



March 13, 2013, 6:45 p.m.
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Submitted by Coleen Blake, Secretary

In attendance: Betsy Altman, Coleen Blake, George Blakemore, Randi Doeker, Chuck Eastwood, Ellen Isaacson, Marc Kramer, Lynn Krohn, Jill Niland, Becky Rossof

PRESENTATION None

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM. The Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

2. Park District Staff presentations

Jennifer Runge Margate

AYSO will be starting soon at Margate. Spring programs begin the week of April 7. Summer registration starts on-line on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 am. In person registration will start on Saturday, April 20. Margate will soon get a new fitness instructor and will be offering classes in Pilates, kickboxing, small group training, nutrition, and senior yoga. The senior class will be free. A new grant has made this possible and the classes will run for three years.

Lauren Quinn Cultural Center

Cultural Center registration dates same as Margate. 70% of the slots will be offered on line and 30% walk-in. The senior fitness classes for age 60 and older are free. They are looking for members for a team for the Senior Olympics. The senior team will be training on Fridays at 2:15 pm. Sailboat building classes will be held in the woodshop.

Council members had numerous questions about Latin School's use of the artificial turf field in south Lincoln Park: how much time is it used by Latin and how much time is it used by other schools and entities? What percentage of time is it used by Latin? Does Latin get first priority? Have any other groups registered complaints? Council members discussed submitting a FOIA for this information.

Advisory council members also reported that the benches around the Shakespeare statue need repair. The March 13-19 Inside-Booster issue contained an article on the sledding hill at Diversey. Delivery trucks for the North Pond restaurant are using the path at the hill behind the restaurant and creating a safety issue for people sledding on the hill. Council members advised that this type of delivery activity would also be an issue if the Park District presses forward with the plan to install a restaurant in the south field house. Goose abatement was also discussed. Council members asked Sandra Olson for information on the Park District plans for this issue.

3. Park Liaison report

The Park District has changed the code so that no US mailing is required on revenue matters. The Park District is working on the problem of meet-up groups who gather in the park without getting necessary permits. The new head of the Field Museum gave a presentation at the board meeting. The new

priority at the museum will be grade school age children. The Park District has a new HR department: Work Force Development.

4. Approval of Minutes

All previously unapproved minutes, including November, January and February, were approved.

5. Treasurer's report

\$145 in undeposited checks were received from Sheli Lulkin, \$130 of which was received in 2012, \$15 in 2013. The bank account has not been reconciled. Lynn Krohn will do the mailing of dues notices. Dues must be paid by April 30 in order for members to vote at the annual meeting in May.

6. President's report

Betsy will chair the nominating committee. Lynn will serve on the committee. Betsy suggested Grace Chun as the third member. Ellen has drafted the letter to Alderman Cappleman and will send it this week. The letter includes an invitation for him to come and speak at a future advisory council meeting. Ellen did some investigation on the proposed Uptown festival and learned that the website has not been updated since January and that no permits have been requested yet.

7. Old Business

Fullerton underpass: Erma, Bob Foster, and Betsy attended a meeting regarding the landscaping at Fullerton after the bridge and underpass construction. Betsy provided a diagram and photos for advisory council members. Rose bushes will be used to keep people off of the revetment. 30% of the slope will be planted to deter mountain biking. The tree plan includes large numbers of colorful trees. The landscaping work is scheduled to start in a couple of weeks and be completed by summer.

Montrose boat storage: Alderman Cappleman did not support FOTP's effort to remove the winter boat storage. Betsy attended a meeting yesterday with FOTP and learned that FOTP has data on how much money is being lost on the boat storage. They are taking in approximately \$100,000 and losing around \$3 million. Their costs include security, personnel, and cleaning equipment. Council members observed that approximately six months ago, Alonzo told LPAC that the boat storage would be removed if it lost money. Betsy told the council that FOTP will call a meeting with Alonzo and include LPAC. More FOIAs are being submitted regarding costs at Montrose and 31st Street Harbor. Ellen will write a letter to Scott at Westrec reminding him that he promised to make parking available at Montrose for the Cinco de Mayo run.

8. New Business

Lynn Krohn proposed that an addition be made to the by-laws allowing minutes to be approved in the absence of a quorum. Lynn will prepare a provision for discussion at the April meeting.

Jill Niland attended the FOTP conference and reported on it to the group. Jackson Park has a dedicated group of volunteers involved in that park. Marc Kramer has talked to numerous groups and entities, including FOTP, CARA, Fleet Feet, and American Trails, about restoration and preservation of the running path. He is looking into the costs of the project and sources of funds. Wintrust may be interested in sponsoring a race. Council members advised Marc to consult CDOT, as well as Alonzo or Adam Schwermer.

Council members discussed submitting a FOIA to the Park District regarding Latin's use of the artificial turf field in south Lincoln Park. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved, that a FOIA be submitted regarding the permitted use of the south soccer field for 2012. Ellen will draft the FOIA.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

2013 Future Meeting Locations

April Margate Park Lou Vasta, CPD Green Initiative