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The Conference in Action:

HPKCC Kicks Off 60th Year with Future of Hyde Park Forum

by Gary Ossewaarde

The Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference held a 60th Anniversary kickoff Community Forum, Hyde Park—Challenging the Next Decade, on February 18, 2009. Its questionnaire, panel, and audience considered what may most affect or change our neighborhood, and what should be kept or changed, over the next decade.

Many Hyde Parkers have told us over the past year that they think Hyde Park is entering a period of major change and that residents should consider ways to manage, adapt to, or create change—in light of a critical look at what they want Hyde Park to be like and be about. We decided to build upon the community and retail visioning processes of the past two years by holding a future-focused gathering to find out what other matters most need a closer look, perhaps toward a community planning and building process.

We know that neither this meeting nor the ideas expressed are inclusive. They can be the start of a more inclusive and thorough conversation. This part summarizes responses to the questionnaire distributed at the start of the meeting. We have posted more extended reports in our HPKCC neighborhood website—visit hydepark.org/hpkccnews/Feb18annivkickoff.htm. Or call us for hard copies at (773) 288-8343 or hpkcc@aol.com.

Attendees and panelists were quite clear on two factors most likely to influence direction: 1) the *University of Chicago*—on campus expansion, activities and plans off site, community relations and community initiatives and collaboration; and 2) the *Olympics, should Chicago win the bid*. Other factors frequently mentioned:

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Get Ready for the Hyde Park Used Book Sale

by Jane Ciacci

HPKCC is currently planning its annual Used Book Sale, our biggest fundraiser. On Columbus Day Weekend, we'll offer thousands of books for sale at the Hyde Park Shopping Center.

We will start accepting donations after August 15. Watch for our advertising for information about how to donate your books. Books in usable condition will be accepted, with the exceptions of computer and travel guides older than 2005; most encyclopedias; and magazines.

If you need to donate your books before August 15, (e.g. because you are moving), please call George Rumsey at (773) 955-4455 or email rumsey@aol.com.

To volunteer to sort books or help at the sale, call the HPKCC office at (773) 288-8343 or email kjc2@uchicago.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the Sale!

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HPKCC MISSION

The purpose of the Conference is to attend to the civic needs of the community; work toward an attractive, secure, diverse, and caring community; and to promote participation of residents, businesses, institutions, and organizations in programs and activities that advance the interests and concerns of the community. It serves the community as a watchdog, independent voice, and clearing house in the community's ongoing conversation and decisions about those matters which affect and define community life.

From the President's Desk...

Thank heavens, it's over for another year. As much fun as the Garden Fair is, it's a lot of work—especially when it's pouring rain and there's a chill wind a-blowing.

And this year was harder than many. We didn't know how many people would show up and spend money (the economy, you know). Plants cost more, delivery charges are up, and, frankly, it was a bad winter for a lot of plants.

But, much to our wonderment and pleasure, the customers kept coming, even in the rain on Friday afternoon. Yes, we had a bit fewer plants, and, maybe people didn't buy quite so much, but as usual, it was all gone by 4:00 on Saturday afternoon. Thank you, gardeners!

Of course, the special focus this year was on the Garden Fair's 50th anniversary. We were all very pleased at the turnout for the 50th Anniversary Gala, held at Rodfei Zedek on May 31. The wine flowed, the piano played, and we all had a merry time.

Although the Gala was intended as a way of thanking our many volunteers, it also gave us Garden Fair members a chance to thank Lesley Bloch and Bam Postell (current and past chairs of the Committee).

And don't forget . . . the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference turns 60 this year. Please join us at our annual meeting on September 13 to celebrate 60 years of community involvement. It will also be my last annual meeting to chair as President, as my term is up. I'm a firm believer in abiding by the bylaws, and board turnover is good for the health of the Conference. So stop by to say "good bye"!

