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MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2017 7pm 6401 STONY I
AGENDA (Full agenda will be presented at the meeting. Please
send AGENDA item/additions requests to the president.)
Guests incl. Adaptive Golf Tournament
Officer's & Committee reports, New and Old Business,
Announcements. Adjourn
(JPAC meets 2nd Mon. fieldhouse 6401 Stony I-, 9/11, 10/9)

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Adaptive Golf Tournament flyer and reg. form

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SKYLANDING www.skylanding.com

GOLF www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/golf.htm <http://chicagoparksgolfalliance.org>

BOBOLINK website <http://bluestem.info/bobolink/> JP WATCH, FRIENDS, FOUNDN:

www.JacksonParkWatch.org . www.fotop.org. www.chicagoparksfoundation.org

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*The purpose of the JPAC is to provide a forum for ...users of Jackson Park; to
advise and make recommendations to the Chicago Park District on park improvements
and programs (and create/ ensure programs); to encourage long-range planning;
promote community utilization and awareness of park and program and participation in
planning; and seek alternative funding sources.*

MINUTES OF THE JULY 10 2017 JPAC MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Louise McCurry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Iowa Building. A quorum was present. Introductions and thanks for the wonderful picnic fare. Minutes of the June meeting were moved and approved later.

Park Safety with 3rd District Commander Darren Doss. McCurry and others, including our safety committee members Kenneth Newman and Esther Schechter, gave a description of continuing and new problem areas and conditions in the park that need specific actions, while thanking the commander for ongoing police diligence and service making specific locations safer than before. Areas requiring attention especially at night, include Iowa building, 56th and Stony, Darrow Bridge, Wooded Island and south, lots et al along Hayes Drive, 63rd St. Beach including traffic control weekends and special events (bike patrol was suggested). 3rd District does a lot of towing for vehicles left after curfew in the parks. JPAC has been removing aggressive grape-ivy growth on Wooded Island that serves as covers for illicit activity. Several matters near the park in the 2nd District (north of 56th and west of Stony to c. the Midway) were also brought up- Cdr. Dawson will bring these to the commander there, Gail Crystal-King..

Ashley Munson of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago discussed and took questions about its conservation, health, and drainage/counter-flooding initiatives. Concerns include lagoon and harbor water circulation and aeration. She said MWRD not only controls infrastructure in parks but also is absolutely in the loop on evaluations of projects in the parks.

Park places and issues. McCurry-The Park District planted new bushes including roses by the golf driving range and Lake Shore Drive. Clearing was done around the golf clubhouse by the contractor, which does an excellent job with course maintenance.

Areas that have been or will soon be addressed by JPAC or community service groups coming to the park include Wooded Island invasives, Pickleball area, LaRabida peninsula wheelchair paths, graffiti and more, overgrowth at the track comfort station, and beach cleanup days.

Anne Marie Miles discussed in brief a harbor improvement concept (presented at a meeting with the Alderman) prepared by Jackson Park Yacht Club, which was unable attend to tonight's meeting. Harbors (including problems cause by high waster and approaches to the inlets) and beaches need to be taken into account in the framework evaluation and planning process. An example of inconvenience to serious swimmers is that at the outer perimeter for swimming at 57th St. beach is only waist deep despite rising lake level. The sailing program is going well, but the word needs to go out better to South Siders. The Park District pays the YMCA to teach kids to swim. Miles agreed to chair a committee on these harbor-beach-swimming issues.

Reggie Seay pointed to substandard conditions in the fieldhouse including lack of central A/C. He said the possible recreation center at the Obama Center would be an inadequate and unacceptable substitute for a new or better fieldhouse at/by present location accessible to the neighborhood. Members said the Park District needs to be pressed for a commitment for that.

New JPAC initiatives discussion. Dawn Posey proposed an education programming and activity initiative, with a major goal being a corps of people committed to take ownership when in the park and care of the park. Agreed to set up a team led by Dawn to develop programs and options.

