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JULY 09, 2018 MON 6PM AT 'IOWA BUILDING'
1750 Blk E. 56TH across from Montgomery Place- annual picnic
potluck w police on PARK SAFETY AND SECURITY STRATEGY
plus minutes, reports, old and new business
Next mtg. Aug. 13 7 PM req place-fieldhouse, 6401 Stony I

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pp3-4 A month of splendid activities. pp5-6 SUMMER SCHEDULE
(updated at http://hydepark.org/parks/jpac/2018_summer_schedule.pdf)

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BOBOLINK website <http://www.bobolinkvolunteers.org>

FRAMEWK PLAN-OBAMA CTR-GOLF- www.southlakefrontplan.com

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

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

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

OPC <https://obama.com/>. CITY info <http://www.cityofchicago.org/OPC>

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

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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 JUNE 11, 2018 JPAC MONTHLY PAC MEETING

The meeting was preceded by screening of "Sea of Life" about the environmental challenges and solutions for the oceans. This film was courtesy of Green Connections/One Earth Film Festival. We are grateful. At about 7:30 p.m. Louise McCurry convened the JPAC meeting. A quorum was present.

Kyra Woods, of the Sierra Club, and McCurry led discussion of reactions to the film and of ways to become involved. (See attached report.) Jake Young moved, Reggie Seay seconded that **JPAC will plan a Jackson Park environment and waters activity or action for Saturday, September 8**. Approved with no dissent.

Agenda was distributed. Minutes of the May 8 meeting and report of the On the Table® community discussion that preceded the meeting were distributed in the June Newsletter. Minutes were moved later in the meeting by Jake Young, seconded by Kenneth Newman and approved. Treasurer Dwight Powell was unable to attend. He reported earlier in the day that the balance was \$3,912.91 after checks- \$53 for supplies and \$100 for Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce membership.

On the Table® potluck dinner conversation had about 20. Table members filled in and discussed and reported on their thoughts about the accomplishments, state, and desired future actions for the park and JPAC. (Report is in the June Newsletter or can be sent separately by Gary Ossewaarde by emailing garyossewaarde@yahoo.com.) Proposals and initiatives from OTT discussed or noted tonight were:

- Anti-littering campaign and litter patrol is in pilot stage under Erin Adams but needs volunteers and expansion.
- Tree planting. Jake will seek a grant from OpenLands - Treekeepers for about 20 oaks to start, to be planted where already designated by the park district (by the soccer fields). Also, Louise asked and consent was given to acquire a good oak as a memorial to a young school coach who recently passed away and whose team used that part of the park. Anyone willing to help acquire should call Louise.
- A membership campaign and recruitment drive for more to attend our meetings and have a say in their park, and one to get people into to the park are needed. A good start for the latter would be the bevy of activities for Make Music Chicago June 21, the It's Your Park activities June 16 and June 23, and the Piano in the Park. Louise asked for volunteers. At On the Table participants asked for more JPAC, park district, and partnership programs. Members said tonight that Environmental films are good, but any before meetings must be shorter. Sources for films or videos were suggested. Disappointment was expressed with tonight's attendance for the film and meeting. Ideas included imaginative attractors and PR, and connecting with schools.
- Media and outreach. Louise reported we have interns from the U of C Community Accelerator developing more for us including possibly material to post.
- Facilities. The Iowa building and grounds will have work done ahead of the July 9 meeting. Members said the mini lagoons in the golf course need immediate attention. A drive though with area and park staff identified needs and generated work orders, but capital items may take longer (our top ask is a fieldhouse). Still, the list was shorter- many issues have been addressed in the park in recent years.

Louise discussed logistics of the many workdays and activities coming up and for the large number of Night Out in the Parks programs coming in July and August. Large groups have signed up to have tours and to work in the park: we try to make them welcome and orient them to what can seem a very large and intimidating place. She announced that the piano coming about the 19th would include short piano lessons and the piano will be donated to the park at the end of the summer.

Yacht clubs/park district reached out to area high schools for their **sailing/swimming summer course**.

4th on 53rd St. Louise asked for people to march with JPAC and possibly to help with the games and tables.

July 12 Ch Parks Foundation holds a golf tournament to raise funds for the parks--needs volunteers.