George W. Rumsey
June 22, 2009

Staying Involved

There are many ways to help your neighbors or keep your eyes on the neighborhood this summer and fall. You can start by looking over **HPKCC programs and committees** and seeing if one of them could be a fit for you. The Schools Committee especially seeks broader input and involvement. And starting mid-August, the Used Book Sale will need willing hands, backs, and minds, to help sort books. Give us a call, (773) 288-8343.

Park Advisory Councils need the involvement of park neighbors near and far. Councils are the community's first line to plan, think, or seek action for our parks. Councils meet with stakeholders and officials, organize and underwrite projects including scholarships for day camp, events in the park, volunteer workdays in gardens and natural areas, keep a general eye out, or even do some trash management. **We are posting a special page in *hydepark.org* giving just the meetings and events schedules of neighborhood park councils.** Find it from the homepage.

Members of the **Nichols Park Advisory Council**, an affiliate committee of the Conference, have been busy co-coordinating the *Fourth on 53rd Street Parade and Picnic*, an enormous event which involves lots of park preparation, business participation and funding solicitation, and event management—all things for which you may have just the skills. The council also works with experts of the Garden Fair committee on planning and workday upkeep of formal gardens and the wild flower meadow. The gardening coordinator is Carol Schneider, (773) 684-2619. NPAC meets second Thursdays at 7 in the

field house. President is Stephanie Franklin, (773) 955-3622.

Local School Councils are elected, but they and other school support groups offer parents and residents opportunities for service that can be very rewarding. Schedules and school phone numbers are in hydepark.org/education/lscs.htm. Especially in summer and early fall call the schools as schedules change.

CAPS—Community Alternative Policing beats meet monthly, although in summer it's advisable to call the district office, 312 747-2930, as the beats often hold "picnic-meetings" in parks or elsewhere that season. Five beats serving various sectors of Hyde Park and Kenwood, and their normal meeting dates:

- 2123—2nd Tuesday 7 pm, Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park
- 2124—4th Tuesday 6 pm, 4829 S. Cottage Grove
- 2131—3rd Thursday 7 pm, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, 5480 S. Kenwood
- 2132—2nd Thursday 7 pm, Treasure Island lower level, 1526 E. 55th St.
- 2133—4th Thursday, 7 pm, Hyde Park Union Church parlor, 5600 S. Woodlawn (56th side)

HYDE PARK JAZZ FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 26: **3rd Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival** is FREE and will bring together world-class headliners and local emerging artists from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. with non-stop jazz performances in Hyde Park's many landmark and nationally renowned cultural and artistic venues. The James Wagner Main Stage located on the Midway Plaisance on 59th Street will be the central location for the Jazz Festival produced by the Hyde Park Alliance for Arts and Culture, the University of Chicago, and the Hyde Park Jazz Society. For more information visit: www.hydeparkjazzfestival.org.

HPKCC Annual Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, 2:30 p.m. at
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, 5480 South Kenwood Avenue

Celebrating 60 Years

Light Refreshments will be served.

Development Committee Takes Positions and Leads in a More Collaborative Approach by the Conference

By Gary Ossewaarde

The Conference Development, Preservation, and Zoning Committee (DPZ) has focused on three kinds of actions this year. The first and largest focus is the redevelopment of Harper Court. We added our voice to those insisting first that the Request for Proposals take into account diverse needs and ideas from the community, broad planning principles, and to the extent possible the original purpose of room and affordability for smaller and startup businesses, and second that the process be kept open—including that the semifinalists present to the community (expected to start at the Sept. 14 TIF meeting). We have also expressed our concern about the haste to vacate Harper Court (including viable businesses) and to tear down the space years before development is likely.

Second, we were asked to consider a localized zoning change and appeal for a specific building, the Del Prado. Our preference is that, before there is a rash of ad hoc zoning and other changes in the neighborhood, the community step back and take a wider view, similar to the Vision 53 process and the work of the 53rd TIF committees and also looking at broader questions such as pros and cons of density and upscaling. But this has not yet happened, and owners and developers, particularly MAC Properties, understandably continue to seek changes. The pro-

cess overseen by our aldermen has been open and fair. The particular matter the DPZ committee was asked to support, replacement of a rooftop addition to the Del Prado that once housed the famed House of Eng restaurant, was given us with a short time frame. Based on a site visit and careful deliberation, the committee concluded that the change would help revitalize a neighborhood asset and wrote a letter of support.

