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Dwight Powell, Treasurer

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**MTG- DECEMBER 10, 2018 MON 7PM AT
FIELDHOUSE, 6401 STONY ISLAND
ELECTION, conduct of mtgs, reports, ideas, old/new bus**

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BACKPAGES ARCHIVE www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac. HOME

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FRAMEWK PLAN-OBAMA CTR-GOLF- www.southlakefrontplan.com

**106/NEPA REVs- <https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>, our analysis:
www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section_106_OPCMobilityHistoricReview_2017.htm**

Obama Ctr. and related – our continually updated mid 2018 page

http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Obama_Ctr_Reviews_Updates.pdf

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

OPC <https://obama.com/>. CITY info <http://www.cityofchicago.org/OPC>

JPAC's Obama Center page www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm

ACE Wooded I- info and links- www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ace2014.htm

Project 120 www.Project120Chicago.org , www.gardenofthephoenix.org

Friends of the White City (free tours): <http://www.friendsofthewhitecity.org>.

www.JacksonParkWatch.org . www.fotp.org. www.chicagoparksfoundation.org

www.sosideneighbors4hope.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 NOVEMBER 5, 2018 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Jackson Park Fieldhouse. A quorum of voting members was present and a total of 23. Present from the park district were Area Manager Farah Tunks and Instructor Pierre Nealon. Agenda was distributed.

Minutes of the October meeting were duly moved and approved.

Treasurer Dwight Powell reported a balance of \$3,694.14 and deposits and expenditures. Asked by Powell, 2nded by Anne Marie Miles and Fran Vandervoort and approved was to purchase 10, or as needed turkeys for prizes to the age-group winners of the fieldhouse Turkey Trot. Powell asked consensus to explore getting a debit card for JPAC.

President's report. Members and others who contributed in many capacities to JPAC activities and successes during the year were given a shout out by the president and others. Noted also were the c1200 volunteers from many groups and organizations and the stewards who led them in 42 workday actions from March through October.

Recreation and Program. Instructor Pierre Nealon. Football is done while wrestling and tumbling (ages 6-15) are gearing up, with body training with the aim of keeping the kids involved and active year around. The Halloween party October 31 4:30 needs volunteers.

Turkey Trot will be November [16, changed]. Area Manager Farah Tunks announced a joint showcase and holiday festival with skits and "tours", "South Chi 3" for December 8, noon-2 at Rosenblum Park, 7547 S. Euclid (by South Shore High) featuring the kids from Jackson, Rosenblum, and South Shore Cultural Center. All are invited--\$5 for adults. Powell suggested this would be a good event to serve ice cream offered as donation to JPAC by L & P Candies on S. State St. (We will need to make sure there is good kid attendacne and share publicity photos etc. with the store.) Men volunteers will be needed to scoop ice cream into cones.

The fieldhouse holiday event for end of fall camp is expected to be on last day of school, December 20 or 21. Volunteers are needed. JPAC secured books from Hyde Park Used Book Sale and donated by YWCA to give out. Members moved with second and approval up to \$100 for the event. Suggested by members was having a fieldhouse Holiday decoration and fix up day.

Facilities and grounds. McCurry reported Iowa building tree trimming, weekly landscaping, completion of mulch accessible paths, police patrols, lighting upgrades (but part is turned off for bird migration).

Bobolink – McCurry reported for Norm Bell and Gail Parry that garlic mustard and grape ivy need pulling throughout the growing season and now.

The park district is developing plans to save and rehabilitate the harbor wall at La Rabida Peninsula.

There were numerous beach cleans this year. Plastic is a major component of the waste dropped or washed up. It was moved, seconded and approved that Jackson Park Advisory Council supports the ecological benefits of efforts by the Alliance for the Great Lakes and others to replace the use of plastic straws.

The membership agreed that we need to have volunteers taught what and how to maintain the new plantings as the ecological restoration project ends next year. Mary Anton suggested that appropriate identifying plant labels be considered. The president and stewards are asked to pursue these ideas.

Al Debonnet asked: Request a survey of security cameras in the park and what locations may need them.

Promotion and Communications. Vandervoort showed decals she can give that promote the 125th anniversary of the Columbian Exposition. Erin Adams praised our website but urged that we find a way to have online membership sign up and donations. Miles offered to work with our tech people on this.

Several group tours of Wooded Island were given including to youth to inspire them to stewardship. Saturday White City tours led by Ray Johnson, Trish Morse, and Louise McCurry, concluded at the end of October. Erin Adams described a new website and discussion forum, South Side Neighbors for Hope. It has links to full documents and processes regarding the OPC including the survey of trees on the site, and to other changes going on or proposed. She said it is favorable to the possibilities of the Center but wants open community conversation. (www.sosideneighbors4hope.org)

Liz Moyer of the University of Chicago asked JPAC to provide full information on our and the park' activities, amenities and resources—especially for kids and youth, for an online clearinghouse she is developing. Hyde Park Herald staff said the Herald has made it easier to get events on line and in print there. A problem noted is how to reach Woodlawn residents.

Nomination and Election of officers. Erin Adams, 2nd by Fran Vandervoort, moved that the election and annual meeting be moved this year from November (as in the bylaws) to December 10 and nominations be opened. Approved without dissent.

Mary Anton moved, Miles and others seconding, that nominations be opened now, that any nominations not made at tonight's meeting be emailed to the secretary (garyossewaarde@yahoo.com) before the 14-day-notice of election, which is November 26, that the secretary soon after this meeting send notice to all members qualified by attendance to vote, a notice of the election and that nominations are open, and that November 26 the secretary send the members the names of all nominated to that date. Approved after discussion.

With the nominations opened, Mary Anton nominated the following: for President Louise McCurry, for Vice President Anne Marie Miles, for Secretary Gary Ossewaarde, for Treasurer Dwight Powell, all of whom agreed to serve.

Anne Marie Miles moved and Brenda Nelms seconded that JPAC send a letter to Timuel D. Black and to the organizers of the Tim Black 100 Birthday Celebration supporting, appreciating, and congratulating Tim on his 100th birthday. Approved. It was noted that on December 8, afternoon University of Chicago Civic Knowledge Project will host a symposium with Lonnie Bunch about the work of Tim Black, at the Logan Center. December 9, 3-7 p.m. there will be a celebratory party and program and fundraiser for scholarships in Tim's name at South Shore Cultural Center (\$100). Contacts are at the website of the Vivian G. Harsh Society- <https://vghs.org/TimBlack100>. Moved to adjourn. Next meeting, with election is on December 10, 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse.

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

NEXT MEETING AND ELECTION. By resolution of the PAC at the November meeting, the annual election of officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be held at the **December 10 meeting, 7PM at Jackson Park fieldhouse**. Nominations were opened and those nominations that were submitted to the secretary by November 26 (14 days ahead of the election) will be announced and will appear on the ballot. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the election meeting. Only those qualified to vote by having attended two meetings prior to the election meeting during the previous 12 month period can nominate and will be on the roster of members who can vote. Nominees must be willing to serve. Nominees and Voters must also fill in the Chicago Park District Park Advisory Council Membership form. (sent to qualified members mid November with announcement). Nominations received to date are for President- Louise McCurry, for Vice President- Anne Marie Miles, Secretary- Gary Ossewaarde, Treasurer- Dwight E. Powell.

Meeting agenda items can be sent in advance to the president- commissioner751@icloud.com.

Congrats. to member William Hill extolled in Nov. 22 editorial- <https://chicago.suntimes.com/opinion/chicago-volunteering-thanks>.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET- by Gary Ossewaarde BUDGET HEARING IS ON DECEMBER 5, WEDNESDAY, 11:30 AM AT 541 N. FAIRBANKS 8TH FLOOR.

Check at the CPD website regarding signing up to speak-- as the rules are a little relaxed vs. for regular meetings. The number of hearings and their convenience has decreased over the years. Also, there have been complaints that a committee for ongoing review of spending for equity was recently removed from the PD Code of Conduct. A couple months ago the PD put out statistics they say shows that spending is equitably spread throughout the city (though not necessarily park to park), and announced an open door procedure to bring perceived needs and inequities directly to the Board. This writer has served on various committees and boards that looked at equity issues among parks and found that it is very hard to have a representative enough presence of the many PACs and parks to avoid squeaky wheel syndrome while taking account of the impact of major capital projects and that youth often have to travel very far to find the program they need, and so to and make solid recommendations. Still, something could be set up, perhaps starting with Area sectors.

Highlights. The \$464 million total is up nearly a half percent without a property tax increase. (The portion of total assessment going to parks has dropped over 15 years from 7.9 percent to 4.9, the PD says.) However, summer (\$292 for 6 weeks) and other camp fees will increase as much as 8 percent—but the district continues to have ability-to-pay tiered pricing as well as free scholarships and accommodations for DCFS and other families. The PD has figures that show registration is very high and has doubled overall over the past 8 years. However, we notice that not all programs or all parks have equally high sign up. (If you know of programs not on the Jackson Park schedule that you think would be successful and want JPAC to seek for our park, please let us know.) The PD continually reassigns resources for expected demand or to staff new parks/programs. Overall 27 full time but vacant recreation positions are cut. The park district says new large facilities are money generators that pay for scholarship positions in other parks. Increased this year are some programs that are high priority to JPAC—Natural Resources, Outdoor and Environmental Education, and the Youth Sailing Program. The sailing program (which is at Jackson and Montrose) will be expanded and have more high school teams. More Nature Play Spaces are opening: JPAC continues to propose one or more here. We do try to think holistically so are pleased to see, for example Gately track and Big Marsh projects proceed. and look while putting in for strategic improvements in Jackson such as the improved track and fields, Iowa building and at LaRabida as well as our ongoing top priority of fieldhouse.

