



May 8, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

Margate Park Fieldhouse

XX Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary

Members in attendance: Coleen Blake, George Blakemore, Chuck Eastwood, Ellen Isaacson, Marc Kramer, Lynn Krohn, Robert Lerch, Sheli Lulkin, Jill Niland

Also in attendance: Alderman Michele Smith, Carl Anderson, Ben Gomberg, Brendan Daley

#### **PRESENTATION DIVVY Chicago's New Bike Sharing System**

Alderman Michele Smith introduced Ben Gomberg, the city's bike share coordinator. He has been working on bike sharing stations throughout the city and is at tonight's LPAC meeting to present the locations recommended for Lincoln Park.

Ben described how the city's bike sharing program will work. The program provides a choice in transportation and is structured for short trips. Users pick up a bike in one location, ride it to their destination and park it. Most trips will be short: ½ mile, 1 mile, 5 miles, etc. Membership in the program will cost \$75 per year, or \$7 per day.

Four locations in Lincoln Park have been identified:

Wells/Lincoln/Clark at Green City Market (on existing pavement)

Deming underpass (presently grass-would need to be paved)

Wellington/Lake Shore Drive (currently grass, there is an option to put it in the street with a loss of six feet in the parking area)

North/Astor

In addition to these four stations, there will be a station at the History Museum and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. The History Museum site is not firmly established: it may move west to Wells. The Green City Market has approved the site at Wells/Lincoln/Clark.

The network will not be city-wide, it will run from 43<sup>rd</sup> street to Lawrence Avenue. There will be approximately 30 stations in the 43<sup>rd</sup> ward, 50 stations in the 42<sup>nd</sup> ward, and 30 stations in the 44<sup>th</sup> ward. Ben asked the council for a guarded green light on the four sites in Lincoln Park in order to get site plans completed which he will bring back to LPAC for review.

#### **LPAC Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM. Two additions were made to the agenda: Bylaws were added under Old Business and new playground was added under New Business. The agenda, with additions, was moved, seconded and approved.

##### **2. Park District Staff presentations**

Lauren Quinn Cultural Center

All comfort stations will be open by Memorial Day. The North Region will host a senior derby day to say "thank you" to seniors in the Park District.

Sandra Olson

The pipes at Castaways at North Avenue Beach were broken and are being repaired. The comfort station should be open by Memorial Day. There was a break-in at the South Fieldhouse. Copper pipes were removed which caused flooding which damaged some of the items Nike had left behind for the parks. Two air conditioners and a refrigerator were lost in the flood. Vandalism has increased in recent weeks. Benches near the Conservatory have been damaged, and large numbers of liquor and beer bottles have been observed more than once by dog walkers in the area. Sandy has received many complaints about graffiti, broken benches and broken swings. Marc suggested inviting someone from the Park District legal dept and the Chicago police dept to the next LPAC meeting.

Advisory council members had questions for Sandy on the restoration of the basketball court in South Field. Sandy is waiting for the Planning Dept to give a date for the work to begin. There appears to be a new yogurt concession near the Passerelle Bridge.

Jill raised the issue of the Cinco de Miler race at Montrose last Sunday. This is the second year that the event kept birders out of the park on one of the biggest birding days of the year. Early May is prime time for birding and people traveled miles to come to the lakefront that day for birdwatching. People came to Montrose from Highland Park and other areas but were turned away due to street closures for the Cinco de Miler race. Sandy reported that she received 40 emails about the problems caused by the Cinco de Miler race. Jill observed that this is only one large event that takes over the Montrose and that there are many others throughout the summer. Birders are not the only group of park users getting turned away from this area because of large events. These events affect boaters, birders, volley ball players, and everyday citizens who come to the lakefront and get turned away from the park. It was suggested that the Park District use the Notify Chicago service to send out alerts about street closures in the park.

Sheli inquired about numbering light poles as a method to provide location information to police and other agencies. Discussion ensued and the group decided to raise this issue when the police dept attends a future meeting.

**3. Park Liaison report**

George Blakemore attended the Park District board meeting and reported that the Broadway Armory is going green with new heating and air conditioning installations. The food vendors for Soldier Field were on the agenda. George pointed out that this board meeting was not held at the Fairbanks headquarters, but at a remote park far from downtown, with no media in attendance. George reported that a new contract was given to the food vendors at Soldier Field, but no information about how much the Park District will receive was available.

**4. Minutes**

April minutes were approved.

**5. Treasurer's report**

The treasurer's report was deferred until after the election.

**6. President's report**

The council discussed the possibility of LPAC getting a Facebook page. Randi would be able to set this up for the group. The group would still use the Yahoo chat group for detailed information as Facebook is not user friendly for that purpose. The issue was tabled until next month when Randi will be present.

Becky Rossof received a response to the FOIA request. She compiled the South Field artificial turf soccer field statistics. Twenty seven organizations rented the artificial turf field in 2012 for a total of 1763.25 hours. Adult sports leagues rented the field for a total of 1327.75 hours and high schools for a total of 334 hours. Ellen gave Coleen a copy of the report to include in the minutes and it is attached.

The council discussed the bike sharing program and how to respond to Ben Gomberg. Council members were in favor of the concept but wanted further details. The council was concerned about the safety of the Wellington/LSD site and the loss of parking there. Ellen will compose a letter to Ben stating that the council is in favor of the chosen sites in general, but have concerns about safety and loss of parking at the Wellington site and would like to see that site moved closer to the crosswalk.

**7. Elections**

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate by acclamation.

