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**MARCH 12, 2018 7PM AT SO SHORE CULT CTR  
Solarium- 7059 SoSh Dr. (mech failure at the fieldhouse).  
Guests. Officers & Committee reports. New and Old  
Business, Announcements. Adjourn  
(6 PM JPAC ED SERIES-Dr. Doriane Miller- health & built  
environment- what's the connection?)**

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MTGS/EVENTS incl. MARCH 3 ONE EARTH FEST/film -Great Lakes  
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**Jackson Park in Your Pocket mobile app-** from our website, or  
[www.VaMonde.com](http://www.VaMonde.com), Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

**THIS NL: <http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/newsletters/March2018.pdf>**

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**FRAMEWK PLG-OBAMA CTR-GOLF- [www.southlakefrontplan.com](http://www.southlakefrontplan.com)**

**106 Hist review process- <https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>.**

**ACE Wooded I-news and links- [www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ace2014.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ace2014.htm)**

**Obama Center <http://obama.com>. and <http://go.obama.org> JPAC's Obama Center  
page [www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm)**

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

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**Friends of the White City: <http://www.friendsofthewhitecity.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 FEBRUARY 13, 2018 JPAC MONTHLY PAC MTG

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m., a quorum being present. Total was about 20. Agenda was distributed. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as circulated.

Dwight Powell gave the treasurer's report. Latest bank balance: \$4,430.95. Receipts including a very generous gift from La Rabida Hospital brought the balance up. However film rental for the March 3 One Earth Film Festival will be a major expense on the next balance. Expenses for last year for fieldhouse program events were considerably above income, a pattern that would lead to depletion of funds in a couple of years.

Suggested: Undertaking costly special events only if special outside funding is secured; more membership gifts ("dues") and outside grants or gifts. Fiscal agency annual fee and report were made, more filings coming.

## Committee and standing reports.

Tours in the park. McCurry reported that a large contingent of University of Chicago students took a tour; more with them are being planned. Regular Saturday White City and history tours resume in May.

Nature-Wooded Island. Jerry Levy said it's lovely in the snow. Jake Young said kids have really discovered the berm by Sky Landing. Workdays resume in [April], fourth Saturdays at 10.

Nature-Bobolink Meadow. Norm Bell reported that removal of dead ashes left scars that will need attention in spring. The first workday of the year will be on March 3, 9 a.m., to prepare for emergence of the plants.

Fieldhouse. Instructor Pierre Nealon reported on indoor gymnastics, track, basketball, and teen leadership, and that there is interest in a girl's ball field program this spring.

Education Programs. Dawn Posey reported on planning for March 3. Starts with a 63<sup>rd</sup> St. beach Cleanup at noon. Then [3-5 p.m.] One Earth Film Festival Jackson Park screening (in the fieldhouse) will show "Making Waves" about invasive species and other threats the Great Lakes, narrated by Bill Kurtis. The program will include short talks and Q and A, a community resources fair, light refreshments, and musical/story entertainment. Volunteers signed up, and can continue to sign up with Dawn at [dmposey@gmail.com](mailto:dmposey@gmail.com).

The next in the JPAC Education Lecture Series will be at 6 p.m. ahead of the March 12 JPAC meeting and will be on health and the built environment.

Planning is starting for Earth Day (April 21), Migratory Bird Day (May 5) and It's Your Park Day (June 16?).

Golf. Levy noted that there was a committee meeting to hear from stakeholders in light of refinements to golf reconstruction plans at the January 31 South Lakefront Plan meeting. No recommendation to JPAC was made. The committee will continue to seek information, give input on concerns, and recommend when plans are firm, a viewpoint also expressed by others.

Transportation & Infrastructure. Chair Sharon Lewis said that plans proposed by the city, Obama Center, and for golf involve more than roadway closures or changes and park accessibility and connectivity and safety but also plans to improve hydrology including water runoff management and retention and alterations to habitat, wildlife, and trees and plant numbers, stands, and kinds. Others said shoreline erosion and risky or downed trees need to be addressed. These will all be under federal review, Lewis said. JPAC evaluation requires a full committee.