Third, this year the Development Committee and some of our other committees are applying new approaches that move beyond HPKCC's own monitoring, and as appropriate taking positions on, proposed changes. We seek to nudge the conversation towards more pro-active and broad-focused community planning and accomplishment. This coincides with two messages from the Conference's February forum on Hyde Park's future: We need ways to foresee and get ahead of new curves, and our organizations, institutions, and officials have to work together.

Our committees have started to form study subgroups with counterparts from other organizations. One, from members of the Parks committee also active in DPZ, meets with members of the Hyde Park Historical Society board and a few others. This group is looking at the future of Washington Park in light of Olympic

planning, legacy, and impact, other pressures, and the need for sustained upkeep, preservation, and improvements in the park. Similar study groups are starting or anticipated on sections of the neighborhood or particular topics.

Another approach is informal collaborations. For example, a team from the Conference's Transit Task Force and from the Older Women's League Hyde Park met with a University of Chicago administrator on topics that interlock and affect each other in a way that impacts the neighborhood's quality, future and possibilities—such as sustainability, alternative transit/mobility, and safety. Persons who are board or committee members in another organization also work together to share insights, gain heft, or avoid each reinventing the wheel. Sharing of information on each others' initiatives, including for example "guest appearances" at HPKCC board meetings, is a growing reality, and we will work for more.

A third is coalitions: support and cooperation with stand-alones with particular mandates. One is the Coalition for Equitable Community Development, which works for ways to maintain a community in which people of many income levels are welcome and can age in place. Still another is the Hyde Park Disabilities Task Force. Recently, the Conference joined a new umbrella coalition, the Hyde Park Alliance for Arts and Culture. See the Schools Committee report for a vision for another kind of collaborative effort.

The Conference also looks for small organizations that are a fit for its mission to become affiliate committees. A recent addition is the Southside Preservation Action Fund, which provides rapid small grants for documentation, study, and emergency stabilization. SPAF has funded a study of architect Walter Gropius' role in the Michael Reese complex, slated for redevelopment and is also funding, with the HPKCC Development Committee and other organizations, a condition assessment of the Harper Theater buildings.

Watch for forums and other initiatives in the fall.

Talking with Our State Representatives

by David Nekimken

Early in the morning of April 22, forty hearty Southsiders loaded a bus to go to Springfield to lobby our representatives about bills of interest. The trip was sponsored by SOUL and SEIU. We were part of 1,000 people from around the state on this beautiful spring lobby day. We talked to a few representatives at the Capitol, Barbara Flynn Curie and Julie Hamos (Evanston) to name a couple. We urged them to authorize \$1 million for an alternative/feasibility study for the Gold Line and for the green jobs training initiative. They were sympathetic, if there were first the revenue. To this end we urged them to support the revenue initiative for an increase of the state income tax rate (from 3% to 5%) and to make it more progressive. The day was long, and it was a learning experience. Perseverance, persistence, and patience is needed when working with our elected officials. We hold them accountable for their actions; we need to hold ourselves accountable to responsible citizens.

Eye on Neighborhood Schools:

Developmental Assets Program Outlined by Schools Committee

by Nancy Baum

There are, according to the Minneapolis-based Search Institute, 40 different kinds of experiences, relationships, opportunities and personal qualities that children need to have in order to succeed in life. These experiences include exposure to the arts and performance of volunteer work, etc. The Schools Committee of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference is proposing that a coalition of parents, teachers, community organizations and churches be built in order to help shepherd the students in our neighborhood along. Whatever experiences are not being provided will ultimately be provided. To this end, a staff person will be hired to maintain communications and to coordinate the program that would be established.