Officers with terms expiring in May of 2014 are Ellen Isaacson, President; Chuck Eastwood, Vice President; Lynn Krohn, Treasurer; and Coleen Blake, Secretary.

Directors with 2 year terms expiring in 2015 are Randi Doeker, Marc Kramer, Bob Lerch, and Jill Niland.

Director with a 1 year term expiring in 2014 is Betsy Altman.

Directors continuing with terms expiring in May 2014 are George Blakemore, Becky Rossof, and Sheli Lulkin. The report of the Nominating Task Force is attached.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

The balance in the checking account is \$1529.34. \$30 in checks were received this evening.

**9. Old Business**

Lynn Krohn asked all directors to review four articles of our bylaws. She passed out copies of articles two through five and requested that members bring their comments to next month's meeting. Comments will then be divided up among four teams to be summarized with written summaries to be presented in July.

**10. New Business**

A new park is going to be built behind St. Andrews, west of Lake Shore Drive. It will have a water feature and tennis courts. The money for the park is coming from the mayor and the alderman. A committee will be formed to plan the park and will start planning in two weeks. Anyone can be on the committee: it is not limited to residents of Edgewater.

The council discussed the condition of play lots in Lincoln Park. Morrie Mages needs work. Chuck reported that Sunshine play lot may be redone by the Lincoln Park Conservancy.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**2013 Future Meeting Locations**

**June Margate Tom Byrne**

Total number of hours rented during the 2012 season: **1763.25 hours**

Hours rented by pre-collegiate schools: 334

Percentage of Total Hours rented by pre-collegiate schools: 19%

	hours rented	% of total hours
Walter Payton	23	1%
Francis Parker	96.5	5%
Latin	207	12%
Sacred Heart	7.5	0.4%

Hours rented by adult sports leagues: 1327.75 hours

Percentage of Total Hours rented by adult sports leagues: 75%

	hours	% of total hours
Sports Monster	241.5	14%
Players Sports	508.25	29%
Chicago Sport & Social	578	33%

<b>Organization Types</b>	<b>Number of That Type</b>
adult league	1
adult sport league	3
camp	1
club	1
Chicago Park District	1
individual	5
School	4
university	6
youth football camp	1
youth group	1
youth organization	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Type of Organization</b>
Walter Payton	school
Urban Initiatives	youth organization
	individual
Sacred Heart	school
Rush	university
Pro Sports Experience	youth football camp
Francis Parker	school
Lakeshore Lacrosse	youth organization
Latin School	school
	individual
	individual
	individual
DePaul Men's Soccer	university
DePaul Women's Soccer	university
DePaul Club Men's Soccer	club
Chicago Magic	youth organization
Coyote	adult league
Chicago Stars	youth group
Lincoln Park Cultural Center	Chicago Park District
University of Chicago Booth School	university
	individual
	individual
Francis Parker Camp	camp
Truman College	university
Sports Monster	adult sport league
Chicago Sport & Social	adult sport league
Players Sports	adult sport league
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Report of the Nominating Task Force for the April 2012 Meeting

In accordance provisions of the LPAC bylaws as follows:

Article Four, Section One – Composition of the Board The board of directors shall consist of no more than 17 members and no fewer than 12 members as follows: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and up to 13 directors. Officers shall be a class of director. Officers shall serve not more than three consecutive terms in the same office.

*And*

Article Four, Section Five – Nomination and Election Members of the board of directors except the class four member, shall be elected once a year in May at the annual membership meeting by acclamation or by a majority vote of members voting. Each shall serve a term of office in one of the following four classes:

- (1) Four directors shall be elected to a one year term of r each of the four offices: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer;
- (2) Six directors shall be elected to a one year term in 1995 and to a two year term in 1996 and every second year thereafter
- (3) Six directors shall be elected to a two-year term in 1995 and to a two year term very second year thereafter,
- (4) The outgoing President, if not elected to serve in any of the above three classes shall be invited to serve a one year term as director.

A nominating task force shall be formed at the February membership meeting exclusively of members entitled to vote with board members in the minority and shall present nominations at the April membership meeting for officers, non-officer directors and vacancies in existing directorships. All nominations for the board of directors shall be members entitled to vote as of the date of the upcoming annual meeting; the slate may include those nominees whole entitlement to vote commences on the date of the annual meeting.

Nominations from the floor may be made at the April membership meeting.

Every attempt shall be made to solicit board members representing a cross-section of the users of Lincoln Park.

*And*

Article Four, Section Six – Attendance and Vacancies Board members shall be members entitle to vote. Any member of the board who has been absent from three membership meetings of the board within a 12-month period or becomes ineligible to vote during a term of office without a reason satisfactory to the board may be deemed by the board to have vacated the office. The membership may fill vacancies in any unexpired term of office at a monthly membership meeting after the vacancy occurs provided that notice of such election with names of nominees is included in the meeting notice.

Nominations for officers with terms expiring in May of 2014:

Ellen Isaacson, President  
Chuck Eastwood, Vice President  
Lynn Krohn, Treasurer  
Coleen Blake, Secretary

Nominations for directors:

Randi Doeker – 2 year expiring 2015  
Marc Kramer – 2 year expiring 2015  
Bob Lerch – 2 year expiring 2015  
Jill Niland – 2 year expiring 2015  
Betsy Altman – 1 year expiring 2014

Directors continuing with terms expiring in May of 2014: George Blakemore, Becky Rossof, and Sheil Lulkin

Submitted by the nominating task force: Betsy Altman (chair), Lynn Krohn, Grace Chun