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

www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Section_106_OPCMobilityHistoricReview_2017.htm

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

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

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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 DECEMBER 10 2018 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7PM at the fieldhouse, 25 voting members and a total attendance of 28 being present. Maria Stone represented the Park District.

Treasurer Dwight Powell reported a balance of \$3,572.92 with more to deposit as membership renewals are coming in. We purchased at discount and accepted donated ice cream and other goods for the Area 3 Showcase at Roseblum Park. In response to questions, it was noted that we have a \$100 contingency fund for supplies et al. Receipts must be furnished.

Maria Stone, Legislative and Community Affairs, asked for volunteers to help plan the March 30 PACS Conference at Malcolm X College, which will be open all PAC members. McCurry, Mary Anton will attend a meeting Wednesday. There are now 252 park PACs and over 500 parks. The Park District Board of Commissioners also meets that day and will take up planning for our park.

A symposium and 100th birthday party were held for Dr. Timuel D. Black, who among many other actions has stood by Jackson Park in the past. . As per resolution last month, a letter of congratulations was sent. The Vivian G. Harsh Society is raising funds for civic engagement youth scholarships in his name. Moved by Anne Marie Miles, 2nded by Esther Schechter, and approved to give \$100 to the fund.

Minutes of the November meeting were moved by Jerry Levy and 2nded by Erin Adams and approved.

Election of officers. Per resolution last month, nominations were opened at that meeting and nominations received were communicated timely with announcement of the election to the members. Jerry Levy assumed the chair for the election, gave the rules prescribed in the bylaws, and gave the names of the four nominees who agreed to serve: Louise McCurry for President, Anne Marie Miles for Vice President, Gary Ossewaarde for Secretary, and Dwight Powell for Treasurer. The floor was opened for further nominations. Hearing none, Levy moved that the named nominees be elected by acclamation. This carried with no expressed dissent.

Woodlawn parks. McCurry reminded us that a Woodlawn community organization asked JPAC to look into the conditions of the other parks in Woodlawn and see if PACs can be helped or established there. The parks were looked at and work orders turned in, but further engagement with PACs that exist and park supervisors would be needed. A "golf cart" tour by park PACs/activists and staff will be recommended. Discussion showed that there are PACs for Harris and Huckleberry and perhaps 1 or 2 other parks.

Maria Stone said that the park supervisor or area/region should be notified by anyone right away of problems in parks. The revamped 311 city reporting system does go to the Park District. Send pictures if available. Suggested by others were a phone number on each park's ID sign and a checklist for park users. Support has been expressed in the area and among advocacy groups for more parkland and programs in Woodlawn.

Natural areas and grounds. Norm Bell reported a good workday in November with UC Lab School middle school students who collected plant seeds. Last year lots of plugs and shrubs were planted, invasives removed. Pictures are on the www.bobolinkvolunteers.org website. A burn is hoped for in the spring. Next workday is March 8.

Jerry Levy said weather prevented a burn on Wooded Island this fall. New planting is virtually over, workdays resume in spring. Levy reminded that an additional steward, Nancy Joseph, has been appointed for the habitat restoration, the re-landscaped sections and the heritage oak stands south of the Museum of Science and Industry to the lagoons. Over 2000 plants have been installed, and many trees armored against beavers. Levy also noted that volunteers can sign up for the South Shore Nature Sanctuary 3rd Saturdays at 10. [Check with Gary or Jerry for contact, Susannah Ribstein.]

McCurry said the Park District is looking into repairs on the end of La Rabida peninsula.

Recreation and fieldhouse. Pierre Nealon, rec. leader, said this is a light time, but they train wrestlers, for example, so they won't get hurt when the action starts after New Years. They are having difficulty finding offerings and to recruit girls and to have them stay. Dwight Powell pointed out a problem with CPS and CPD/parks – competing, or not working together?)—by the time school or afterschool lets out, the kids have little **2** time for their activities at the fieldhouse before their parents come to pick them up. Also, many parents seem to use the fieldhouse as just babysitting. Members were also concerned that dance/ballet, which was **2**

promised to be offered this year, did not happen. Mary Anton who works with the Hyde Park School of Dance, said HPSP has a free program at Marquette and other parks and offered to inquire about here.

Indoor adult soccer started last month. Spring offerings open March 8.

The holiday party for the park kids is December 21. Moved by Al Debonnet, 2nded and approved for JPAC to spend up to \$50 for the goodies for the party.

Tracy Raoul of Jackson Park Golf Association described their highly successful invitational in September and their scholarships. She said that six parks on the North Side have golf facilities for kids but none on the south side have except for our Bobolinks rounds that play early Saturday morning.

Old business. Conduct of business at meetings. McCurry said that we will work hard to follow proper order conducted in a respectful, single-conversation manner with all having a chance to speak before returning to one who has spoken already. Anne Marie Miles said that specifically concerns were expressed that women have been talked-over. The executive board met in response and made a decision to enforce the rules.

New business. Gary Ossewaarde reported that Hyde Park Historical Society informed us that they and Julia Bachrach are applying for a grant to repeat last summer's highly popular Flashlight Tour of Jackson Park. JPAC would not have any obligations, but its sponsorship would help with fees and insurance. Moved by Jake Young 2nded and approved to support and so inform the HPHS.

Members said they would like to see JPAC start kids programs such as nature or history scavenger hunts. Suggested also was a youth video project. Esther Schechter and others agreed to meet and develop ideas.

Events we should consider for doing or participating in 2019:

King Day Jan. 19 UC service and learning day, more on the 3rd and 4th Sats. in March.

One Earth Film Festival will return to Jackson Park March 2.

We could have a tree planting in April. On the Table is May 14.

After the New Year we will continue to develop the sharing stories inter-generationally and among different park users that we explored with Changing Worlds at the October meeting.

Norm Bell described the family caroling party that will take place at Cornell Park December 13.

The meeting was adjourned to take pictures at the fieldhouse tree and holiday display.

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary. Next meeting January 14 7 PM in the fieldhouse.

Offering you the best of the holiday season and the best for a new year.

We've had a busy year in the park, welcoming large groups to work in and learn about our park and hosting or co-producing events from Migratory Bird Day to Piano in the Park, Make Music Chicago, storytelling, weekly history tours, and sports tournaments. Thanks to all who helped. We have gained several repairs and improvements in our park. And we have engaged in a long set of public and small-scale discussion and planning with federal agencies and others on the **future of our park and its framework plan**. The prospect of some of the larger proposals has spurred grants and programs for youth opportunities and for disadvantaged communities. We have received or seen many communications on proposals, some setting forth gains they anticipate for kids and adults and the park, others pointing out drawbacks and losses. We anticipate that the coming year will see resolution of the big issues and a closer planning focus on what items should or can go forward on the Lakefront Plan and possible priorities and timetables. We invite your involvement.

We also call attention to Friends of the Parks report and CPD response (both very long) on equitable allocation of resources among parks and communities. We suggest focusing now on how to do more and do it as effectively and equitably as possible. Find the FOTP Report at www.fotp.org and the response at <https://assets.chicagoparkdistrict.com/s3fs-public/documents/departments/Chief%20Diversity%Officer/Our%20Response%20to%20FOTP%'Sdtate%20of%20the%Parks'.pdf>. The Park District master plan and capital budget 2019-21 is at <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/about-us/departments/operations/planning-and-construction/capital-improvement-plan>.



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**JACKSON PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP / CONTRIBUTION
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 2nd 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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