on the beach in the sand, closer to the dog beach and away from the nature sanctuary.

Ellen received an email from an individual proposing a skating rink in the meadow near North Pond. Following discussion, the advisory council concluded that we need more details about the proposal. Alonso has also received the email and will follow up.

Westrec wants to put a harbor building, possibly a trailer, in Belmont Harbor. Ellen will compose a letter to Mike Kelly, superintendent, requesting a presentation from Westrec on the proposal in July. Moved, seconded and approved.

**7. Old Business**

Work on the basketball courts near the South Fieldhouse has begun. Randi asked Sandy for signage at North Avenue Beach instructing cyclists to walk their bicycles in that area. Sandy will be driving the path over the next couple of weeks to identify areas that need asphalt. One of the worst areas is west of Lake Shore Drive near the Saddle and Cycle Club and she is working with Alderman Harry Osterman on the issue.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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**Future Meeting Locations**

<b>July</b>	Cultural Center –Openlands will present about tree planting,
<b>August</b>	No meeting
<b>September</b>	Margate

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