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106/NEPA REVs- <https://tinyurl.com/JPIimprovements>, our analysis:
www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section_106_OPCMobilityHistoricReview_2017.htm

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http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Obama_Ctr_Reviews_Updates.pdf

GOLF <http://chicagoparksgolfalliance.org> www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/golf.htm

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

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

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

Friends of the White City (free tours): <http://www.friendsofthewhitecity.org>.

www.JacksonParkWatch.org . www.fotp.org. www.chicagoparksfoundation.org

www.sosideneighbors4hope.org

ELECTR. DELIV OF NL, ADDR UPDATE- garyossewaarde@yahoo.com

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 MARCH 11 2019 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse. A quorum and total of 23 were present.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Dwight Powell reported a balance of \$3,774.24 including deposit of \$40.

Agenda. Powell moved, with second that essential business be done ahead of other items. Approved.

Recreation. Pierre Nealon. Three of our tumblers have qualified for citywide competition. There are problems scheduling and accommodating ball and other team practice and play because we are down a field and the nearly-completed new track and field is on hold during litigation and reviews over the OPC.

The caddy class has 12 youth. Inter alia they are learning park history and what's in the park to explore/enjoy.

McCurry urged going to Kennicott Park March 22 morning to watch our adult pickleball team compete.

Natural areas and park places. Jerry Levy reported the first Wooded Island workday will be on March 23, 10 a.m. (4th Saturdays), meeting at the south bridge to the Island.

Norm Bell led the first Bobolink workday, a trash pickup, March 9 (2nd Saturday). Beaver damage was noted.

Other wildlife spotted on camera (see www.bobolinkvolunteers.org): deer, coyote, possum, and raccoon.

LaRabida shores and the harbor edge have storm and beaver damage, Louise McCurry noted. A large group of students is coming to work there on trash, weeds, wheelchair path chipping and other tasks March 23.

Several days are planned for beach cleaning at 57th and 63rd with or by Alliance for the Great Lakes, others.

JPAC and U of C Police will jointly clean Huckleberry Playlot (6201 S. Kimbark) March 23, 4 p.m.

Our annual Migratory Bird Festival will be on May 11, which is also It's Your Park Day citywide cleanup. Golf driving range parking lot north of Hayes Dr. is headquarters for activities, from family learning and bird house building to work projects.

Hyde Park TreeKeepers (a program of OpenLands) have been pruning and tending trees in various parts of the park. McCurry asked permission to purchase a tree of approved species and size to be planted in a pd approved location along 63rd St. in early April, approximately \$100. Moved and approved. She would like to plant on a monthly basis in the fall and winter.

Florence Mills asked about progress on a plaque honoring the drumming history and drummers at 63rd beach. Ways of securing funding for such a plaque at reasonable cost will be explored.

Darrow Bridge restoration is on hold. JPAC will set up meetings with officials to learn more then decide actions.

Safety items reported include a broken bench along Coast Guard Drive, stairs along the LaRabida shores and Promontory Circle (and vandalism damage there).

A park drive-through with park and area staff to identify damage and needs is planned for March 27.

School groups and others will be recruited to help clean various, often neglected areas in the south half of the park. In response to a question, McCurry noted that volunteer groups that come in usually bring their own snacks, but we could at some point help in this regard.

McCurry went through the large number of work activities and park events March 23 through June, listed in the agenda (and ARE IN THE CALENDAR, APPENDED). VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THESE.

Some require or recommend reservations. Of special note are the March 30 PAC Conference, April 13 work activities, April 23 Earth Day, May 11 It's Your Park Day/Bird Festival, and May 18 Flashlight Tour in the park. Volunteers were recruited to help with our table at the Woodlawn Summit March 16. More events for everyone to enjoy, including NIGHTS OUT IN THE PARK are being added regularly. Suggestions were given for youth groups to highlight in Make Music Chicago June 21 12-6 and recruit teachers for kids piano lessons.