Coming events and workdays [see attached schedule] include Eclipse Viewing and disabilities golf. Moved to adjourn. Next meeting August 14 at the fieldhouse. Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary_____

Darrow Bridge rebuild funding secured; planning & approvals proceed. A key approval was given by the metro planning body, CMAP. Testing has been done, design proceeds, **A PUBLIC MTG. SCHEDULED 8/27 AT THE FIELDHOUSE**, and pending federal and state permits, the work should occur in 2019. The bridge, which is under state jurisdiction, will be historically restored. Note that illegal activities and habitation as well as lack of maintenance brought the bridge to this state—we must all act now and plan for its future. **2**

AUGUST - SEPT 2017 EVENTS AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN JACKSON PARK

Phase 2 public meetings. CDOT plan for roads etc.- Aug. 23 & 24 4-8 pm So Sh C Ctr JP & So Sh revised Framework, Obama Ctr., golf - Sept. 21, 25 same time & place
See/read prev. meeting presentations, videos, full and summarized comments and questions at www.southlakefrontplan.com, www.southlakefrontplan.com/join-conversation-posting-comments-idea-wall.
More at www.obama.org, www.go.obama.org, www.chicagoparksgolfalliance.org.

_Saturdays, 11 am. WHITE CITY free TOURS of history, nature and the Columbian Exposition of 1893 footprint. Meet at the east side of Darrow Bridge (end of the parking accessed from LSD 58th Science Dr. pkg.)
Lightning excepted. Ray Johnson, friendsofthewhitecity@gmail.com. special tours available- above email or commissioner752@comcast.net.

_LAKESIDE LAWN BOWLING, southeast of the Museum of Science and Industry. For schedule visit www.lakesidelawnbowling.webs.com. CROQUET ALSO.

_August 21, Monday, 11-2 pm. **ECLIPSE OF THE SUN CELEBRATION** (87% here). Viewing and learning Party at 63rd St. Beach. Special viewers or make your own, games and crafts based on JP sports, stories, educational I talks and more. JPAC, CPD, Adler Planetarium and JP teams and leagues. Rain or shine.

_August 22, Tuesday, 5-7 pm. CDOT discusses plans to restore the Darrow Bridge. Fieldhouse, 6401 S. St. I.

_August 26, Saturday, 10-1. Wooded Island Workday. Meet at south end (watch for changes). Next Sept. 23

_August 27, Sunday, 11 am-4 pm. 5th Ward Back to School Picnic at 63rd St. Beach.

_September 9, Saturday, 9 am-noon. Bobolink Meadow Workday- south end. parrybell@ameritech.net.

_September 11, Monday, 7 pm. Jackson Park Advisory Council meets in the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island.

_September 14, Thursday. Senior Games Jackson Park sections- 10:30 5k race from 63rd St. beach house, 1 pm. Lawn Bowling.

_September 15, Friday, 11:30 am check-in. ADAPTIVE GOLF tournament.. Volunteers will be needed, and all are welcome. We are very proud to have this event in our park! **FLYER + FORM AT END OF NEWSLETTER**

_September 16, Saturday, details tba. Beach Clean.

Night Out in the Parks.

Full schedule in www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, www.nightoutintheparks.com, CPD's My Chi Parks app.

_August 8, 15, 22, and 29 Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm. STORYTIMES W MUSIC at the 67th/Ridgeland Playlot (3 blks E. of Stony I.). Deidre Harrison of The Lucky Tykes and audience improvise performance or from beloved books. Visit <https://facebook.com/luckytrikes/?ref+bookmarks>. Note- rain location is the fieldhouse.

_Sept. 1, Friday, 6-7:30 pm. INFERNO MOVEMENTS + Flux Bikes present a participatory soundscape at 63rd St. Beach. Build a one-of-a-kind experience.

_Sept. 15, Friday, 16 Saturday, and 17, Sunday, 6-7:30 pm. HEJLA YATKIN leads DANCE IN THE GARDEN OF THE PHOENIX on Wooded Island. Help create a one-of-a-kind experience.

