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TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2016 7p.m.
(changed for Col. Day- fieldhouse closes)
at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.
Tuesday October 11, 2016, 7p.m. AGENDA
(Submit items in advance to president McCurry- see contacts at left)
Toast to 1893 Col. Expo, Guests Jamal Cole. Minutes, Fin.
incl. spons. of kids Halloween. Updates/actions- call for noms.
for Nov. election. Disc items- safety, homelessness,
Woodlawn engagement. Adjourn

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>>> 2016 MEMBERSHIP/GIFTS - Mail checks made out to JPAC to
JPAC C/O Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella 60649. (Memb. Is taken online but
check must be mailed.) Basic level: \$35. (Fiscal agent Chicago Parks
Foundation, a 501c3.) <<<<

Bobolink workdays 2ndSats9-12. Oct. 8 <http://bluestem.info/bobolink>
Wooded Island workday Check w. Jerry, sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.
**Oct. 15, c 12:30 pm. Celebrate our playgrounds: party at field
house playground.**

Website & cal <http://www.jacksonparkadvisorycouncil.org>

FACEBOOK (please "like" us). <https://facebook.com/JacksonParkAdvisoryCouncil/>
Newsletter: <http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/newsletters/October2016nl.htm>.

Alt. home, index & Newsletters: <http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac.html> and

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

Obama Library- www.barackobamafoundation.org

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

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

BOBOLINK website: <http://bluestem.info/bobolink/>

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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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 JPAC MEETING

President Louise McCurry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse. A quorum was present with total attendance 14. Introductions were made. Minutes of the September meeting were moved and approved.

Treasurer's report. Dwight Powell reported, with details from Supervisor Bobbie Beckam, that thanks to Walgreens at 71st and Jeffrey we were able to purchase, fill with supplies and distribute 142 back-to-school bags at the end of summer camp. 9 persons packed the bags. Photos will be posted in the fieldhouse. Letters of thanks were sent to the store and its Pharmacy department. Independent of our treasury, Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference Parks Committee provided Jackson Park t-shirts and carry bags for volunteer leaders. For the month, deposits were \$174.00 and expenditures \$105.24. Bank balance at the end of August was \$4,567.39.

President's report. A highly successful ribbon-cutting and picnic were held at the 67th/Ridgeland playlot. Thanks to those who supplied food & music (esp. associated with Parkways), and set up information booths. Our sympathy to organizer Sylvia Brooks, who suffered a broken foot a few days prior but nevertheless participated with a moving talk. Thanks also for support from Alderman Hairston. The Park District and City will celebrate completion of the ChicagoPlays! Playground program October 15.

Help was requested for the September 17, noon-2 pm. 63rd St. Beach Clean with Alliance for the Great Lakes. Gary Ossewaarde would be the point person.

On September 24, University of Chicago incoming students and anyone else who wants to participate will converge for various work projects in the park in the afternoon—both the north and south gates to will be open. The main project will be completing the mulching of the interior trail on the Island, starting at 1 p.m. Contact Jerry Levy for information. The students will have a de-briefing and recruitment party at 4:30.

Jerry Levy reported on discussion and hope for resolution on taking down the fences around Wooded Island – if this happens, it will be accompanied by a welcoming program with tours. New plantings will come next year. Thirteen workers will be on the Island daily. Meanwhile, foundation work was underway for Yoko Ono's Sky Landing sculpture. Full information about the site and its operation, programming and maintenance has been sought and is expected. The dedication ceremony (not yet set or announced) will include the major group that performed at the site dedication 2 years ago.

McCurry also reported on cleanups and path work at LaRabida and the Music Court by volunteer teams.

World Peace Day/Jackson Park Peace Sculptures. All were encouraged to attend the September 21, 4:30-6:30 installation dedication for Changing Worlds-10,000 Ripples, Emerging Peace heads west of the Iowa Building. The Jackson Park Teen Leadership Club will perform spoken word celebrating the sculptures and UN World Peace Day.. (See information and link to flyer in the September Newsletter at http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/newsletters/Sept_2016nl.htm.)

Mc Curry said she will present at the next meeting on a Jackson Park Book Club, suggesting as a first book Andy Carter's book on George Washington Carver at the Columbian Exposition.

Jake Young asked help planting trees October 1 in Washington Park- 9 am-noon, meet at 54th and Cottage Grove. At 9 for a brief bird walk ahead of the planting. Sponsored by Openlands and Project 120.

Obama Presidential Library. Michael Strautmanis, Vice President for Civic Engagement and Christopher Brooks, head of real estate and Senior Project Manager, the Obama Presidential Foundation discussed progress so far and answered questions. Main takeaways: The city and park district are committed to replacement of existing facilities including the track before work begins on the Library and to a full and honest traffic/parking study and solution. Site study and design work will take about two years, then the construction will take place, with the Center opening in 2021. Right now there is just a spreadsheet of space needs. (Dina Griffin, head of the design co-team IDEA will come to a JPAC meeting soon.)The Foundation knows that the benefits have to come to the greater south side and are working, for example with Rev. Brazier, Dr. Tony Barrett and four aldermen to determine programming and economic impact. There needs to be a public decision-making process, which the Foundation is discussing now. The structure of the Foundation as a 501 was explained. Questions and ideas should be directed to Mike at mstrautmanis@barackobamafoundation.org. [To get epostings- www.my.barackobamafoundation.org/hello.]

Fran Vandervoort discussed progress on the Jackson Park in Your Pocket app.

Announcements included the Park District budget hearing September 21; Volunteers Appreciation Day October 1 and September 29 Netsch lecture on Jackson Park and the Library [by Victoria Ranney, *Olmsted in Chicago*] Moved to Adjourn. [The October meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th due to Columbus Day observed.]

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary

Wonderful events. Quick updates adapted from Louise McCurry communication

1-63rd street Beach Cleanup- about 40 participated. Fox News covered. Thanks to GL Alliance and groups. (Thanks also to Japanese-American Chamber of Commerce and others who cleaned 57th St. Beach.)

2-Fieldhouse workday with. Apple Employees Thursday - under the years of invasive species discovered Another tennis court, a hidden door, multiple breaks in fence , and a hidden garden. More to be done.

3. Iowa Peace Rising Dedication-

Our JP leadership kids were awesome performing their peace poetry; the heads have attracted people from all over the area to take their pictures with the new art, and brought positive attention to Iowa Building.

4. The three trees removed from the Iowa roof left gaping holes, roof patching is requested..

5. CDOT is installing the pump in the Marquette and LSD Bikeway and walking underpass and they are pumping out the water. Unfortunately we had one biker hit by a car before it was done.

6 .Sept. 24, we hosted 100 U of C students "days of service ". Students chipped paths and cleaned up debris.. **3**