



April 11, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

The program was a presentation by Alderman James Cappleman. The Alderman discussed his ward master plan. The last portion deals with the parks. Everyone is invited to review the plan in its entirety or the parks portion. It is at James46.org/projects/WardMasterPlan. The plan shows the importance of access to the park by car. It gets so crowded that emergency safety vehicles cannot get into the parks. They are seeking alternative resolutions. There are a lot of bike accidents at Lawrence and Wilson and the Drive. The Drive, bridges and exits will be redone (2017) and bike issues will be addressed. Everyone (vehicles and bikes) need to be encouraged to slow down. The Alderman is aware that the homeless problem at the entry to the parks and his ward is an issue. A new light will be installed at the new dog park, at Foster. The Clarendon Field House is being reviewed where nearly \$6 million is needed to bring it up to code. Montrose Beach House is being looked at, too, as the two buildings are in a designated TIF. The Alderman is concerned that menu funds are being restricted and that budgets will be seriously reduced in coming years. Safety is a primary concern of his. Movies come out campaign funds (and he thanks State Senator Heather Steans for her support). The old boundaries appear to be in place until after the election in November or later.

Boatyard at Montrose. The Alderman is a strong advocate of the environment, going back to the first Earth Day. Oil runoff, open sanding, harm to our environment must be assessed. CPD seems to be only interested in the financial impact and not in the environmental impact. Discussion focused on the CPD ignoring the Lakefront Protection Ordinance restrictions. Additionally, commercial boat yards are more costly to run than the one created by Westrec where no property taxes are collected and no fees are charged. Connected private enterprise to the detriment of the residents and park users. The boatyard is a car repair program on the lakefront with very large vehicles. The whole system continues to grow to accommodate contain the environmental issues. Can the program ever be profitable? The Alderman felt that the lack of oversight throughout the city is the problem. It's been a failure in revenue generation. Pull the plug before the problem gets worse. The Alderman encouraged that we work on getting the press to publish information on the financial situation and lack of the oversight of the Plan Commission. Volunteers will form a committee to work with Alderman Cappleman.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm, and the Agenda was moved and seconded, approved.

2. Park District Staff presentations

Sandra Olson, Lakefront Director

Cindy Jahraus, Cultural Center Manager

Jennifer (Bice) Runge, Margate Manager

Cindy reported on Lincoln Park. Spring classes are mostly full. Online registration began on Monday for the summer. Lincoln Park Day Camp for the summer is nearly full. Cindy mentioned that she is planning to retire in July. There will be movies on the beaches at Osterman and Montrose Beaches.

Jennifer reported on Margate Park. She is mostly sold out for summer day camp but has 40 spaces open for the 6-12 ages. They are planning a star gazing evening at Margate with a volunteer from the Adler and a telescope. A movie will be shown at Margate Park, sponsored by Harry Osterman.

3. **Park Liaison report**
Randi reported on the Commissioner's meeting. New beach grooming machines and smaller ones that will work in tighter areas have been purchased. This is important for cleaning up the increasing broken glass at Montrose volleyball park. 500 new staff have been added to the park district, filling vacate slots around the district.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
February minutes were moved and seconded, approved. March minutes were moved and seconded, approved. They will be posted online.
5. **Treasurer's report**
LPAC has \$962.34. No checks have been written in the past month. Moved, seconded and approved.
6. **President's report**
The Active Transportation Alliance is partnering with the Friends of the Parks and Chicago Area Runners Associate to sponsor Visioning Workshops to improve the bike trails on the north and south lakeside trails. Sheli Lulkin, George Blakemore and Coleen Blake attended a meeting to review plans for improvement. Sheli also noted that Randy Warren will be working with CDOT on the rebuilding of LSD and believes bike path improvements can be funded, too.
7. **Old Business**
Betsy Altman submitted the slate for new officers and board members. The election will be at the May meeting. Members who have paid their dues by April 30 are eligible to vote. Moved, seconded and approved.

Ellen Issacson, President
Chuck Eastwood, Vice President and Membership
Coleen Blake, Secretary
Betsy Altman, Treasurer

Directors for a two-year plan
George Blakemore
Mary Gray
Sheli Lulkin
Becky Rosssof
8. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

2012 Future Meeting Locations

May	Notebaert Museum and Program presentation by Park Managers
June	Randy Warren, Alliance for Bike Federation, Margate
July	Cultural Center

Future meetings: Tom Palmisano, Fishing in the Parks, Margate Park, Concessions Audit in Lincoln Park;
Brendan Daley, Chicago Park District Sustainability, Margate Park