After-school programs tend to peter out after age 12. Few want to deal with children that are older. Indeed, Canter Middle School was an outgrowth of the sensed community need for a special school for this transitional age group. Schools and community might do better if they knew what types of experiences children need or are lacking. Our schools are places where parents

need to feel more comfortable about sending their children. A child from Kozminski might know about the Hyde Park Art Center, but since it is on the other side of Hyde Park, might not choose to go there. The access to programs for children is uneven.

Some suggested activities are Junior Achievement, Junior Great Books, Café Society, ecology movements, city gardening, etc. Kids would be invited to participate in different organizations. How do we go about selling the idea to parents?

In search of a model for a program that might be doable in Hyde Park, four members of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference Schools Committee, Gary Ossewaarde, the Rev. Larry Turpin, Ismail Turay and Nancy Baum, met with Ida Lynn Wenhold, the executive director of “Kids Matter” in Naperville on March 3, 2009. Ida Lynn explained that the program in Naperville came at the impetus of Edwards Hospital, the local hospital in Naperville. Edwards noticed that many of their adolescent patients were showing signs of abuse and neglect and wanted to do something

about it. A Developmental Assets Profile Survey, an abbreviated 15-minute survey, revealed that, though there was a lot of parental support, family communication was poor and service to the community was low. The Profile Survey can be viewed online at www.search-institute.org. A three-pronged approach was conceived in order to reach the community: (1) Programming, (2) Asset Education, and (3) Coalition Building.

Programs were developed in giving service to the community, through a Volunteer Fair and obtaining jobs through a Job Fair. Of course, eventually, fund raising became a major undertaking because of all the publicity and materials that were needed to get the word out to the community. Funds came from Chicago United Way, Chicago Trust, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and from businesses. Coalition-building took place among schools, police, counseling centers, etc. A tracking system was put into place.

How were parents taught about Assets Education? Parents got information to read. A publication called “E Blast” was given to schools to put into their newsletters. Assets Tips and Assets Bingo were created. Printed material was gotten into peoples’ hands by kiosks set up at store cash registers, placing into magazines and newspapers, etc. Businesses were approached to come up with ideas to make children feel more welcome. School resource officers and social workers helped with materials distribution. Other ideas are to get college students to come to schools campuses to talk about college or even become big brothers and big sisters. A special program for girls was established called WINGS. An Equal Opportunity Award was established by the mayor’s office to honor some ordinary kid, perhaps someone who



Kenwood Academy students Jose Guzman and Paul Hincapie, kicking a soccer ball



Kenwood football and track coaches with Fall 2009 football prospects

Kenwood Academy High School Continues to Raise the Bar

*by Cynthia Liberty, Chairperson,
Kenwood Local School Council*

The 2008-2009 school year has come to an end and during the school year Kenwood Academy has been keeping track of progress and making plans for next year. At a recent Town Hall meeting, members of the LSC, school leadership, teachers, student, parents and community members met in an open forum to review data, celebrate accomplishments and determine needs to establish priorities and begin to set goals for school planning.

At the meeting, progress was reviewed and reported around four key areas that had been targeted for monitoring. Kenwood teachers and students have been working to focus on instruction and student achievement in both literacy and

volunteered to clean the streets. Table toppers with family trivia topics were placed on tables in restaurants to get the conversation going.

Needless to say this was an exciting prospect, but decidedly a very large project. We of the Schools Committee have ideas about how to go about implementing a project like this, if needed. To establish need we would like to distribute the 15-minute survey to all students ages 12-19 in Hyde Park. We would need the participation of the principals of all the schools in the neighborhood. Then, once the data were analyzed and needs identified the idea would have to be sold to the community and initial funds would have to be found. We have huge resources available in this community that could lend weight to the Community Conference to move forward on this. The Conference has already pulled together a database of programs available to our youth. It can be found at www.hydepark.org. Rep. Currie's and Alderman Preckwinkle's offices put out an annual booklet listing schools and programs for children.

In addition to finding out what children's emotional needs are vis a vis the community, the schools have material needs that must be met. But this is a question for another time.

math, as well as on supporting freshmen "on track" and on enhancing the learning climate by personalizing learning and expanding student opportunities.

Instructional initiatives at Kenwood have been focused around Student Engagement. Teachers have been collaborating to learn new strategies and enhance their practice in order to keep students engaged and active in learning. Teachers have also been active observing and in dialogue with one another about effective practices that keep students using data and shaping their classroom instruction around specific learning needs of students. The success of these initiatives has been demonstrated by practice tests and student scores which show Kenwood on-track to meeting the school-wide goal as measured by the PSAE.

The 7th and 8th grade program is optimal size and the percentage of 7th and 8th graders scoring at the "meets or exceeds" level is 99.7%. Kenwood retained about 82% of Academic Center students for the 9th grade. New ways to measure real skills and levels are being sought.

Kenwood's Freshmen On-Track Lab has provided additional support to students, resulting in a Freshmen On-Track rate that is one of the highest in CPS. Through-

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Kenwood Academy's concert choir

Hyde Park— The Next Decade

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whether or not we get transportation and parking improvements, the economic and housing crisis, 53rd Street—whether or how redeveloped, kinds and amount of redevelopment, fewer or pressures on businesses, rental costs and availability, Obama effect/attention by the world, quality of schools, state of public safety, and what happens in neighboring communities.

Also feared as possible occurrences--and not to be ignored for not having lots of mentions: aging population; loss of affordability, or loss of nonprofits and services; local divisiveness; possible reduction of city services/quality or state and local funding; high taxes.

Attendees certainly want to keep and maintain our green spaces and lakefront. They also value diversity; presence and helpfulness of or amenities at the University; open community process; our institutions, quality buildings, festivals and events, restaurants, and other particular favorite places; the high quality of our police and fire forces, and our faith and community organizations and activism.

On the other hand, there are things people are not at all comfortable with in Hyde Park, and some ideas for new things or directions. The largest cluster was a call for new thinking and improvements in circulation and access, from transit and traffic to side and cross walks and parking. The second most cited was need for a larger, better, and well-kept-up retail mix. Also popular were more cultural and artists' offerings and opportunities, more affordability in housing, more transparency and positive approaches on the part of the University, more community activism and involvement. Also: more services/activities for youth and populations at-risk or with fewer abilities/advantages, ways to make the neighborhood more green/sustainable while keeping character, more interaction and joint projects among the various segments of the population including between residents and students.

A Closer Look at Community Challenges and New Ideas

So what did our speakers and audience members think? Keynote speaker James Withrow, posing lessons from previous Hyde Park transformations, suggested: (1) We should make changes gradually because half of what urban planners are now recommending will turn out to be wrong for 2059—and we don't know which half. (2) We should gradually revive the former retail corridors of 55th Street and Lake Park Avenue and always endeavor to connect transit to retail.

We invited eight panelists—members of our board and others in the community (neither a cross section nor acting as spokespersons for their organizations): Jay Ammerman, Lenora Austin, Ted Fetters, George Davis, Allan Lindrup, Annika Frazier-Muhummad, Bart Schultz, and James Withrow.

Audience queries to the panel, from submitted cards and raised hands, revealed these major clusters of challenge or need over the next decade and ideas for new approaches. Note that similar concerns and suggestions came up in different settings.

- Should we bring in more retail, density, arts and artist opportunities? How?
- How do we manage growth and development but keep character and dynamism, especially as Olympics and other forces accelerate South Side infill of retail and residential space?
- How do we keep diversity, how do we have affordable spaces for retail and for residents of a range of income levels? What do we want in diversity and affordability, and for whom? Complicating and double-edged factors for such aspirations were discussed: Large rental managers that are upgrading housing stock; the University of Chicago as retail and residential land manager and engine of development; aging and non-green housing and aging population apart from students; lack of jobs, including white collar outside the University.
- Working together: town and gown, students and long-termers, the non-profit community and business. How do we make sure many voices are effectively heard and processes really open?

