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JPAC- PROTECTING NATURE, PRESERVING HISTORY, SUPPORTING RECREATION

JACKSON PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL 31st YEAR!

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JPAC meets monthly 2nd Mondays. 2014-15 11/10, 12/8, 01/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13

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Monday November 10, 2014 7 p.m. (2nd Mondays)
Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2014 AGENDA

GUESTS. Army Corps/CPD with project graphics,
An AWARD presentation,
Call to order, agenda adjs., minutes and financial,
Report on a possible bylaw change regarding additional officers,
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2015 OFFICERS
Reports, updates, planning, new and old business, adjournment

NEWSLETTER CONTENTS-

1-front page 2- minutes, notices

WORKDAYS- Bobolink 2nd Sat 9-12: parrybell@ameritech.net,
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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. Basic (Friend) level: \$35.
Our fiscal agent is Friends of the Parks, a 501c3.

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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.

October 13 JPAC meeting

Following a toast to the Columbian Exposition, Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. at La Rabida Children's Hospital. Although several visitors/new persons attended, there was not a quorum of established members to approve the minutes. JPAC expressed its gratitude to La Rabida for meeting space, the fieldhouse being unavailable due to holiday.

Introductions brought a number of new, fresh insights on park issues. For example, boats in inner harbor being damaged by casting by some fishermen, and ways to upgrade playgrounds. We heard about the tours and programs of the revitalized South Shore Historical Society, accommodating dogs safely, and a group of SoSh residents who work with Brookfield Zoo on ecological issues and might work with JPAC. We met a young woman currently working with the Gary, IN park system and were informed that residents near Lakeside (the old US Steel Plant) would like to work with us. Members explained the functions and recent accomplishments and concerns of the council, ways councils serve as a resource, and the large numbers of volunteer groups who have worked in the park. Attendees suggested potential new contacts including schools and ways to spread the word around. Louise said JPAC is interested in sharing work groups among parks. She described a new citywide PAC Leadership Alliance being formed and at least one local alliance of pac's and organizations that works to help "pac-less parks" organize around their interests and needs.

A *Chicago Maroon* article featuring an interview with Jackson Park steward Jerry Levy about managing/removing trees devastated by the ash borer was shared, including that a large number of dead trees on the adjacent Midway Plaisance will be removed soon. Pointed out was the importance of replacing lost trees.

Thoughts were solicited about potential siting of game-changing facilities such as a presidential library in or near the south side parks. Concerns and principles were raised, but also proposed was that we set up a committee to explore ways to anticipate various kinds of change coming, develop our own priorities, and to leverage asks, regardless of whether and what changes or new things are proposed. An early step might be a list of allies and movers to consult.

JPAC nominations and elections are to be held at the November (Annual) meeting November 9, at the fieldhouse. JPAC does not have proxy or absentee voting, but nominations with attestation of willingness to serve can be sent timely to the Secretary in advance for preparation of the ballot. To vote, a member must be attending their second meeting in the past 12 months. The offices to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Votes are cast and counted and if necessary runoff held at the meeting. Paper ballots are turned over to the authorized Park District person in attendance. The November meeting (the Annual Meeting) also confirms the schedule of days and times for meetings and has committee sign up.

Move to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

The November meeting will see posters and provide opportunity for more details on the Army Corps projects, grant an award to a Park District employee who been of great value to the park, elect officers, and discuss the possibility of additional officers or board members, and encourage committee signup. THIS MEETING IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING DUES CONTRIBUTIONS (checks) FOR 2015.

Workdays are winding down for the year- we are doing what can yet be done to keep the park in good shape. This has been a banner year for volunteer groups coming to work in the park. For remaining weeks, contact Norm Bell, Jerry Levy, or Louise as per on the front page.

Our White City tours that ended Oct. 25 were most successful and will return in the spring.