



July 10, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Coleen Blake, George Blakemore, Randi Doeker, Ellen Isaacson, Marc Kramer, Lynn Krohn, Robert Lerch, Sheli Lulkin

**PRESENTATION Bob Foster Chicago Park District Project Manager**

The Park District will build a new artificial turf field in Lincoln Park, south of Wilson and east of Lake Shore Drive. There will be an eight lane four mile running track around the turf field. The field will be used for soccer, football, lacrosse and field hockey. The project will be presented to the Plan Commission on July 18. Construction will start by the end of September and be completed by June of 2014.

Advisory council members had numerous concerns and questions. There was concern that LPAC did not have advance notice about the new field or the Plan Commission meeting on July 18 and no opportunity to alert the community about either meeting. Concerns about damage to the running paths were raised and a recommendation was made that repairs to the running path be put in the budget. Members asked how long the field will last and were told it will have a ten year warranty. Questions were raised about lights, scoreboard, and sponsorship. The council was told the field would have lights that will only be used when there is an event. There will be no scoreboard or sponsorship. The project is being funded by the park district.

**Community concerns regarding Wavefront Music Festival**

**Alonzo Williams, Director of Revenue, and Lou Vasta and Ramsay Oleoit, organizers of the festival,** were present to hear the comments, complaints and questions from the community about the Wavefront Music Festival.

A resident of 6432 North Sheridan reported that she could feel and hear the festival, which was 2 ½ miles from her home. She reported hearing and feeling non-stop thumping for 30 hours. She could hear and feel the noise with her windows closed and her A/C running. The noise was louder on Sunday than on Saturday. A resident of 5100 Marine Drive reported that the vibrations knocked the pictures of her walls 3 times and told Alonzo “no matter how much money you make it’s not worth it to hold a whole community hostage.”

Questions were raised about the decibel level of the festival. On Sunday, the decibel level of the festival was 105. By contrast, a screaming baby registers at 85 decibels and a jackhammer at 102 decibels. Lou Vasta stated that the organizers are looking into engineering techniques to manage the sound for future Wavefront festivals. The organizers also promised to downsize the festival next year and reduce the number of stages. Alonzo said there is a multi-year agreement with the promoter and that next year’s festival will be 3 days again. He said he would work with the promoters to address the community’s concerns and then come back to LPAC with the changes in the festival

Traffic congestion was another issue. A resident from Irving Park and Pine Grove asked why car pooling, biking and public transportation weren’t promoted. Another member of the community asked why no one was directing traffic during the event.

An advisory council member observed that some events “reach the limits of civility” and that this event may be one that has reached those limits. She suggested that events such as this be charged for the staff that is present during the event to monitor conditions. Better monitoring might help bring events such as this within the limits of civility.

Community members complained that this year’s festival had more stages than last year and were told the event would be downsized next year. An advisory council member reported that she received emails from as far away as Evanston complaining about the noise. She also received complaints about cars unloading on Lake Shore Drive. She stated she had more complaints about this event than any other event. She also reported that the Park District was not responsive to complaints from the community. When residents called to complain about noise and other issues, they were told “they have permits.”

Lou Vasta told the group that there are four more years left on the contract for this event. He said next year there will be transportation aides and bike valets. The organizers will emphasize public transportation to the event. The event will have fewer stages. The organizers will work with sound engineers to manage the noise. The organizers will come back to LPAC in the fall to present their plans and the promised changes.

## **LPAC Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM. . The agenda was moved, seconded and approved.

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

Lauren Quinn Cultural Center

The artificial turf field damaged by fireworks on the Fourth of July is being repaired. Summer camp started two weeks ago. Activities have included a walking trip to the History Museum and the farmer’s market. Fifteen teen volunteers are being trained to be recreation leaders. Senior fitness classes are being held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Jennifer Runge Margate

Boot camp and fitness classes are in progress. Boot camp meets every morning at 8:00 am. Senior fitness meets on Saturday. The circus will come to Margate in October. There will be four shows in total held on October 19 and 20.

Council members had questions for Sandra regarding vandalism at the Bates fountain and how often the water at the beaches is tested. Sandra told council members that the park district is struggling with vandalism everywhere and that the water at the beaches is tested every day.

### **3. Park Liaison report**

No report. The Park District did not meet today.

### **4. Minutes**

Lynn Krohn asked that the May minutes be corrected to state that the checkbook balance is \$1437.34. The minutes, with correction, were moved, seconded and approved.

Lynn Krohn presented her written objection which stated as follows: “I, Lynn Krohn, do object to holding this or any other LPAC membership meeting without the proper notice as called for by Illinois state law under which LPAC is incorporated.”

A copy of the written objection is attached to these minutes.

### **5. Treasurer’s report**

Lynn Krohn presented written treasurer’s reports for May, June, and July. The treasurer’s reports were accepted and copies are attached to these minutes.

Lynn reported that there are some discrepancies in the financial records and that there are some undeposited checks from 2012. Lynn does not have the checkbook yet and asked who does have it. Lynn asked for a resolution adding her to the bank account as a signatory. The resolution was moved, seconded and approved. Lynn also asked for bank statements from January 2012 through September 2012. Lynn, Ellen and Coleen will meet after tonight's meeting to finalize the AG990-IL form.

**6. President's report**

Ellen needs addresses of board members to complete the council registration.

Ellen and Lynn composed a letter to James Casey of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources objecting to the permit application for the Montrose travel lift. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

**7. Old Business**

Lynn Krohn inquired about board members' progress on suggestions for changes to the by-laws. She asked that board members bring their written suggestions to the September meeting.

**8. New Business**

Ellen informed council members that the Chicago Park District does not require Chicago residency for advisory council board members.

Ellen suggested that Tom Byrne speak at the next meeting about park security.

Sheli asked for a letter to Alonzo thanking him for attending the meeting and reminding him of his promised to return to LPAC to discuss the Wavefront Music Festival in November or January. Marc will draft the letter.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

**2013 Future Meeting Locations**

**September Notebaert Tom Byrne**

For the minutes of the July 10, 2013 membership meeting of LPAC,

I, Lynn Krohn, do object to holding this or any other LPAC membership meeting without the proper notice as called for by Illinois state law under which LPAC is incorporated. (See Section 107.20 and 107.15 of 805ILCS 105/107

Lynn Krohn  
7-10-2013

(805 ILCS 105/107.15) (from Ch. 32, par. 107.15)

Sec. 107.15. Notice of members' meetings. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than 5 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting, or in the case of a removal of one or more directors, a merger, consolidation, dissolution or sale, lease or exchange of assets not less than 20 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting, by or at the direction of the president, or the secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting, to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting. A residential cooperative not-for-profit corporation containing 50 or more single family units with individual unit legal descriptions based upon a recorded plat of a subdivision and located in a county with a population between 780,000 and 3,000,000 shall, in addition to the other requirements of this Section, post notice of member's meetings in conspicuous places in the residential cooperative at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the members. (Source: P.A. 91-465, eff. 8-6-99.)

(805 ILCS 105/107.20) (from Ch. 32, par. 107.20)

Sec. 107.20. Waiver of notice. Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of this Act or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of any corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice thereof unless the person at the meeting objects to the holding of the meeting because proper notice was not given. (Source: P.A. 84-1423.)

**July , 2013 – Treasurer’s Report**

Checkbook balance of 5/1/2013	1,437.34
Deposit 5/29/2013	<u>120.00</u>
Checkbook balance of 5/31/2013	1,557.34
Deposit in July	<u>15.00</u>
Checkbook balance 7/10/3013	1,572.34

**Paid members 7/10/2103    Check deposited    Not deposited**

Rebecca Rossof		10.00	
Jill Niland/ Chgo Ornithological		30.00	
Ellen Isaacson		15.00	
Lynn Krohn		15.00	
Coleen Blake		15.00	
Betsy Altman		15.00	
George Blakemore		10.00	
Chuck Eastwood	15.00		
Marc Kramer	15.00		
Sheli Lulkin/ASCO	60.00		
Bob Lerch			
Randi Doeker			
Grace Chun		15.00	
Don Krohn		15.00	
John Rauch		<u>15.00</u>	
Veronica Cook	15.00	155.00	<u>155.00</u>
Lorraine Hoffmann	<u>15.00</u>		
	120.00		
Grant Crowley	<u>15.00</u>		
	15.00		
Funds available on July 10, 2013			1,727.34

