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JPAC- PROTECTING NATURE, PRESERVING HISTORY, SUPPORTING RECREATION

JACKSON PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL 32nd YEAR!

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JPAC meets monthly 2nd Mondays. 2014-15 01/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

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\$35 per person. Opp levels \$100, \$250, \$500...
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Monday January 12, 2015 7 p.m. (2nd Mondays)
Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Avenue

MONDAY January 12, 2015 AGENDA

Call to order, agenda adjustments, minutes and financial
GUESTS- U OF C, CPKD ON OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIB
PROJECT 120, OTHERS ON FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR JP
JP nature educ. tours. Zoological Soc. progs. for parks
Army Corps project update
Poss. fill 2 non officer board pos. Other bus.. adiourn

COMMUNITY MEETING JAN. 13, Tu. 6 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF PARK FRAMEWORK VISION BY PROJECT
120, HERITAGE LANDSCAPES, & DES. FIRM. At Booth School,
5807 S. Woodlawn.//////////

Community mtgs/hrgs by city + on Obama Lib. sites
Jan. 13 at 6 Hyde Pk High School, Jan. 14 at 12 Wash Pk fldhse

NEWSLETTER- 1-front page 2 – minutes, announcements

2015 MEMBERSHIP/GIFTS NEEDED- Mail checks
made out to JPAC to JPAC C/O Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella 60649.
Or bring to a meeting or email Gary for form. Basic level: \$35.
Our fiscal agent is Friends of the Parks, a 501c3.

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Official website <http://www.jacksonparkadvisorycouncil.org>

Newsletters current link: <http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac.html>

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

Friends of the White City: <http://www.friendsofthewhitecity.org>

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.

December 8 2014 JPAC Meeting Minutes

Louise McCurry called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., 26 attendees and a quorum present. Agenda was presented. McCurry gave a brief background of council and park accomplishments and hopes.

November minutes were moved by Dwight Powell, 2nded and approved.

Financial. Treasurer Powell: \$320 were deposited with \$70 more to be. \$54 was paid for 6 turkeys for the kids Turkey Trot. \$4,443.82 was in the treasury. Dues and contributions were encouraged and planning for a fundraiser was asked. Moved by Fran Vandervoort and 2nd by Norm Bell to appropriate up to \$150 for the fieldhouse Holiday Party.

McCurry encouraged interested members to attend the annual Wild Things Conference January 31 at University of Illinois Chicago. Members who have attended highly recommended the program.

Also recommended was the Park District's 2nd public input meeting on shoreline protection and park improvement in the "Morgan Shoal" area, 45th to 52nd Streets, December 15, 6:30 at Mandrake fieldhouse and a third to be scheduled for late January.

McCurry and others who attended described a fine ribbon-cutting for the 100th renewed playground in the ChicagoPlays program, at Sycamore Park, 5109 S. Greenwood. Mayor Emanuel, CPD CEO Mike Kelly, Ald. Will Burns, and McCurry spoke. McCurry noted tonight progress on formation of PACs in various area parks and availability of funds for a brochure and video about the parks in the Hyde Park area including Jackson. A survey of parks users and neighbors re: needs, wants, and concerns for parks is available.

Jerry Levy moved suspension of the regular agenda so our guests could present and answer questions.

FRANCES MCNAMARA described her mysteries set in Chicago starting at the World's Fair of 1893 and early University of Chicago and featuring fictional amateur sleuth Emily Cabot.

RAYMOND JOHNSON, author Chicago History The Stranger Side and The Haunt Detective gave an illustrated program that zeroed in on one of the tragedies at the Fair, the destructive fire midway through the Fair of the Ice House at 64th/Stony, with the greatest loss of firefighters in a single blaze in 19th century. There were many questions and the two talks were greatly appreciated.

Committee and other reports. Lauren Umek, CPD project manager reported that work would start in Wooded Island the week of December 15. When fencing is up, access will only be available to Osaka Garden, and only via the north bridge to the Island (Nancy Hays bridge)- the south bridge will be closed.

Suggested and with enthusiastic support by JPAC was having a large planting day involving the public and schools similar to those in Burnham Park. Umek noted that in hand is only the funding for the north part of the park (area or phase I including lagoons and Wooded Island).

Norm Bell said Bobolink Meadow will remain open, although at some point there will be shoreline reconstruction. Bobolink is in good shape and beautiful (although in winter dormancy). Lots of seeds were spread.

Consensus was to schedule for the January meeting nomination and election of two non-officer board members, as proposed and approved at the last meeting. McCurry suggested the two could handle fundraising and membership-building and asked people to think about volunteering for these.

McCurry announced that at the January meeting, representatives from the University of Chicago and Chicago Park District will discuss with us the UC bid for the Obama Presidential Library.

Move to adjourn by Jerry Levy. The next meeting - January 12, 7 pm at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

Army Corps project, <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorksProjects/JacksonPark.aspx>.

UC Library bid: <http://www.oplsouthside.org>. Project 120: <http://www.project120chicago.org>.