_September 16, Friday, 6 pm. Overnight Family Camping in the Parks- Jackson Park. Register in the CPD website, or call 312 742-7628 or the fieldhouse 773 256-0903. Orientation available. **GARY HAS FLYER.**

Among recent activities to be remembered are—June 17 It's Your Park Day cleanups!, U of C and other college, high school and corporate groups that did service days in many areas of the park including the Meadow, Wooded Island and LaRabida, the **July 9 memorial concert at the Beach House** for Phil Cohran (and Eric Hatchett), and the **July 13 Play for the Parks fundraiser at the Golf Course.**

Press Release and Meeting Report July 17, 2017

Jackson Park Advisory Council Committee for Golf Review

The JPAC Golf Committee for Review of the Golf Proposal held its third meeting July 17, 2017 at Jackson Park Field House. The committee is composed of representatives from JPAC, including Chairman Jerry Levy, and South Shore Cultural Center PAC, the chair of Alderman Hairston's Golf and Coordinating Council, the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance, and golf clubs, with staff from Chicago Department of Transportation, and Chicago Park District staff and stakeholder observers present.

The committee met to consider the proposals after the recent four initial public presentations and comment-gathering on proposed projects for Jackson Park and the start of park framework planning, availability of new information, and to hear from deliberations of the Alderman's Council the preceding week that included stakeholders such as Friends of the Parks.

Latest thoughts and some changes by the proposers and government representatives were given and discussed in detail. The members queried in detail and expressed concerns about a number of design features and issues of concern to the community and our organizations members, including commitment to non-disturbance of natural areas in Jackson Park. They also asked for additional accommodations for the public, youth, safety, and aesthetics, and a clear statement of measurable economic benefits to communities expected. The committee said in unison that we expected to see changes in the next version.

The Golf Alliance and Park District restated their commitment that the golf course will remain a public and people's facility, usable by the general public, general golfers, and the local golf associations—a commitment also made to the Alderman and her council. We received assurances on some matters, assurance of some flexibility and that each feature of the park whether natural area, recreation, or open area will be treated with the respect it deserves, including needs study for each recreation type. While not all studies such as traffic are complete or completely evaluated, CDOT said it is confident road changes it proposes are workable—and they reported new progress in public body approvals for historically restoring the Darrow Bridge, which is owned by the state.

The public comments—a large volume-- is being taken and studied very seriously and used in preparing the next iteration, and will be answered promptly by the Park District Team. Also, they appear to be trying to incorporate the public's ideas and thoughts into the projects and the framework plan. The planning process is deliberate and will not be rushed despite the natural desire of all to see results. There will be some changes in the next iteration. At the same time, a first-draft plan of the whole park and options will be prepared, with public input meetings called on the same in the next few weeks or months. The public comments already given and continuing and answers to them will be published both in totality and also in summary by subjects starting in about a week on www.southlakefrontplan.com. Comments can continue to be posted on www.southlakefrontplan.com/join-conversation-posting-comments-idea-wall.

Chairman Jerry Levy summed up and asked that in light of what we heard and further changes being made, we hold off on final determination but renew the conditional resolution approved at the committee's January meeting—Based on what is now known, the members are of the opinion that the new course would be a great asset for Jackson Park and the Hyde Park, South Shore, and Woodlawn communities and would bring prestige, status, and new economic benefits to the community. Agreed by all the members of the committee.

Jerry Levy, chairman. sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com. Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary



Friday, September 15, 2017

Jackson Park
6401 S. Richards Dr.
Chicago, IL 60649

11:30 am Check-in/ 12:45 pm Tee-off

\$450 per Team or
\$125 per Individual Golfer

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Registration Form

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Please assign a PRO Golfer to my team as my fourth player

Player 4: _____

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**1st Annual Windy City
Adaptive Open
Friday, September 15, 2017**

**11:30 am Registration Open
Lunch served**

12:30 pm Report to Carts

**12:45 pm Shotgun Start
Scramble Format**

**6:00-7:00 pm Awards
Cocktails/hors d'oeuvres**

Hosted at
Jackson Park Golf Course



JACKSON PARK
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT GOLF
6401 S. Richards Dr.
Chicago, IL 60649

Please return completed application with
payment by Tuesday, September 12, 2017
\$450per team/ \$125per individual

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