Park District natural areas volunteer coordinator Forrest Cortes wrote an article for Nature magazine on the value and experience of nature volunteering. Congratulations.

OUR NEXT MEETING, JULY 9 [6] p.m. will be the annual **Safety and Security picnic** with Chicago and UC police at the **Iowa Building on 56th St.** Please bring concerns, questions, ideas/goals and something to share. Incident location maps from police were asked.

Moved to adjourn.

Submitted, Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary

6/11 Responses to, actionables from “Sea of Life” screening

- There is nothing like experiences in and on the ocean and beaches to wake one up. In places like Miami that are directly impacted there are initiatives. We can take action for the Great Lakes.
- Was unaware of the vast amount of plastic bags and especially commercial nylon fishing netting that stays in seas and lakes: the rise of plastics was a game-changer for seas.
- ...How much of the fishing catch is not the species fished for, how much is used as livestock feed.
- Corals are the “canary in the coal mine” signaling death of the seas.
- A major effect of carbon dioxide emissions is acidification of the seas—species are very sensitive.
- Negative global forces play a role, such as big countries and companies that acquire mega fishing rights from developing countries in exchange for tearing up rainforests for extraction and development.
- Didn’t know trees, by capturing carbon, are a key regulator. Let’s plant more than are lost.
- So much development or upgrade, including proposals for Jackson Park involves taking out current trees and plants, even if replaced. Everything we do has consequences globally. Around the world lots of trees get planted, but that doesn’t keep up what is removed or with effects of global warming.
- Recycling needs to happen on a big scale including in Chicago—plastics and dumped stuff end up a long ways away including in the oceans. We need to get to the kids, including in schools.

Kyra Woods of the Sierra Club discussed forming work groups to form constituencies and concentrating on sustainable and renewable green energy sources and creating a green ecology as well as encouraging commitment to responsible personal choices such as appliance use to slow the problem before its effects get to the seas. The Sierra Club’s program and future PAC is called **READY FOR 100**. It will be holding community listening sessions and action days including in Chicago – **one action day will be September 8**. A key will be getting buy-in for energy and other solutions from millennials, kids, and politicians/officeholders.

Revival: The “Iowa Building,” phase 1. Accessible paths are the next need. Use requests are coming in!

JPAC hosts a week-and-a-half “open house” in Jackson Park By Gary Ossewaarde
Make Music Chicago- Jackson Park. June 21. Louise McCurry, JPAC president, who was also MC and manager, writes, “Thank you Everyone. Our First Annual Music In the Parks featuring our talented youth and our inspiring adult musicians of every genre **ROCKED!!!** Thank you Sharon Lewis for organizing our meeting with Make Music and Pianos in the Parks. Thank You to our JPAC team, with Dawn Posey as our voice of experience guiding us, working together to bring awesome music to our children and community.

Our Piano in the Parks was admired and praised by all our musicians. Thank you Thaddeus [Tukes], for completing our successful first set of Play A Tune Lessons [as well as a fine jazz and blues piano set including Lion King]. Thank you Walter [Kindred] for bringing Thaddeus to Jackson Park.

Thank you to Alex Fruin and Kuang Hao-Huang [of Make Music Chicago- www.makemusicchicago.org] who guided us through from planning to awesome **SUCCESS**. Thank You to Park District Administration for supporting and allowing us to be a site. Thank you to Our Make Music technicians- Eve and Dave who made us actually sound professional. Thank you to The Make Music staff members who held our hands as we learned how to organize and run our Make Music Jackson Park.

Thank you to Park District Staff members from every department who problem solved, supported our program needs, and even fixed our Piano. Thank you to our Chicago Parks Foundation team led by Willa [Lang] who gave us their support and expertise. Special thank you to our awesome Jackson Park Staff particularly Bobbie Beckam, Andria [Frink], Geon, Pierre [Nealon], and Erika who were the team of Jackson Park experts able to solve every problem. Thank You Obama Foundation whose presence in Jackson Park sent musicians to Jackson Park from all over Chicago. [Also thanked: JPAC volunteers and introducers Anne Marie Miles, Gary Ossewaarde, Dwight Powell, and Dawn Posey. And of course the piano and surprisingly good gym acoustics.] All of you were a Mighty Team for bringing ‘Make Music’ to Jackson Park as we proudly brought diverse and awesome music to our Southside park community! Next Year we are going to add the Sun to our team!”

THANKS above all to the musical ensembles and soloists- **Hyde Park Suzuki with Northwestern University Music Academy** and strings; **Lyric Opera Chorus** courtesy of Lyric Opera Stage Artists; **Regina Rhymes**; **Apostolic Church Youth Musicians** dir. by Dr. Elizabeth Norman; **Music in the Schools Inspiring Change** led by Sarah Dupuis; and musician and scholar **Thaddeus Tukes** (composing a work for HP Jazz Festival.) **3**

Piano takes up residency in Jackson Park

June 19 our piano arrived at the fieldhouse from Sheridan Branch Library. It took some hustling to get it inside sans wheels before rains came. It will shuttle between indoors and the outer entrance. The piano at Jackson Park fieldhouse (one of 5 parks to have them) is available for lessons or casual playing June 21- August 1. You can play it - all ages, abilities, and types of music are welcome. Or, you can sign up at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island (or show up) to have **free short lessons** from jazz great THADDEUS TUKES **1-2 P.M. June 28 or July 5, 10, 19, or 31-** more dates may be added. ALREADY POPULAR! Piano will be donated to the fieldhouse at the end of summer. Pianos in the Parks is presented by Chicago Parks Foundation and Chicago Park District Night Out in the Parks, in partnership with Make Music Chicago and the Chicago Public Library

Two It's Your Park Days among suite of open house programs June 16 and 23.

June 16 programs included a **shore wheelchair path clearing and cleanup at LaRabida** with an "After the Fair" orientation to the history of the area. **This was the rollout trial for the After the Fair and LaRabida sector of the 1893 Fair tour-** this tour will be offered occasionally.

After a check for trash along 67th Street, a few hardy volunteers pruned the **67th-Jeffrey playlot** fence along the golf course to inter alia let in more light at night. The park district is doing more to make the site more friendly to families and less to unwanted activity. Another workday may be scheduled for wall repair.

Meanwhile, member Trish Morse gave a historical tour of the Midway and Fair for MPAC's It's Your Park Day.

June 23 started with **inauguration of our Green Health Rx** program inspired by a program of the Forest Preserves of Cook County that documented the health and calming benefits of strolling in nature. Our nurse checked blood pressure and heart rates at the north bridge to Wooded Island and took a survey before and after folks walked the circuit path or bird watched with the regular bird walkers. **Watch for us at various locations and times while we determine what works best for this new program.**

Next was the **4th Saturdays Wooded Island Workday** at 10 with Jerry Levy and a goodly group of volunteer visitors. Among other tasks, they worked with the contractor to place metal cages to protect newly sprouted oak saplings. We are grateful to the public service groups that come to Jackson Park to help the park thrive.

At 10:30 and 12:30 large groups of visiting women from 27 countries in the Chicago Au Pair Weekend hosted by Roosevelt University were given a learning and service tour of the park and cleaned 63rd beach. They take course work and gain experience in various fields for credits through UCLA Extension. Programming director is Emily Piga. They started with a site orientation to the Women's Perennial Garden (c. 1937) at Stony and 59th and of the Obama Presidential Center site by representatives of the Obama Foundation. (We apologize to those of us who expected this to include discussion of details of plans for the garden—perhaps that can be arranged later, but the size and purpose of the large groups made that impossible.) The groups enjoyed their walk through the Island including the Japanese Garden and Sky Landing and past the Statue of the Republic. It also reminded me that there is a paucity of bathroom facilities in the north part of the park. (1 port-o-potty was placed at the Japanese Garden.) Louise McCurry wrote:

"Thank you for your work today that positively activated and changed our park. On the 125th Anniversary of the 1893 Columbian Exposition which brought 27 million people from countries around the world, JPAC, [Chicago] Parks Foundation, [and] The Obama Foundation welcomed 250 students from 27 countries around the world who volunteered to clean up our 63rd Street Beach, and [tour and learn about] the site of the Obama Center, and the lakefront Natural Areas. The Obama Foundation led by Jamie Claire Flaherty presented the program to the International students and encouraged them to go to the web site and sign up to participate in the Center's activities."

In addition, park visitors could take the weekly White City tour from the parking lot east of Darrow Bridge. (Guide Ray Johnson was quoted in a Sun-Times article on Hyde Park.) Lawn bowling was also available.

Thanks again to the work groups that come. One that came, June 15, is Top Step Traders, who cleaned 63rd beach, planted butterfly bushes near the fieldhouse, and were "introduced to a beautiful park they never knew existed," as Erin Clark wrote in a lovely thank you note to JPAC.

2018 Jackson Park Programs through Summer (rev. 7/08/18 by GMO)

updated at http://hydepark.org/parks/jpac/2018_summer_schedule.pdf (Night Out in the Parks follows.)

Get on our list for updates – garyossewaarde@yahoo.com.

* Jackson Park Advisory Council sponsored or co-sponsored activity, program or meeting

** Workday managed by JPAC and Chicago Park District. Included: a history and nature orientation.

* 2nd Mondays, 7 p.m. Jackson Park **Advisory Council** 2nd Mon. (July 9 Iowa Bldg., us. fieldhouse, 6401 Stony I)

** 2nd Saturdays, 9-noon. **Bobolink Meadow Workdays** July 14, August 11, September 8

** 4th Saturdays, 10-1. **Wooded Island Workdays** July 28, August 25, September 22

Watch for screenings of environmental films- some may precede JPAC monthly meetings.

Birding organizations and groups offer bird and nature walks several days of the week.

Lawn Bowling. Visit www.lakesidelawnbowling.webs.com. Tuesdays 6 p.m., Sats & Suns 12:30

Activities sponsored by the 5th Ward including walk-'N'- runs, seniors harbor days call 773-324-5555.

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* **Saturdays**, 11 a.m. Weekly **White City History Tour** (into fall). Walk areas of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Learn great stories, fascinating facts and innovations, and about the unique buildings. What was the average fairgoer's experience? Saturdays into fall from the east side of the Darrow Bridge (parking lot south of Museum of Science and Industry.) Sponsored by JPAC and Friends of the White City. Info: www.friendsofthewhitecity.org. (6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25....) **SCHEDULE COMING- GREEN RX HEALTH SCREENINGS & NATURE WALKS.**

* **July 9**, Monday, 6 p.m. **JPAC monthly meeting and annual Safety and Security Picnic.** Chicago and U of C Police will attend and discuss policing in our park and take your suggestions. Park policing suggestions, goals or standards can be given ahead to Louise at 773-844-2225. We suggest persons with last name initials a, c, e, g, i, k, m etc. bring main dishes, b, d, f, h, j, l, n etc. bring sides, salads, condiments etc. but not required to attend. **AT THE IOWA BUILDING**, across the street from Montgomery Place, in the 1750 block of E. 56th St.

July 12, Thursday, 12 p.m. **Annual Chicago Parks Foundation Golf Outing.** A fundraiser for parks. There is a fee. Volunteers are sought. Information and sign up at www.chicagoparksfoundation.org/golf. This is preceded by a teaching and golf event for youth then adults by The First Tee of Greater Chicago – volunteers welcome. (<https://thefirstteeofgreatchicago.org>.) At Partee golf clubhouse, Hayes and Richards.

** **July 14**, Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. **Bobolink Meadow monthly workday** (2nd Saturdays). Meet at the Jackson Park golf driving range parking lot (drive north off Hayes Drive 6300). Info and contact Info- www.bobolinkmeadowvolunteers.org, parrybell@ameritech.net.

July 15, Sunday, 2 pm. **"No Blacks in the White City? Frederick Douglass** at the Haitian Pavilion: The Challenge to the Status Quo at the 1893... Fair." Friends of the Parks will give a panel and tour starting at Hyde Park Historical Society 5529 S. Lake Park Ave. and including a tour in Jackson Park. Space is limited. Register at <https://1893whitecityfrederickdouglass.eventbrite.com>.

