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**MTG- NOVEMBER 5 (changed), 2018 MON
7PM AT FIELDHOUSE, 6401 STONY ISLAND
(date changed due to Veterans Day observed)
Guests, minutes, reports, old & new bus. Incl noms. open**

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BOBOLINK website <http://www.bobolinkvolunteers.org>

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

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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 OCTOBER 8, 2018 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at LaRabida Hospital, which offered space in lieu of the fieldhouse closed for Columbus Day observed. A quorum of members and a total of 17 were present. The program was preceded by an acknowledgment of the 125th anniversary of the Columbian Exposition and celebrated with Cracker Jack © and Tootsie Roll © secured by Dwight Powell and Fran Vandervoort. Fran also gave us a quiz on tree leaves-catalpa on Wooded Island and distributed a NY Times feature, "More Trees, Happier People."

Minutes of the July and September meetings were moved by Dwight Powell, seconded and approved.

Treasurer Powell gave the latest balance as \$3,790.91 with more contributions received since. We will be spending already-approved funds for the Halloween Party for the kids that will also feature the Columbian Expo at 125—other parks have been invited and neighbors are welcome. This will be Halloween, Wednesday October 31 at 4:30 p.m. in the fieldhouse. The Turkey trot (for which we usually furnish turkeys as prizes) will be on November [15, 4:30 p.m. -changed].

McCurry reported that boxes of children's and park- and nature-appropriate books were purchased from the Hyde Park Used Book Sale for the fieldhouse library and for giveaway to kids. Shquestra Sitawi of the YWCA at 66th and Cottage Grove will work with McCurry and the fieldhouse staff to transfer surplus children's books from the YW to the fieldhouse. We thanked Shquestra and the YW for their generosity.

McCurry attended a symposium of experts, including a leading one from Japan, on Japanese gardens and using them for meditation that can broaden our understanding and programming.

FloJo Mills, with the 63rd drumming group that has held drumming ceremonies on the lakefront for over 50 years, read the resolution of the group asking a plaque be installed at the drumming circle east of the 63rd Street beach that would state "63rd St. Beach Drummers Circle. 50 years" (or as finally determined). Mills moved and Powell seconded that JPAC supports the concept and will bring the request to the Park District. Approved.

Workdays. Bobolink. Trail chipping was undertaken in September, more is needed on the north end.

On Wooded Island and by Columbia Basin work was done and planned protecting new trees.

Numerous groups have done work on paths and invasives by La Rabida and the bastion wall at the end of Promontory Circle Drive. Sadly, the wall and supports are showing signs of collapse and sinking, and vandals forced several capstones off the balustrade. Other groups worked on access paths and more at the Iowa Bldg. Duwain Bailey and his Phi Beta Sigma fraternity brothers cleaned up the 67th/Ridgeland playground, including breaking up the caked-up chip surface. This should be a monthly task in summer, he said. These playgrounds need to be more taken back as family gathering spaces.

Toward this end, Sylvia Brooks is organizing a Halloween party at this playground for Tuesday early evening October 30. Moved and approved that we supply two boxes of our supply of Cracker Jacks.

Other activities. Jackson Park Golf Association golf tournament had an overflow turnout. 24 kids were involved through learning and volunteering. Tracy Raoul was a lead organizer.

The Yacht clubs had a party with sunfish boats to celebrate the sailing safety classes held by the clubs and the park district. 22 kids graduated. Classes fill fast, so we have to get the word out early to local area schools and youth next year. There is a moderate charge but there are subsidies and scholarships. This is a major pipeline to the lifeguard jobs for youth. Meanwhile, the Sea Scouts program has been moved back to Jackson.

Intergenerational program. Cythium Woodfolk, Prof. of Creative Writing at Columbia College. Described the project she wants to get started with us, Montgomery Place, park district, schools, and other entities in which youth and sets of people of various ages and interests explore and write down and share their stories. One aim is practice in building goals and taking responsibility, another is discovery and taking pride in one's story/stories and sharing them. She engaged us in an exercise and asked us to think of various populations 2

that could be approached about creating their stories to share—we came up with about 15 subgroups of park users. Cynthia and her cohorts will engage with various groups and will bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Fran Vandervoort read her letter on Frederick Law Olmsted's parks vision, attached.

Then we adjourned to share cake and other treats.

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

Letter read by Frances S. Vandervoort, as published in the Chicago Tribune and Hyde Park Herald.

Olmsted was right

Not many people know that, more than a century ago, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and partner-in-design Calvert Vaux planned Chicago's great South Side parks as sites where people of all races, religions, and backgrounds can come together to celebrate the spirit of democracy in a rapidly growing city.

It might surprise some people to learn that Olmsted designed a great pavilion, to be located in the site of the present swimming pool behind the refectory in Washington Park. There were to be parades, exhibitions, a grandstand for watching firework displays, and noise and disruption that, if it happened today, would offend those who consider parks solely as places of quiet reflection. Would people have objected to the construction of a handsome building honoring the legacy of a great man? A place where people of all ages and backgrounds could enjoy a great park while learning about history, government and the natural history of a spectacularly beautiful area?

Jackson Park will continue to be enhanced by sensitivity to the latest advances in ecological understanding. The latest in athletic facilities would bring pleasure to sports-inclined individuals of all ages, interests and physical capabilities. The benefits are immeasurable. Just knowing that this place exists on the South Side of Chicago will elevate the spirits of individuals who have experienced disadvantages in their lives.

Olmsted had it right more than a century ago. Parks are places where nature and mankind can celebrate life.

Because of Veterans Day, the fieldhouse will be closed. Therefore the board has moved the next JPAC meeting to **Monday November 5, 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse.**

Among items for the agenda is opening and accepting **nominations** for election of officers in December. Offices open are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In order to be slated and to vote, members must have attended at least two meetings in the 12-month period before the election meeting. Nominations can be sent to the secretary or made at the November meeting or from the floor at the election.

Federal reviews and other meetings or hearings related to the Obama Presidential Center/ related projects. The only meetings announced as of this writing are:

October 24, 9:30 a.m. Hearing related to the filed lawsuit – Dirksen Federal Building, S. Dearborn

October 25, 10 a.m. City Council Committee on Transportation hearing. 121 N. LaSalle rm. 201A.

October 31, 10 a.m. City Council hears/ may vote on Master and Use Ordinance on OPC and projects

Two Halloween celebrations. Oct. 30 6 p.m. block party at 67/Ridgeland playlot.

October 31 4:30 incl. cel. of Columbian Expo at 125. Halloween party– please join us in the gym.

Turkey Trot relay races for kids and youth are November 15, 4:30 at the track.