Announcements included the March 13 annual Darrow Commemorative program, entirely at the bridge this year. Re-enactor Paul Durica will read from Darrow's plea for mercy in the Leopold-Loeb trial. Kenneth Newman announced a climate change program in conjunction with the One Earth environmental film festival (JPAC's screening and festival were March 2) March 14 at Windsor Park Lutheran Church 6 p.m.

Adjourned. Next meeting April 8, 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

DARROW BRIDGE. JPAC recently learned that the historic reconstruction of the bridge was blocked in Springfield at the engineering/design approval stage and so work may not commence for as much as two or more years. We are gathering more information with help of the office of State Representative Curtis Tarver and decide the best path to secure sensitive restoration of this critical connection within our park-- including between parking and Wooded Island—and between communities and the Lakefront. JPAC members discussed several Jackson Park needs, and the park's great history and relevance with Rep. Tarver's (25 Distr.) aide Bernie Williams. Rep. Tarver is initiating inquiry on the status.

Save the dates! Earth Day Festival (April 27), Bird Day Fest (May 11), Flashlight Tour (May 18).

MARCH 27 OUR ANNUAL PARK DRIVE-THROUGH WAS HELD FOR MAJOR REPAIRS- JPAC members Kineret Jaffe, Louise McCurry, Gary Ossewaarde, Dwight Powell, Esther Schechter, and Fran Vandervoort with Park Supervisor Bobbie Beckham. **We met the team overseeing the Wooded Island controlled burn.**

WE APPRECIATE THE MANY WHO STOPPED BY OUR POPULAR TABLE AT THE WOODLAWN SUMMIT March 16, and those who helped. We shared our table with Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference and AYSO Youth Soccer. We in turn networked with the many community and service organizations at the Summit.

GOLF March 2019. The caddie class of 12 is in full swing. The team members and our other Jackson Park caddies testify about the personal and professionalism skills and personal relations as well as sports skills they learn.

CONGRATULATIONS. Tim Arlington and Abdul Raoul, Jackson Park teen golfers and caddies, have won Western Golf Association Chick Evans 4-year full freight college scholarships. Timotheus, the most recent winner, is a Kenwood Academy senior who will attend UI Urbana with hopes of becoming a pediatrician. In the announcement sent by Brian Hogan of Chicago Parks Golf Alliance, Tim “has excelled in AP Science classes, volunteered with STEM and Robotics programs for junior high students, and traveled nationally with the Chicago Children’s Choir. His charisma provided exemplary leadership for the younger caddies, and his Evans Scholarship application essay poignantly thanked his single-mother for inspiring his college dreams.”

Hogan also informs that Jackson Park Golf Association will be planning a season kick-off event (April/May date TBA) to celebrate scholarships for both Tim and Abdel Raoul, a First Tee of Greater Chicago Participant and 3 x Chicago Park District Boys Junior Golf Champion, who will be playing Division I college golf for Prairie View A&M after graduating from Mt. Carmel in May. Hogan gives special thanks to John Kaczowski, Tim Orbon and all of the Western Golf Association team and adds, “We look forward to the third season of the Jackson Park Caddie Program, and encourage all to join for a round with the fantastic young women and men working at the golf course this summer. “ By the way. Over a century ago.... in 1912 180,000 rounds of golf were reported played on the two Jackson Park course, according to a post by the Society of Golf Historians 3/22/19.

Read in the Calendar about the April 28 debate on the future of the golf course.

NEW AT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY: Makers United, and Wired to Wear.

As part of the inaugural festival, an inventor blasted off, hovered and flew on the front lawn of the Museum. The Omnimax show features Cuba including nature there as few have filmed it.

BREAKING NEWS MARCH 22 2019. JP Pickleball victorious. Louise McCurry reports:

The Jackson Park Pickle Ball team coached by Coach and Park Supervisor Bobbie Beckam were victorious in the Chicago Park District Indoor Pickle Ball Tournament at Kennicott Park today. Pickleball is an adult team sport similar to tennis that is the fastest growing adult sport in the country. The Jackson Park team plays both indoor and outdoor seasons (fieldhouse and courts southeast of Hayes/Cornell).

