



March 10, 2010, 6:45 p.m. Peggy Notebart Nature Museum
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

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Program precedes the formal meeting

CDOT upgrade plans to intersections at Montrose, Wilson, Simonds underpass and Simonds bridges, Tanera Green, Project Manager, Chicago Department of Planning. The bridges were built in 1936 and will be restored to their look then. The expectation is that we will get a longer period from the renovated structures. At the earliest, construction will begin in 2012. Auto access will be maintained throughout reconstruction. LPAC expressed concern that damage done to the site and around the site must be fixed.

Friends of the Parks, Jill C. Heise, Advisory Council best practices

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, and the Agenda was moved and seconded, approved.

2. Park District staff presentations

Jennifer Bice shared information about Margate Park. A girl from Margate is in the final selection for Junior citizenship scholarship. The teenage boys volleyball team won the region with their great serves. Regular activities continue with spring break camp and spring programming.

Cindy Jahraus talked about activities at Lincoln Park Cultural Center. She is celebrating 10 years as the Director of the center. ADA accessibility rehabilitation will begin in August to be completed in November.

3. Park Liaison report

Gery Chico, Board Chair, is moving on to the City Colleges. He was honored at the Chicago Park District Board meeting held today. There are now two vacancies on the board. Liquor sales can be made all along the lakefront, one at Osterman beach, two at Diversey and one at Montrose. There is an enhanced vendor process combining City and CPD process and made it easier to remove poor vendors. Park Security staff will be allowed to issue tickets. They issued revenue bonds for \$225,000 for Gateway and 31st Street harbors construction. The presentation was from Museum of Science and Industry, which is opening Science Storms exhibit on March 18. The meeting is available on web cam from the front page of the CPD web site.

4. Approval of Minutes

January minutes were seconded and approved. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

5. Treasurer's report

Chuck Goes reported on the income and expenses of the Council. The net assets and cash balance is \$463.65. Moved and seconded approved.

Membership renewals will be handled by Chuck and will be sent to him to process. Randi will put a notice on the Yahoo website that dues are due. Chuck will send invoices by email, and then follow up by mail. Dues are due on April 30, 2010.

6. Harbors—Standing Task Force

Friends of the Park initiated meetings with Westrec and other harbor users to create a green harbor program. Westrec and CPD are leading the program, modeling it on a program in Florida. Parts will be implemented in 2010.

7. Park Survey—Standing Task Force

Deferred to April program.

8. President's report

Sheli Lulkin is out for surgery for the next few months. We wish her good health and thank her for her wonderful leadership.

Sheli appointed Betsy Altman to head the nominating committee. A slate will be presented in April.

Jill Niland reported on the City's decision to move the July 4 fireworks from Montrose Beach to the area east of Belmont Harbor near the Clock Tower at Waveland. The various birding stewards in the area have agreed that this is the best area for the fireworks. They are concerned about destroying the fragile ecosystem on the beach and in the area that attracts so many birds. The Montrose stewards are working on increasing security at Montrose on July 4th to protect the habitats.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

A discussion was held on writing a letter to Tim Mitchell stating our lack of support for liquor sales on the lakefront in Lincoln Park. A motion was made, seconded and approved to draft a letter to be reviewed in April.

Amy Hills asks for LPAC support to obtain funds to help restore playlots at Morrie Mages near Irving Park and Sunshine south of Diversey.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

April Program—Park Survey presented by Coleen Blake, 6:45 pm, April 14, 2010, Margate Park

May Program—The Last Four Miles, Eleanor Roemer, Friends of the Parks, and elections, May 12, 2010, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum