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**106/NEPA REVs- <https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>, our analysis:**

**[www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section\\_106\\_OPCMobilityHistoricReview\\_2017.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section_106_OPCMobilityHistoricReview_2017.htm)**

**Obama Ctr. and related – our continually updated mid 2018 page**

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**Project 120 [www.Project120Chicago.org](http://www.Project120Chicago.org) , [www.gardenofthephoenix.org](http://www.gardenofthephoenix.org)**

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

**[www.JacksonParkWatch.org](http://www.JacksonParkWatch.org) . [www.fotp.org](http://www.fotp.org). [www.chicagoparksfoundation.org](http://www.chicagoparksfoundation.org)**

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*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 JANUARY 14 2019 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7PM at the fieldhouse, 21 in attendance. Agenda was distributed and introductions made. Notable guests: CPD Area Manager Farah Tunks, steward for 53<sup>rd</sup> lakefront parks Allison Bernard, a U of C Police officer, and Edward Warden of Shedd Aquarium. Several sent regrets due to illness. January minutes were moved by Fran Vandervoort, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed and approved.

Treasurer Dwight Powell reported year start balance of \$4,049.24. Deposits: \$520 in membership contributions including \$250 from La Rabida Hospital- thanks to all. Expenditure: \$43.72 for the park kids holiday party.

Farah Tunks thanked JPAC for arranging tubs of ice cream and candy for the Area-wide park youth theater showcase at Rosenblum Park. The kids also were given a tour of the park. A fall showcase is being planned.

President McCurry said a large student group from the University of Chicago and Global Girls is coming January 19<sup>th</sup> for a work/learning project on Wooded Island and the fieldhouse and playground. Graffiti was cleaned at the 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Beachhouse. Beach and harbor problems were brought up. McCurry learned at a University of Chicago workshop on demographics of surrounding communities that Millennials are the largest group at 37 percent. We need to learn their needs and interests in the park and strengthen outreach to them. U of C people are willing to help us on this and to come to our events.

Fieldhouse and recreation. Supervisor Bobbie Beckam reported a.m. pickleball (M, W) and table tennis (T, Th) are growing. Seasonal sports are underway. The parks afterschool programs are trying to pick up those affected by closure of South Shore branch library for renovations. Jackson is participating in National Girls Day events February 1 10 a.m.-1 at Grand Crossing Park.

A general discussion was held about growing membership and park participation among younger generations. Among ideas and takeaways is that younger people are busy, critical, and not given to lengthy discussions (including at meetings!) and they want to decide what is worthwhile for them to do (whether a service or an activity), then own it—not be told what is to be done. Several places/ organizations were ID'd where younger people are involved in service activities or engage in the arts or... We can build on the kinds of park activities already successful such as the Nights Out in the Park. We are using Twitter- we can make the feed more interesting to younger people including with a calendar of happenings broken down by age groups and feeds to get them to notice parks as assets for them or directly connected to issues that are important to them such as tackling the environment, climate change. Parks users can help build the larger community and can be communities in themselves around activities such as tree planting—it was noted that our area has the largest concentration of TreeKeepers in the city.

Suggested, in addition to improving what, how and with whom we communicate, was developing an inventory of spaces and activities people of different ages might use in various ways. Margaret Schmid cautioned that the park spaces will change much over time if changes such as the Obama Center come about and suggested two or more such documents. Fran Vandervoort said a uses/spaces template could be flexible and evolve.

After announcements, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting February 11, 7PM at the fieldhouse. Submitted by Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary.

**Calendar and announcements.** Friends of the Parks is holding a State of the Parks Summit on its report of that name January 26 at IIT. February 14 9:30 hearing on motions to dismiss/proceed on the lawsuit- Dirksen. March 2, 3-5 p.m.- **One Earth Film Festival, including screening of “Home”**, at the fieldhouse. Sugg. \$8. March 9 1<sup>st</sup> Bobolink Workday, March 23 1<sup>st</sup> Wooded Island Workday seasons begin. March 13 10 am annual Clarence Darrow commemoration and lecture- east of bridge, then in MSI. March 30 members are invited to the **PAC Conference**, at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson. One focus is on good, bad, and positive practices and productive relationships with park staff. Reg. opens in February. CPD Youth Opp summer + job fairs. Feb 2, 16, Mar 2 at diff. City Colleges sites- visit CPD website. Dead trees are being removed behind the Museum, minimizing damage by doing it during frozen ground-- questions? call Cathy Brietenbach, 312-742-4946.



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FORM for 2019**

Dear Member/Friend: With our park rising fast but with much to do and at stake, can you support us, financially or by joining? Your contact information ensures that you receive the monthly JPAC Newsletter by mail or email, lets us reach our friends with emerging park issues and special opportunities, and helps us fund supplies for park kids and workdays and hold special lectures and events.

E addresses are especially welcome. JPAC meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 7 p.m. usually at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.

NOTE: "Dues" are NOT required for participation or for voting at JPAC meetings (there is a modest attendance requirement).

Please return this form with your check made out to JPAC to a meeting or mail to JPAC c/o Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella, Chicago, IL 60649.

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