



May 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Margate Park Fieldhouse

XX Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

Alonso Williams is now the Director of Revenue. Dana Andrews is the Advisory Council Coordinator. They attended our meeting. Ryan, SJ and Cindy from Nike also attended, and presented suggestions for change of the South Field House. Nike wants to be a concessionaire for the CPD. Inspire and encourage Chicagoans to be more active. The Advisory Council was concerned that Nike will use the space for offices and product promotion. Nike wants to open up the interior space on the NW corner. They want to resurface the basketball court adjacent to the South Field House. Nike wants to place sand volleyball courts in front of the building. They are proposing a temporary basketball court starting now and continuing through August for tournaments play in the area.

Alonso volunteered to find out where the money went that was donated from Nike several years ago for path repair.

Nike will occupy the building seven days a week, hours TBD. They will be allowed to put up 'activating' areas to allow customers to test product. There will be story boards in the space, opportunities to educate people about products, and a small store for product sales. The classroom space will be reserved for classes in Yoga, Tai Chi and other activities. Nike is making a significant donation of equipment to bring more children into the parks and its programs. Marc suggested that a percentage of the income from product sales should be a line itemed donation for path redevelopment.

Ellen suggested that the volleyball courts should be redeveloped as proposed by Nike.

Night lighting will be controlled to be no brighter than South Field's existing lighting.

Nike will be donating \$450,000 for the program space, \$100,000 to renovate the landscape in the area, and \$50,000 in equipment for citywide programs like Junior Bears, the full contact football program.

Alonso promised to share future proposed plans for the South Field Building. This is a gem of a building that has been under utilized since its 2000 renovation.

A discussion ensued about the runs at Montrose and the limitations to regular park users. The Advisory Council strongly suggested that permits stress the importance of sharing our park and respecting all users, not just the needs of the permit holders.

Two important numbers: Security 24/7 312 747 2193. Please put this number in your cell phone and phone them when you see vehicles on the landscape and concessionaire parking adjacent to their facilities. Some of the park security people will be able to issue parking tickets. The second number is for Alonso Williams, 312 656 1493.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:15pm, 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

Day camp is full at the Cultural Center and Margate. The ceramics classes will end in the summer because the teacher is going into the Peace Corps. The space was reprogrammed for now. The job is posted and will be filled.

A new landscape supervisor works from Montrose to North Avenue. He has been very responsive. Channel Catfish are being stocked in the lagoons. Some fish will die in the stocking process. The Cultural Center art fair will likely not occur in 2012. The park is open 7 am to 11 pm, normally. Amplification is limited and must face the lake. Tagging is at an all time high in the city. Many light poles are being knocked down. Lights are being shot out. Please call security if you see any of these activities occurring.

3. Park Liaison report

There was no report on the Commissioner's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

April minutes were tabled.

5. Treasurer's report

LPAC has \$962.34. Dues of \$360 will be deposited. No checks have been written in the past month. Moved, seconded and approved.

6. President's report

The park district has developed a plan to build a new bike path, from Foster to Ardmore. It is proposed that the path will be moved to the lakefront and the path will cut through the large open meadow south of Hollywood. A north end park planning meeting met on May 8 and the attendees voted to reject the plan. Sheli asked for a vote by the Advisory Council opposing the proposed plan that moved and seconded, approved.

A letter was proposed regarding the Nike proposal that will be sent to Alonso Williams. It was moved and seconded, approved.

Berger Park wants to host a circus over one weekend in the meadow near Osterman Beach to be held in 2013. It was moved and seconded, approved.

7. Election

The slate was approved. Officers with one year terms are Ellen Issacson, president, Chuck Eastwood, Vice President and Membership, Coleen Blake, Secretary, Betsy Altman, Treasurer and George Blakemore, Sheli Lulkin and Becky Rossof for two year terms as Directors.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Future Meeting Locations

June Margate—Infrastructure improvements at Montrose Point
July Cultural Center —Openlands will present about tree planting,

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