JPAC/Jackson Park Spring 2019 Calendar rev. of 4-9-2019

(Last update for this Newsletter. Rolling updates at [http://hydepark.org/parks/jpac/2019 Spring Calendar.pdf](http://hydepark.org/parks/jpac/2019_Spring_Calendar.pdf))

JPAC MONTHLY MEETING- 2ND MONDAYS 7PM AT FIELDHOUSE, 6401 S. STONY ISLAND.

Next May 13 (6-OntheTable potluck conv, 7:30 mtg.), June 10.

REGULAR WORKDAYS- **BOBOLINK** 2nd Sats 9-12. **63RD ST. BEACH NAT AREA** 3rd Sats 10-12 (Ap 20, May 18, Ju 15, Jy 20, Au 17, S 21, O19). **SO SH CULTL CTR NATURE SANCT** 3rd S 10-12 **WOODED I. 4TH SAT.** 10-1. **Columbia Basin, TreeKeepers-** Nancy Joseph njoseph2008@aol.com.

JACKSON PARK 1893 WORLD'S FAIR TOURS. SATURDAYS, 11 AM APRIL-OCTOBER. Meet at east side of Darrow Bridge (far end of parking lot south of MSI). Up to 2 hours; itineraries vary. Q or confirmation- Louise McCurry.

(Events are subject to change.) Except as otherwise noted, contact Louise McCurry with questions.

We need volunteers to help on the following -contact Louise McCurry, commissioner751@icloud.com, 773 844-2225. April 13, 22, 27, May 11, 18, (poss. June 1), June 21, and special-group workdays.

April 13, Saturday, 9 am-noon. Bobolink Meadow Workday. Meet at golf driving range parking lot, off Hayes Drive. www.bobolinkvolunteers.org, normwbell@gmail.com. 2nd Sats. – May 11, June 8....

April 13, Saturday, 10 am into afternoon. Lagoons- Columbia Basin, 57th St. Beach cleanup with groups of international volunteers. Contact Louise McCurry 773-844-2225 or commissioner751@icloud.com. incl. to confirm meet up points. First is at Midway Pl/Cornell Dr. and moving north.

April 17, Wed, 4 pm (rescheduled)- cleanup at Huckleberry playlot with UC Police- 6201 S. Kimbark. Call Louise if you will come.

April 20, Saturday, 10-12. 63rd St. Beach natural area workday with CPD & Shedd Aquarium. 3rd Sats. thru Oct. Contact Edward Warden ewarden@sheddaquarium.com for meet locations—some at LaRabida shore.

April 20, South Shore Nature Sanctuary Workday, 3rd Saturdays 10-12.

April 22, Monday, 4-6 pm. Join our steward and teams from the Obama Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and Bee Hive Foundation planting hardy native shore plants along the Columbia Basin (by MSI lot). Children and families are welcome on this day off for many. Sign up info from njoseph2008@aol.com.

April 27, Saturday, 10-1. Wooded Island Earth Day Workday. South bridge. silevy@jeromelevylaw.com. (separately, Citywide Earth Day-reg. with Park Distr. or Friends of the Parks)

April 27, Saturday. Jackson Park EARTH DAY (Rain barrel, soil will be raffled at each of these activities.)

1-3 pm- Community Service Project- Cleaning and re-chipping the playground at 6200 Stony Island.

3:30 pm- **TOUR** -- OPC SITE (Meet at 62nd St. and east side of Stony Island Ave.)

With Obama Foundation, JPAC, Southside Neighbors 4 Hope. Join Landscape Architect Robert Rock from Living Habitats, the landscape design team that has been working on the plans for the OPC. The focus will be on climate change-hardy vegetation and water conservation for the site. Wear sturdy walking shoes. VIRTUAL REALITY goggles provided_(fit over standard glasses).

Then, at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island (city's official South Side site):

4:30 pm. Environmental Resource Fair. (No entry before 4:30)

5 pm- SCREENING of Leo DiCaprio's film **"BEFORE THE FLOOD"** (90 min.) with One Earth Film Festival, Sierra Club and others.

6:30-7 pm- discussion, resource tables)- ALL FREE.

April 28, Sunday, 11:45 pm (date revised). **First Unitarian Church hosts forum presenting the cases FOR and AGAINST creating a pro golf course in Jackson and South Shore Parks.**

First Unitarian Church, 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave. Al Debonnett, Chair of the Jackson Park Golf and Community Leadership Alliance, will present the case FOR the pro golf course. Anne Holcomb, Chair of ETHOS (Environment, Transportation, Health and Open Space) will present the case AGAINST the pro golf course. After a 15 minute presentation by each side, each presenter will be able to ask three questions regarding the other's presentation. After that the forum will be opened to audience questions.

Several groups and organizations including JPAC will have tables and ask and answer questions.

May 11, 9-noon- Bobolink Meadow Workday. www.bobolinkvolunteers.org. Driving range parking lot.

May 11, Saturday, 9-1- INT'L **MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY DAY- JACKSON PARK FAMILY FESTIVAL.** Birding walks, birdhouse building, bird ID, scavenger hunt. Lagoon edge/bird habitat cleanup. Theme is problems from plastic waste. Rendezvous: golf driving range parking lot east of soccer fields.

May 13, Monday, 6-7:30 pm. **ON THE TABLE®** community and park planning POTLUCK dinner conversation. A program of Chicago Community Trust and Affiliates, with parks sponsorship by Chicago Parks Foundation. Task: Write a letter to the new Mayor on agendas. Registration encouraged at www.onthetable.com/registration/. Please let US know you are coming: garyossewaarde@yahoo.com. 7:30 pm an abbreviated JPAC monthly business meeting follows.

May 18, Saturday, 10-12. 63rd St. Beach natural area workday. 3rd Sats. CPD & Shedd Aquarium.

May 18, Saturday, 8:45 PM. 2ND ANNUAL **JP FLASHLIGHT TOUR.** Meet at Golden Lady Hayes/Richards Drs. Bring your own flashlight. Professionally led tours. (Assistants needed!) A NIGHTS OUT IN THE PARK program. Free, but **limited to 150- reg. mandatory-** <https://flashlight-tour-JP.event.com>.

May 25, Saturday, 10-1. Wooded Island Workday. sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

June 1, Saturday. IT'S YOUR PARK DAY citywide parks cleanup and projects. Chicago Parks Foundation. Those who register at www.chicagoparksfoundation.org get t-shirt +. JACKSON PROJECT TBA.

June 8, Saturday, 9 am-noon. Bobolink Meadow Workday. www.bobolinkvolunteers.org.

June 15, Saturday, 10-12. 63rd St. Beach natural area workday. 3rd Sats. CPD & Shedd Aquarium.

June 21, Friday, 12-6 pm. MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO. Youth and children's ensembles perform at the fieldhouse. And it's the start of our annual Pianos in the Parks. We expect lessons for kids for rest of summer- 773-256-0903. The piano in the lobby is always available to play during hours.

June 22. Saturday, 10-1. Wooded Island Workday. sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

NIGHTS OUT IN THE PARK. (More likely coming) Flashlight Tour May 18 (see above) ,
Movies (MSI lawn) June 17, Aug 10.
Summer Dance (Music Court & lot se of MSI) July24, Aug 14. Draws from all over the city!

SUMMER CAMP & session registration opens online April 23, in person April 27 for programs June 24-August 2. A variety of programs for kids, youth and adults from pickleball and ping pong to sports, weight & fitness to crafts. Low prices; scholarships are available. Info and reg. at PD website.

Also, Go Run Chicago holds FREE TIMED RACES this spring. For the first time, a monthly set is at 63rd St. Beach (runs to 57th beach and back pm Lakefront Bike Trail)- Saturdays at 9AM- ..., MAY 18, JUNE 15, JULY 20. Register at www.gorunchicago.org. .