



February 13, 2013, 6:45 p.m.
XXMargate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary

In attendance: Betsy Altman, Coleen Blake, George Blakemore, Randi Doeker, Ellen Isaacson, Lynn Krohn, Robert Lerch, Jill Niland

PRESENTATION Park Concessions Management Tom O'Reilly toreilly@usequities.com

Tom O'Reilly from Park Concession Management presented information to the advisory council on concession plans for three locations in Lincoln Park: Belmont Harbor, Theater on the Lake, and the South Field House.

Belmont Harbor

The previous concession at this spot, a trailer selling hot dogs, was not a success and is now gone. Last year, another vendor jumped the gun and built a structure without permission. That structure has been removed and that vendor is no longer in the program. The next vendor recommended for this spot will be Jamba Juice, or something similar, as beverages are more likely to succeed at this location than food. Runners are the primary users of the path here. The location is equipped with water and electricity and located at the intersection of the lakefront path and the Barry underpass.

Advisory council members asked for details on the size and appearance of the proposed concession, citing the previous vendor who placed a large trailer and a fence on the site and created an eyesore. No picture of the proposed concession was available for the council, but Tom O'Reilly will forward one when it is available. He told the council the anticipated size of the concession is 12 X 12 with no fence.

Theater on the Lake

A great deal of construction is planned for this site in 2014 and 2015. Park Management Concessions is recommending that the concession remain in the outdoor location for 2013 and move to the south veranda of the building for 2014 and 2015. Photos and drawings of the proposed locations were provided to council members.

Last year's vendor took up too much space and is not being recommended to the park district. The plan is to cut the space of the concession in half and move the kiosk and entrance to the concession from the main path to the sidewalk north of the concession area. They are looking for a vendor to remain for five years-through construction.

The advisory council demanded signs affirmatively stating that the general public is welcome to enter without obligation to purchase. Advisory council members also said they did not authorize liquor sales at this site, they had wanted liquor sales to remain in the theater. The advisory council also expressed concerns about the Diversey driving range concession. That concession gets larger every year and the concession owner parks two cars on the site. The council asked that the concession owner be fined.

South Field House

Nike will not return to the South Field House this year. Nike is removing it's installation from the field house and working on the ceiling. According to Tom O'Reilly, the vision for the field house is to convert it into a fine dining restaurant, ala North Pond. This proposal was met with strong resistance from the advisory council. Members of the council proposed other potential uses, such as bike rentals or yoga, or other uses related to park activities, rather than food. Tom O'Reilly said he was open to suggestions.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:54 PM. The Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

2. Park District Staff presentations

Sandra Olson Lakefront Director

Lauren Quinn is settling in at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center. Jennifer Runge is off today for her birthday. Advisory council members pointed out that the landscaping project had started at the new Fullerton Ave. bridge without any presentation to the advisory council, as promised. Betsy attended a FOTP function and learned about the existence of the North Pond Master Plan but had no details. Coleen was asked to contact Susan Fargo regarding a presentation of that plan to LPAC.

3. Park Liaison report

No report.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes was deferred.

5. Treasurer's report

No report. Two checks were received. Dues notices will go out next month by email blast.

6. President's report

Ellen will write a letter to Alderman Cappelman requesting that he let LPAC know when he hears from the organizers of the proposed Uptown Festival.

7. Old Business

Lou Vasta wants to come and speak to LPAC. Ellen will follow up with him through email.

8. New Business

Jill attended the FOTP meeting and reported that a woman from the Independence Park farmers' market spoke there about their very successful Sunday farmers' market. Both the Tessler play lot and Morrie Mages play lot need renovation. Alderman Tunney is looking at the issue.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Future Meeting Locations

March Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum