



**April 10, 2013, 6:45 p.m.**  
**XXMargate Park Fieldhouse**

**Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary**

**In attendance: Coleen Blake, George Blakemore, Ellen Isaacson, Lynn Krohn, Robert Lerch, Sheli Lulkin, Jill Niland, Becky Rossof, Bill Sonntag**

**PRESENTATION MOXIE WASH** Emily Fehrenbacher and Brian Burkhart presented Moxie Wash, a dog wash concession to be located at the dog area at Montrose Beach to the advisory council. The concession would consist of a stand alone, self contained building with dog washing stations. The showers for dogs would be self operated and also offer shampoo and the option to dry the dog after the shower. They would like to offer four shower stations in the building. The building would be approximately 20 X 24. Fehrenbacher and Burkhart have been in talks with US Equities since last summer and were directed by US Equities to present their plan to LPAC. They have also presented their plan to Alderman Cappleman.

Advisory council members had many questions and concerns including handicap accessibility, pricing, and financing of the required electricity and water. Fehrenbacher and Burkhart promised to talk to their designer about handicap accessibility. They stated that they were gathering estimates for the electric and water hookup and that those infrastructure costs, as well as the cost of the building, would be borne by Moxie Wash. They are negotiating a 5 year lease with the Park District. The lease term is TBD as is the price structure. They are considering monthly passes and charging \$5/5 minute shower.

Council members asked for assurances that there would be no advertising on the building and were told by Brian Burkhart that advertising is not a priority but that Moxie Wash can't lose money. He also pointed out that Notebaert Nature Museum has advertising. Council members asked whether locations had been considered and were told that there are plans to have additional locations and that Montrose is the best location for this service because the beach is where the dogs play and get dirty. Council members asked about the hours of operation and security issues. The concession will be open from May through October. Security cameras will be used and the building locked overnight.

The advisory council asked for artist renderings, diagrams and plans to assist in consideration of the matter.

#### **LPAC Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. Two additions were made to the agenda: The CARA Earth Day Race on April 20 and the Nominating Committee Report. The agenda, with additions, was moved, seconded and approved.

**2. Park District Staff presentations**

Lauren Quinn Cultural Center

Summer registration will start on-line at 9:00 am on Tuesday. Walk-in registration will start on Saturday. The senior Olympic team started practice last Friday from 2:15 until 3:15. The mayor is moving forward on playground improvements. FOTP has the application form. Advisory council members discussed what playlots in Lincoln Park need work. The report from Amy Hill in 2009

identified Morrie Mages and Sunshine playlots as the two most in need of improvement. Coleen will find the report from Amy Hill and Ellen will be the point person to look at the FOTP application.

Jennifer Runge Margate

Margate is one of 21 parks that are a part of the Spring into Fitness initiative. Classes in Pilates, kickboxing, nutrition, and senior yoga will be offered. The senior class will be free. A new grant has made this possible. Mommy and Me yoga classes will be offered in the summer. AYSO will be starting on Saturday.

**3. Park Liaison report**

No report as Randi is out of town. George Blakemore attended the meeting and spoke about Harold Washington. April is the month of Harold Washington's birthday and the anniversary of his election as the first black mayor of Chicago and George encouraged the Park District to pass a resolution honoring Harold Washington.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

March minutes were approved.

**5. Treasurer's report**

No report. Betsy asked Lynn Krohn to be treasurer in the next term and Lynn has agreed. Lynn requested copies of the membership checks received tonight. Ellen is collecting the checks for Betsy and will copy them for Lynn.

**6. President's report**

CARA has an Earth Day race scheduled for April 20 and the race day street closures are going to make it difficult for Earth Day volunteers to get to Montrose Beach for the Earth Day clean-up events. Last year, the Cinco de Mayo race caused a similar logistical mess. Ellen will write a letter to the Park District regarding the problems created by the overuse of Montrose and the north lakefront with scheduled events. Ellen will also write a letter to Westrec reminding Scott of the need for parking at Montrose for the Cinco de Mayo race. Ellen will submit the FOIA regarding Latin's use of the soccer field and Becky Rossof volunteered to analyze the data collected.

**7. Old Business**

Lynn Krohn presented the report of the nominating committee. She asked for any nominations from the floor and there were none. Lynn also presented a new provision to the bylaws which would allow minutes to be approved in the absence of a quorum. Discussion ensued and Lynn suggested that encouraging board members to achieve better attendance at meetings would obviate the need for the new provision. Sheli recommended amending the bylaws to remove the mailing requirement and rely on email for notices.

**8. New Business**

The council discussed the Moxie Wash proposal. Ellen wants to see diagrams and plans of the concession. Council members were not in favor of adding a building to the lakefront. Some members recommended against knuckling under to the Park District's emphasis on finances and economics. Council members wondered if the solution is to ask Alderman Cappleman for an outdoor shower fixture at the dog beach.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**2013 Future Meeting Locations**

**May Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Lou Vasta**