The August 2018 Newsletter (pp. 5-6) ran an article on beach, waters and lifeguard issues. We will be watching any impact of a shift of hours (many not actually worked, PD says) from lakefront lifeguard hours to the very much smaller but increasingly popular aquatic coaching staff (adding two positions in 2019). Learning swimming is a highly important skill for kid, and a requirement for sailing. But there is concern that beaches be staffed during times people are most likely to enter the water. Also important is work planned in harbors including Jackson Park- gate and dock replacement at the Outer Harbor. This is underwritten by \$8 million in bonds. Some say the PD bond debt remains high. We understand that the PD is attempting to assemble funds for repairs to collapsing historic bastion walls at the end of Promontory Drive by LaRabida.

2019 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED. We don't require payment to participate or vote, but we ask you to share our costs and the many ways we support for the park and its programs. Fill in our **2019 JPAC MEMBERSHIP FORM, WHICH IS ATTACHED** RETURN IT with or without check to Dwight Powell, OR BRING IT TO A MEETING. Thank you, and thanks to those who contributed in 2018.

NO NEW PARK REVIEW MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED as of this writing. CANCELLED OPC lawsuit Dec. 5. City Council gave unanimous approval to use ordinances for the OPC and most road changes. The Obama Foundation held its second world summit recently and is supporting south side youth and antiviolence initiatives, most recently Becoming a Man.

DECEMBER 8, Saturday, 12-2 p.m. SOUTH CHI 3 – South Region Area 3 Holiday Festival. Join the kids of Jackson, Rosenblum, and South Shore Cultural Center for an afternoon of their **showcase skits, fun and ice cream and other treats to usher in the holiday season.** \$5 for adults, free to youth and kids. **Rosenblum Park (at South Shore High School), 7547 S. Euclid (a block west of Jeffery).**

DECEMBER 8 AND 9. CELEBRATE DR. TIMUEL D. BLACK AT 100. The life and contributions of this historian of the South Side and amazing people of the Great Migration, and lifelong activist are celebrated by the Vivian G. Harsh Society and the Civic Knowledge Project of the University of Chicago. Saturday 1-5 p.m. enjoy a free symposium with Dr. Black, Dr. Lonnie Bunch of the National Museum of African American History, and other notables at the Logan Center for the Arts. Sunday, 3-7 enjoy a grand celebration at South Shore Cultural Center. These programs are raising funds for youth scholarships in civic engagement in Dr. Black's name. Re: Dec. 9, [lease visit <https://VGHS/TimBlack100> for information and registration, or call Zenobia Black, 773-373-5870 or Monica Stewart, 773-886-7334.

DECEMBER 15, NOON- AREA WGN TOY GIVEAWAY AT WASHINGTON PARK FIELDHOUSE.

DECEMBER 20 or 21, 4:30 PM. JACKSON PARK FIELDHOUSE KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY. FOR THE KIDS.

DEC. 23, 11-3 (2 seatings) BRUNCH WITH SANTA AT SO SH CULTURAL CTR PARROT CAGE 4



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Monday, November 19, 2018

**JACKSON PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP / CONTRIBUTION
FORM for 2019**

Dear Member/Friend: With our park rising fast but with much to do and at stake, can you support us, financially or by joining? Your contact information ensures that you receive the monthly JPAC Newsletter by mail or email, lets us reach our friends with emerging park issues and special opportunities, and helps us fund supplies for park kids and workdays and hold special lectures and events.

E addresses are especially welcome. JPAC meets 2nd Mondays 7 p.m. usually at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.

NOTE: "Dues" are NOT required for participation or for voting at JPAC meetings (there is a modest attendance requirement).

Please return this form with your check made out to JPAC to a meeting or mail to JPAC c/o Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella, Chicago, IL 60649.

TODAY'S DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE(s) _____

EMAIL _____

- _____ \$35 INDIVIDUAL FRIEND (BASIC MEMBERSHIP DUES)
- _____ \$100 GUARDIAN
- _____ \$250 CONSERVATOR
- _____ \$500 PATRON
- _____ \$1,000 FOUNDER
- _____ OTHER

MY INTERESTS IN OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PARK, or I wish to volunteer for a Committee:
Nature, Program and Youth, Connectivity, Sports/rec., Safety, and Outreach/fundraising

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