* **July 17-18** Tu-Th. **Dare2tri Kids Camp** (Para-triathlon developmental training for youth with a primary physical disability or vision loss). 63rd St. Beach. Volunteers needed. Contact larry.labiak@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

* **July 17**, Tuesday, 11 a.m.-afternoon. **Traveling Aquarium Learning Experience.** Shedd Aquarium will make Jackson one of the lucky few parks that have a visit by the Traveling Chicago Aquarium. Fieldhouse.

July 18-19. Free boat experience. The Shedd with Jackson Park Outer Harbor will have trips on July 18th and 19th at 10:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm and 3:00pm-4:30pm. Each boat run can hold 12 participants.

Shedd Aquarium learning specialists and experts will be on board leading participants in hands on activities including water testing and potentially underwater robotics. Connect to nature and discover the wonder of animals living in our local waters. **Registration details coming.**

July 25, Wed SummerDance, July 28 DJ's in the Parks, - See Night Out in the Parks.

**** July 28, Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wooded Island Workday.** Get on Jerry's list to receive notices. silevy@jeromelevylaw.com. Starts at the south bridge to the Island, n. of Hayes pkg.

**** August 11 Bobolink Meadow Workday 9-12 Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. Bobolink Meadow monthly workday (2nd Saturdays).** Meet at the Jackson Park golf driving range parking lot (drive north off Hayes Drive 6300). Info and contact Info- www.bobolinkmeadowvolunteers.org, parrybell@ameritech.net.

*** August 13 monthly JPAC meeting (2nd Mondays) at 7 in fieldhouse 6401 S. Stony Island**

**** August 25 Wooded Island Workday 10-1 south bridge.** Get on Jerry's list to receive notices. silevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

August 26 Annual 5th Ward Back to School Picnic at 63rd St. Beachhouse.

**** September 8 Saturday, 9 a.m. Bobolink Wkday + Sept. 8 A climate - waters – green energy activity or action.**

*** September 14, Friday. 2nd Annual Adaptive Open Golf Tournament in Jackson Park- vols. needed.**

NIGHT OUT IN THE PARKS. The following Night Out in the Parks events will take place in Jackson Park this summer- Details at the fieldhouse, 773 256-0903 – events/and locations change, can be vague at www.nightoutintheparks.org.

Pianos in the Parks- see in previous section.

SummerDance in the Parks at Jackson Park 7/25/2018 6:00-9:00 PM

In collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, patrons will enjoy a free dance class and then dance the night away (varied genres). Check the fieldhouse for location- Perhaps the Music Court south of MSI. These are big draws, bringing peoples together from all over the city.

DJ's in the Parks. Donda's House (now Cultural Arts, Inc. 7/28/2018 3:00-6:00 PM fieldhouse? Check with fieldhouse for exact location.

Movies in the Parks at Museum Science, & Industry 8/11/2018 8:15-10:10 PM.

THE INCREDIBLES- A family of undercover superheroes, while trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world. PG | 115 minutes | 2004*Closed Captioned. Start time is approximate, all movies begin at dusk. Movies in the Parks is presented by Bank of America.

The Lucky Trikes: Story Times at 67th and Ridgeland Playlot 8/14/ 8/21 8/28 2018 6:15-7:15 PM

Bring a picnic supper for all-ages music story times. Dynamic, interactive reading of great picture books and The Lucky Trikes' own stories are backed-up with live improvised, participatory classical music and original songs. Musicians from Chicago's thriving new music and free jazz scenes join Deirdre and Kyle for each performance. This event is presented as a part of the City of Chicago's Year of Creative Youth. Check out more YOCY events at www.yearofcreativeyouth.com.

SummerDance in the Parks at Jackson Park 8/15/2018 6:00-9:00 PM (Check loc with fieldhouse)

Flowers for the Living at 63rd St. Beach 8/17/2018 6:00-8:00 PM 63rd Street Beach

Flowers for the Living began as a YouTube series that paired spoken word with covers of popular love songs. What originally only included Harold Green, his wife Charisma and an acoustic trio, has now blossomed into a roster of over 20 Chicago's most talented singers, an 8 piece band, live visual artists, and a series of quarterly live productions and spin off shows. Harold's vision for Flowers for the Living is to spread love throughout the community and give people their flowers while they can still smell them.