**June 2013 – Treasurer’s report**

<u>Checkbook balance of March 1, 2013</u>	1,322.34
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> deposits (including Doeker 2013, Lerch 2013, DiverseyHarbor 2012 and others where others are unknown)	<u>115.00</u>
<u>Checkbook balance of April 1, 2013</u>	1,437.34
May 29 <sup>th</sup> deposits	<u>120.00</u>
<u>Checkbook balance of May 31, 2013</u>	1,557.34
Undeposited funds not in my hands	<u>155.00</u>
Funds that should be available in June	1,712.34

**2013 May – Treasurer’s Report**

Checkbook balance for March 1, 2013 1,322.34

Undeposited funds 155.00  
(Checks delivered to Betsy after copies made for Lynn)

Funds that should be available April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 1,477.34

June 15, 2013

James Casey  
Office of Water Resources, IDNR  
160 North LaSalle St. Suite S-703  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: Permit Application for Montrose Travel Lift

Dear Mr. Casey

The Lincoln Park Advisory Council objects to this permit based on the potential negative impacts of this installation and its attending activity. We understand the requested pier system is needed to support a tall crane on wheels. We understand IDNR evaluation standards are navigability obstructions, instability of the edge, water encroachments and impairment of public rights, public interests and public use.

The Lincoln Park Advisory Council was formed in 1986 and partnered with the Chicago Park District to produce the Lincoln Park Framework Plan of 1995.

The Framework Plan references Montrose Harbor as a significant recreational site in Lincoln Park. Specifically this expresses park user expectations in the form of policy and design ideas for the Montrose Harbor that correspond to the public rights, public interests, and public uses in the IDNR 3704 standards. (A copy of the Framework Plan is downloadable from the archives section of [ipacchicago.org](http://ipacchicago.org).)

With this standard in mind, each of these points may be addressed specifically.

Potential for Obstruction to Navigation

The dimensions of this pier system are 50 feet long and width of 29 feet (two six foot widths plus 17 feet apart). This pier system will be close to an area where the CPD runs a school for young boaters. These boaters take their classes and store their boats at this location. This pier-system could be an obstruction to the comings and goings of these new boaters.

Potential for Bank or Shoreline Instability

LPAC has a 1993 Summary of Recommendations for Chicago Shoreline Protection by the Chicago Park District, City of Chicago and US Corp of Engineers on its website. According to this summary, the edge around Montrose Harbor was addressed in Reach 2N plans and subsequently improved. This summary states this is "not a long-term strategic plan but a means to restore what has been lost and forestall ongoing destruction". Given that statement, has the installed edge of Montrose Harbor has been designed to withstand the unforeseen wear and tear it will be subjected to by the traveling crane?

Potential for Encroachment

This pier system is adjacent to various other large piers and docking facilities. Yet, in the event there is inactivity either between seasons or with a failed business, this structure could be considered an encroachment into the harbor. Ideally, the harbor should remain clear of unnecessary structures.

Potential Impairment of Public Rights, Public Uses, Public Interests.

The Montrose Harbor area is enjoyed not just by boaters but by many different kinds of users. It is an area removed from the city with fresh air and marvelous views. In the 1990s's the Chicago Park District agreed with its users and planning partners that maintenance equipment and operations did not belong in the park. This was expressed in various ways in the Framework Plan. As a result the Park District moved the maintenance facilities in all Lincoln Park locations out of the park. This appears to be a reversal of that agreement because this is a maintenance facility with oversized industrial equipment that will certainly affect the historic views and landscapes,

not to mention the issue of reducing parking access or the yet to be assessed issue of safety, or the issue of obstruction along the harbor's pathway. This goes contrary to the principles of the Framework Plan by reindustrializing the park. This should not be done.

LPAC does request that, based on various criteria, this permit be denied.

Respectfully,

Ellen Isaacson, President  
Lincoln Park Advisory Council