How do we grow collaborations? Can we, should we engage large segments of residents who were said to be not very actively involved in the community?

- How can the university best be a “helpful elephant” in Hyde Park and beyond, and how can disagreements with it be resolved? (The university came up more often than any other topic.)
- Specific parts of community life, even those we prize as assets, were said to pose their own challenges—getting around, schools, parks, need for youth activities (or at least knowledge and access to them), and public safety. These led to some of the strongest divergences of opinion, even raised tempers, during the meeting and as the audience hung around after adjournment in small groups for over half an hour.

One recurring suggestion for moving ahead was to create structures and conversations for keeping ahead of waves of change, possibly via a community plan. People asked for new processes for deciding what we want to be, for bending change to community desires, and for reconciling different visions. Said to be a point of disagreement in the community was whether community goals would be furthered, hurt, or are unrelated to increased density. Some said businesses could be more involved and collaborative, customer-friendly and attractive, and given more help to find affordable, sustainable space.

Another set of suggestions centered about defining new “cachets” for Hyde Park: “Home of the arts”? “Leading sustainable community”? “Incubator and anchor of nonprofits and small businesses”? People noted that these could be the basis of new synergies with the university.

We thank the attendees, who thoughtfully filled in questionnaires and open-end comment forms and asked telling questions of the panel, and our committee volunteers, especially Nancy Baum, Jane Comiskey, Jane Ciacci, Trish Morse, and Gary Ossewaarde, keynote speaker James Withrow, and the panelists, including moderator George Rumsey. Watch in the fall for invitations to discussions or collaborative task forces to start addressing some of these challenges and ideas.

Actions of the Board

JANUARY: University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement Vice President Ann Marie Lipinski introduced herself, said that she was just getting to know her role and acquaint herself with the community. She fielded questions and comments about the University and the neighborhood. Lipinski said that the University sees its role as a catalyst of development rather than as a developer as they purchase property, prepare the site, and create a partnership with others to develop it.

Guest Jack Spicer presented the plan for the Southside Preservation Action Fund, Baum moved that the program should become a committee of the conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Austin announced that the Chamber of Commerce is creating a Hyde Park tourism website, given the interest in visiting the President's hometown.

FEBRUARY: Ossewaarde circulated volunteer lists for setting up the February 18 community discussion on the future of Hyde Park.

Rumsey reported on the Development Committee meeting with Eli Unger about Antheus's plans for various properties, given the recession and "macroeconomics." Unger expressed cautious optimism that the main projects—Solstice, Village Foods, the Del Prado and Shoreland hotels—could move forward.

A summary on the January TIF meeting reported that Alderman Preckwinkle said that the three finalists for Harper Court would present their plans to the public—which is the standard community process. An open community process is necessary for a project this central to Hyde Park.

The change of zoning requests for Kenwood will be dropped, but there is controversy over the Frank house, where they want to remodel the interior into two condos.

Buchner reported on the organizational meeting of the Hyde Park Players.

Sawyer said the pages are ready for the Obama "Best Wishes" book, and an artist is preparing a suitable cover so the pages can be bound and presented to our neighbor, President Obama.

Ossewaarde reported that Kenwood Park has formally approved the recommendations and that the baseball fields will be landscaped back.

MARCH: Board members who attended the public meeting with Antheus at the Del Prado reported that a tour of the building revealed wonderful spaces in terrible condition. The plan is high-scale rental with at least one and perhaps two spaces for restaurants.

The board expressed concerns about the U of C Medical Center. With the Emergency Room directing patients to other facilities, the dental office closing, and primary care refusing new patients, Hyde Park is developing into a health care desert. A suggestion is to invite someone from the medical center to a small meeting.

Evan Miller, a first-year student in the Economics Department of the U of C, presented his project of mapping Hyde Park by theme. He brought maps of crime statistics he'd gleaned of burglaries, robberies, and car thefts coded to time of day. The maps are at <http://maps.evanmiller.org>.

