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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: 10/13,
11/10, 12/8, 01/12, 2/9, 3/9*

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**Monday October 13, 2014 7 p.m. (2nd Mondays)
LaRabida Hospital 6501 Promontory Circle Dr**

MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2014 AGENDA

Toast to Col. Expo-on hill at n. end of Prom. Circle Drive
7: + GUEST Frances McNamara, hist. detective writer 1893>
Call to order and adjustment of agenda
Minutes & financial report- Gary Ossewaarde, Dwight Powell
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,

Wooded Island 4th Sat 10-1 (silevy@jeromelevylaw.com,

others, specials- Louise-773 844-2225

White City 1893 tours- Sats at 11 east of Darrow Bridge through 10/25

2014-15 MEMBERSHIP/GIFTS NEEDED- Mail

checks to JPAC C/O Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella 60649. Or bring to
a meeting. Basic (Friend): \$35. Info: garyossewaarde@yahoo.com.

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
improve-ments 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.*

September 8 JPAC meeting

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse, a quorum being present. August minutes were approved as updated. The treasurer was unable to attend.

Nature reports. Norm Bell reported the Bobolink is in fine shape, with the help of a large group from Northwestern Law School. Part of the group coming from UChicago September 27 2-5 may help in Bobolink. Jerry Levy reported on Wooded Island, and tasks for September 27. A master contact list will be made, and stewards were asked to make sure all volunteers sign waivers. September 20 Alliance for Great Lakes beach sweep was next- they weigh the waste and recyclables and test the water. FUFG and Chicago Japanese Chamber of Commerce service groups will participate.

President's. Music Court including its "spokes" was cleaned up. Good groups keep coming for the While City and nature tours, including from the History Share program in August. More volunteer docents are needed. Officers were updated by Friends of the Parks on policies and fiscal agency and heard from other parks. Hope is to create local and citywide collaborative networks and encourage neighbors of parks that don't have councils or support groups. FOTP also sought award nominations of volunteers in various categories. Volunteer groups including Gay for Life and Pepsico have done much work at LaRabida, but there is always more to do. Birds and butterflies are now showing up there. A thorough golf-cart drive-through with park staff resulted in many improvements and identification of capital repair needs. Dog training/exercising, pickleball, tennis are active at 59th area. Senior Games will have activities in the park in September- track and field and lawn bowling. Iowa building interior inspections were made, and work continues to make light fixes permanent continues. CPD Commissioners were enthusiastic about rehabilitating and reviving activity at the building. 2nd district CAPS will meet there next summer. The city removed a two-block row of dead ash trees from 56th parkway. Dead trees in the park landscape will be removed over a number of years. Bridge fix efforts continue.

Member suggestions: making a video on JPAC and the park with the Herald Radio Project, doing a video of Jackson Park stories this winter, and asking experts about our Purple Martin houses and getting a bat house.

Fieldhouse and programs. Supervisor Bobbie Beckam reported on work/help offers from Mt. Carmel and Hyde Park High School. (In turn JPAC talked to the HP High group about park ecology.) Jackson had one of its largest day camps in years. Junior Bears are under way- they won a really long game in double overtime.

Other business. Lauren Umek, CPD project manager, described pre-bid meetings and planning for the Army Corps project.. Aimee Ramirez reported on Congressman Kelly's interest in the park and Darrow bridge and routes to grant writing. JPAC unanimously reaffirmed changing the meeting time to 7 p.m.

Dues and fiscal agency fee for Friends of the Parks was moved and approved for up to \$175.

Moved by Levy and approved to request of Alderman Hairston and CDOT a traffic study toward traffic and pedestrian safety improvements on Cornell Drive, especially at 59th/60th and behind the fieldhouse at 6400. Lanita Ross of the 5th Ward Office offered to facilitate the requests.

The next meeting will be at LaRabida Children's Hospital library, preceded by a brief Columbian toast at the hill at the end of the (Promontory Circle) drive. Monday, October 13 7 pm. Moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

Bobolink Workday, October 11, Saturday, 9-12. parrybell@ameritech.net for information.

October 25 11 am will be the last day for the White City Saturday tours (meet at Darrow Bridge) and, weather permitting, last Wooded Island workday of the season- contact sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

Call Louise if you have suggestions for the CPD's budget for Jackson Park- 773 844-2225.