

February 12, 2014

Jackson Park Advisory Council WILL meet Monday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. in the fieldhouse. Find attached the January minutes; the Darrow Bridge petition which includes why repair and reopening of this bridge matters. This letter is also attached.

There will be much to hear and discuss tonight, including progress report on efforts and support to have the Clarence DARROW BRIDGE repaired and reopened. This bridge links the east and west sides of the park including the parking lot to the east and the Wooded Island and Japanese Garden. Petitions will be available for signing. (It's also attached here and online at http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Newsletters/Petition-Darrow_Bridge_2014.pdf.)

The agenda also includes Year Planning for our programming and work activity plans, communications including a new informational and sending approach to the Newsletter, reports and plans for meetings and outreach, thoughts about park programming and facilities, and more.

Save the dates and of interest:

February 22, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Hyde Park Historical Society annual dinner. Speakers Susan O'Connor Davis (whose new book includes much about the park) and restoration architect John Vinci. Awards will be given. Information and reservations: <http://www.hydeparkhistory.org>.

March 29, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1p.m. Annual Park Advocacy Conference by Friends of the Parks and Chicago Park District. Includes new topics this year. South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive. Parking onsite. For information and registration call 312 857-2757 x17.

Finally, JPAC wishes to express our profound appreciation of Erma Tranter's 34 years of service to our parks through leadership of Friends of the Parks. We look forward to working with the new President.

If you have any questions or information to share, don't hesitate to call Louise McCurry, president, 773 844-2225.

Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary