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**MAY 8, 2018 5:30-c8 PM AT JACKSON PARK  
FIELDHOUSE 6401 S. STONY ISLAND AVE.**  
“ON THE TABLE” COMM CONVERSATION- “How can we  
involve new people in new ways in our park?”  
Limited nec. agenda items & activities announcements

**C**ONTENTS p1 About/Ann'ts; pp2/3 Minutes; p4 – CALENDAR,  
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**106 REVIEW- <https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>, our analysis:**

[www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section\\_106\\_OPCMobilityHistoricReview\\_2017.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section_106_OPCMobilityHistoricReview_2017.htm)

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JPAC's Obama Center page [www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm)

ACE Wooded I- info and links- [www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ace2014.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ace2014.htm)

Project 120 [www.Project120Chicago.org](http://www.Project120Chicago.org), [www.gardenofthephoenix.org](http://www.gardenofthephoenix.org)

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

[www.JacksonParkWatch.org](http://www.JacksonParkWatch.org) . [www.fotsp.org](http://www.fotsp.org) [www.chicagoparksfoundation.org](http://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 APRIL 9, 2018 JPAC MONTHLY PAC MEETING

President Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. at Jackson Park fieldhouse, a quorum being present (13 qualified members), total 17. The treasurer and vice president were excused for illness and injury respectively. Introductions were made.

March minutes. Margaret Schmid asked correction of her comment, re: plan for the replacement track and field, to read that she questioned whether the plan could be implemented at present. McCurry moved consent; seconded and approved. Minutes were moved and approved with that correction.

Treasurer's report. Gary Ossewaarde reported for Dwight Powell. The balance as of the most recent statement is \$4,090.94. Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce requested membership renewal. This will be paid by a donor.  
President's and committee reports.

McCurry noted that groups cleaned lots of garbage by LaRabida Hospital and along Hayes Drive, especially at the bridge.

McCurry reported a wave of gang tagging and drug selling through Jackson and other parks and parts of surrounding neighborhoods. A delegation from JPAC and other PACs will meet April 16 with University of Chicago Police Department concerning gang activity, a killing in Cornell Park, and other issues. What can UCPD do for parks; how can PACs help with park safety? Also, April 23 Cornell Park PAC will host a park security meeting as part of its PAC meeting 6:30 at Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell.

Norm Bell, our Bobolink steward and president of Cornell PAC, presented on nature play spaces and play dates at the CPD PAC quarterly conference at Indian Boundary Park April 7.

Wooded Island. Jerry Levy said there will be two workdays, April 14 with U of C students (meet at the north end 10 a.m.) and the first regular one of the season April 28 10 a.m. (these meet at the south bridge).

Workdays will start at the South Shore Cultural Center Nature Sanctuary April 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays) at 10 am.

Fieldhouse and recreation. Pierre Nealon reported on and was roundly congratulated for the Pickleball team's 2<sup>nd</sup> place showing in the citywide tournament. This is our leading adult program. Many kids and teen programs are winding down and gearing up for spring. Track is important because there is little option for that in many schools. Kenneth Newman and others asked that we approach more schools, especially elementary, and congregations for the golf, other programs in the park-- many schools are lagging in Title 9 compliance. Tiny Tots preschool is doing well. Work will start on a baseball field to replace one to be displaced north of Hayes.

## New business.

McCurry moved to appropriate up to \$200 for supplies and end-of-spring gifts for the day camp. Seconded by Schmid and approved.

Programs. Dawn Posey

Piano in the Park program comes to Jackson Park, with short lessons to be offered by a piano teacher starting June 20 and a Make Music Chicago participatory program on Make Music Chicago Day June 21. Sign up with program chair Dawn Posey ([dmposey4@gmail.com](mailto:dmposey4@gmail.com)) or at the fieldhouse. The "outdoor" style piano will be parked outside the fieldhouse door and brought inside at night, during inclement weather or seasonally. Suggested was pricing/getting cardboard keyboards so kids can get a taste of music by "playing" along.

Earth Day Film Festival April 21, 2:30 p.m. (Doors open 2 p.m.) "Happenings: A Clean Energy Revolution" will be screened by Green Community Connections/One Earth Film Festival. Jackson will be one of five Chicago regional venues for the screening. The Sierra Club is participating. There will be action tables and q and a. We regret, no popcorn! Volunteer greeters and set up/take down personnel are needed. [See attached schedule for a suite of other Jackson Park Earth Day activities, details.]

May 8 5:30 p.m. On the Table community conversation on "Ways to involve more in the park in more ways and make the park better." Bring a new idea. Sug.-- women bring main dishes/salads, men sides, water, utensils.

May 12, 9-noon. International Migratory Bird Treaty Day. Family activities, tours- by golf driving range lot.

Workdays- [see schedule attached]. The group coming from Museum of Science and Industry April 23 4:30 p.m. will concentrate on LaRabida south promenade paths and invasives. Volunteer leaders are needed. This or another group will pick up trash along Marquette. Dr.

Harold Washington Playlot Park is forming a new council and will have a work and recruitment day May 5, at 2. Newman showed samples of a large collection of beautiful educational posters being tossed by the downsizing Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He is offering these to park fieldhouses, schools et al. Intern. We have a new intern from the University of Chicago, Alex Levy. Fran Vandervoort and Andy Carter will oversee. Some possible tasks are media/IT related, which is under Jake Young.

#### Old business.

Our One Earth screening of "Making Waves," March 3 had the third largest attendance of all! The council expressed thanks to Dr. Miller for her talk ahead of the March meeting. She will speak again. Golf. McCurry said that PAC members visited the Sidney Marowitz CPD Golf Course March 17. It is really nice with a big variety of offerings and amenities including for young golfers. She noted there will be a walkthrough of the South Shore Golf Course Monday April 16 at 5:30 p.m. from the beach house. Thank you to U of C for the student workday at 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Beach March 17. SECC Community Enhancement Grants will open this month. PACs are encouraged to apply. Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners will have a presentation of the draft South Lakefront Plan and take public comments April 11, 11:30 a.m. at 541 N. Fairbanks 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

Next meeting- in light of the heavy load of activities, McCurry proposed that the May 14 monthly PAC meeting be instead held in conjunction with a May 8 On The Table dinner [at the fieldhouse, 5:30 pm.] and with a short agenda. Seconded and approved. [On The Table is a trademark of Chicago Community Trust and Affiliates.]

Moved to adjourn. Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

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The date of the next JPAC meeting HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY MAY 8, 5:30-7:30 PM at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave. (No meeting May 14.)

This annual planning meeting is under the auspices of ON THE TABLE, a set of community conversation potlucks under the Chicago Community Trust with the Chicago Park District. The topic is, Making our park better and involving more neighbors in our park. Each is encouraged to come with a new idea for a program or facility, or find an idea that has worked in other parks. RSVP is encouraged to [dmposey4@gmail.com](mailto:dmposey4@gmail.com).

#### NEXT PARK PROJECT MEETINGS

MAY 17- CHICAGO PLAN COMMISSION meets to consider the Obama Presidential Center request for planned development and under the Lakefront Protection Ordinance and also CDOT's plans for road changes. Persons may speak for up to 3 minutes. City Council Chambers, 121 N. LaSalle St. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. A SECTION 106 FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL REVIEW MEETING IS EXPECTED IN MAY. This will set forth potential effects and their mitigations for the projects. TBA.

The Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners received the South Lakefront Plan draft at its April 11 meeting. Several JPAC members were among the many who gave one-minute remarks or submitted written position papers. Many found particular items and the park-purpose concepts to be compelling including those that zeroed in on Jackson as a park of water features and uses, not just green and recreation. Concern was mostly about aspects of projects, particularly golf. Noted was that this is a framework only, not a master plan, that funding is not identified for most, especially for those not in major projects, that federal and other reviews are still to be completed, and that public input is expected for individual concepts and for priorities et al.

JPAC officers met in April with representatives of the University of Chicago Police Department about recent trends and occurrences in and around the park. We continue to engage the Chicago Police. Our July 9 picnic at the Iowa Building will have a safety and security confab with police.

SAVE THE DATES: **April 21** EARTH DAY ACTIONS AND SCREENING- see below (electronic distr. only)

**April 28, May 26**, Saturday, 10-1, WOODED ISLAND Work Days. From the south end of the Island.

**May 12-** (1) 9-noon BOBOLINK MEADOW WORKDAY. From the Driving Range lot.

(2) INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY DAY -FAMILY FRIENDLY. By the Driving Range lot. **3**

## APRIL 21 JACKSON PARK EARTH DAY SCHEDULE

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Workday- Jackson Park rec. fields and lagoon shores.** Meet at Driving Range office (drive accessed from Hayes Dr. 6300 S. Bring recyclable bags and water.

**9-10:30 a.m. Workday- 57<sup>th</sup> St. Beach Sweep with Alliance for the Great Lakes. Adopt-a-Beach.**  
(Recommend sign up- find link in [www.greatlakes.org](http://www.greatlakes.org). Volunteers must sign forms on arrival. Bring recyclable bags (filled bags will be weighed) and water and dress for weather. Gloves, snacks provided.

**11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jackson and Midway Parks Historical Tour.** Docents will lead separate tours- you pick. Gather at the Perennial Garden (Women's, circular) on the east side of Stony Island Ave. between 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**2:30 p.m. Environmental film screening, discussion and resource fair. JP fieldhouse.**

**“Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution.”**

Screening by Green Community Connections – One Earth Film Festival.

Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island,

**April 21, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 2.**

Tickets - <https://happeningjackson.eventbrite.com>. (event free but GCC asks a voluntary donation)

FILM DESCRIPTION: When the issue of renewable energy comes up, it's common to think, “that's a future thing. It's like sci-fi.” Well, this film is here to tell you, the clean energy revolution is happening right now. Director James Redford, an award-winning filmmaker . . . and, yes, Hollywood legend Robert Redford's son . . . takes us on his personal journey into the dawn of the clean energy era as it creates jobs, turns profits, and makes communities stronger and healthier. “Reaching well beyond a story of technology and innovation, [Happening](#) explores issues of human resilience, social justice, embracing the future, and finding hope for our survival,” says Redford.

There will be Earth Day activities elsewhere April 21. You can sign up at [fotp.org](http://fotp.org).

Beach clean at c. noon at 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Beach—they can always use extra hands.

South Shore Cultural Center PAC will hold 4 section workdays including in the Nature Sanctuary 10 am- meet in front of the Center bldg.

The Midway PAC will hold a workday 1-4 pm.- meet by the Women's Bench near Stony I.) The Midway hosts one of the Earth Day Hubs.