Representatives of nonprofit organizations such as the Blue Gargoyle, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, Experimental Station, Chamber of Commerce, and HPKCC will meet to talk about the current economic situation.

Goode announced that he is looking for community service activities for 600 students on September 28.

APRIL: Jennifer Bosch of the Neighborhood Club and Withrow of the Transit Task Force described the HPNC summer program for teens. Ossewaarde moved that HPKCC approve the proposal to provide \$2,530 to support the transit project of the HPNC Teen Summer Program. The motion was passed.

Ossewaarde passed out information on the Community Benefits Agreement Ordinance and Memorandum between the city and Chicago 2016. Withrow proposed a resolution opposing the Olympics. Five voted in favor, seven voted against it, two abstained. The resolution did not pass.

Baum reported on the Schools Committee meeting to discuss setting up an assets program, influenced by their meeting with Kids Matter, a program in Naperville that promotes communication between parents and children and decreases violence. The Committee is looking into ways to pursue this initiative.

MAY: Peter and Danielle Cassel presented a request from Antheus/Silliman for a letter of support as they go before the zoning board of appeals. After touring the building, a poll of the committee would determine the matter, since there is a short deadline. Austin called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Spicer reported that SPAF was working on getting a condition assessment report from the engineering firm working on the Harper Theatre project. Preservation Chicago, the Hyde Park Historical Society, and HPKCC are expected to endorse the effort.

Why Not Join or Renew Your Membership TODAY?

Membership Form

Level:

- Family \$30
- Individual \$20
- Senior \$15
- Friend \$100
- Supporter \$200
- Sponsor \$500
- Other _____

I am interested in the following programs:

- CAGL (Academic Games)
- Condos/Coops
- Development/Preservation
- Disabilities Task Force
- Environmental Sustainability
- Friends of Blackstone Library
- Hyde Park Garden Fair
- Hyde Park Used Book Sale
- Nichols Park Advisory Council
- Parks Committee
- Schools Committee
- Southside Preservation Task Force
- Transit Task Force
- Website and *Reporter*
- WhistleStop/Safety

A community issue that concerns me is:

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out the year, students have been supported by Intercession, biweekly course team meetings, additional staff, as well as regular reporting of attendance and grades in order to ensure that Kenwood students make progress and succeed in classes. After the first semester, 90.1% of freshmen were on track to graduate from high school. Kenwood has continued to support students and provide for a safe learning environment, and student misconduct continues to decline.

In addition to the review of instructional priorities, a focus on freshmen, and a review of data that shows that students are on-track to success, the Kenwood community also celebrated the accomplishments of students in the Academic

Decathlon, Mikva and civic leadership finalists. The Broncos football and basketball teams were successful, the track and field teams continue to amaze us with win after win for both individual competitors and team events and in volleyball both our varsity and junior varsity teams made it to the state playoffs. Kenwood's Music Department has won a host of honors and made lots of appearances and the Jazz Band represented us well at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

The Mission of College continues and Kenwood's Graduating Class of 2009 has already received over \$10,000,000 in college scholarship money.

Kenwood continues to raise the bar of expectations for students and staff, and as they approached the end of this year, the progress reporting and planning for next year had already begun.

**50 Years
of Garden Fairs**
Saturday, July 18, 2009
2 to 4 p.m. at
Hyde Park Historical Society
A conversation with Bam Postell and others, who will recount the history of the Hyde Park Garden Fair over the past 50 years.

**Fall Bulb
& Mum Sale**
Saturday, Sept. 12,
10 to 4 p.m. at
Hyde Park Shopping Center
Chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, aliums, irises, spring bulbs, fall bulbs, perennials, and a lot more!

The Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference would like to thank the Hyde Park Bank and Aegis Properties for use of their conference room for Board meetings, OnShore Communications for web hosting, and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club for use of their meeting rooms.



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