IT and Media. Jake Young said we had technical problems with the website that are now resolved. Lots of pictures are being added.

New business. Fran Vandervoort discussed and received support to continue to develop a school and or community contest for an art installation project at the fieldhouse. Dwight Powell and it is hoped others will help. Noted also was the Art in the Parks initiative presented at the recent PAC Conference. McCurry said that under discussion is a temporary art piece outside the fieldhouse.

Fran also noted the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of our treasurer, Dwight Powell.

Old Business. Golf discussion. JPAC member Al DeBonnett proposed a resolution regarding the Chicago Park District's proceeding with restoration of the Jackson Park Golf Course after Margaret Schmid asked for clarification of JPAC's position on support for Jackson Park Golf Course restoration a number of times during the meeting. A quorum of members entitled to vote was present. Margaret Schmid objected that this vote was taken without notification to the membership. Al DeBonnett moved to waive notice for vote on the proposal, in order to tender a vote during the February 13, 2018 meeting. The motion for waiver of notice was seconded. **2**

With limited discussion a vote was then taken, whereby a majority of JPAC members present voted in favor of waiving notice.

JPAC member Al DeBonnett then moved for JPAC members present to take a vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and discussion proceeded. Norm Bell, Jerry Levy, Margaret Schmid and Al DeBonnett were recognized during the discussion period and all other members had ample opportunity to discuss the motion.

After the discussion period concluded, the motion was stated and a vote was taken, whereby 12, a majority of qualified JPAC members present, voted in favor of the resolution, with the exception of 2 votes against said motion and two stated abstentions.

“JPAC supports the process for reconstruction, upgrade and consolidation of the JP and SSCC golf courses and proposed infrastructure changes indicated for the projects and desired for the community and will continue to evaluate any proposals for the golf course and make a final determination after discussions with the proposing parties and a plan is firmed up.”

Moved by Margaret Schmid to adjourn.

Next meeting March 12, Monday, 7 p.m. at Jackson Park fieldhouse. Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

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## COMING EVENTS

**March 3, Saturday, 12-2 p.m. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Beach clean.** Part of our One Earth Film Festival program.

**March 3 Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. One Earth Film Festival** will again have one of its annual March venues in our fieldhouse. **PLEASE REGISTER for free tickets-** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-waves-saturdayjackson-tickets-42150052943>

**“Making Waves—A Battle for the Great Lakes”** takes viewers below the surface of the world’s largest freshwater ecosystem and into the middle of a complex war for survival. For more than a century, non-native species of plants, fish, invertebrates and microscopic organisms have been silently invading the Great Lakes, leaving devastation in their wake. These invasive species are transforming the ecosystem from top to bottom, pushing some native species to the brink of extinction, and costing the region hundreds of millions of dollars in control costs and lost revenue each year. With more than 180 invasive species in the Great Lakes watershed, and new invasives on the radar, the future of the Great Lakes is at stake. Narrated by Bill Kurtis, Making Waves traces the path of the invasion and joins researchers on the front lines as they combat invasives and work to restore native species, in an effort to prevent a biological takeover of the Great Lakes.

We have on our program: -Michael Strautmanis, Vice President of Civic Engagement of Obama Foundation, Brenda McKinney, IDNR Urban Fishing Program Coordinator, Fisheries Dept. George Rumsey, Past President of the Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference Andy Carter, Roosevelt Professor, Community Garden Director, author, composer, and singer

Plus resource fair with numerous ecology, parks, and community organizations and refreshments. One Earth Film Festival Schedule visit <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-by-date/>

See trailer: <https://www.yo...v=YTKjJ-iPT2w>. Whole movie: <https://vimeo.com/237517991> Pwd: MWShort68.

**JPAC EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES** – These education programs, held in the fieldhouse, precede select JPAC monthly meetings. **March 12 Monday 6 pm.** features **Doriane Miller, MD**, Director, Center for Community Health and Vitality, UC Medicine, on "**Built Environment and Health- What's the Connection?**"

March 13, Tuesday, 10 am. **Annual Clarence Darrow wreath toss**, speeches, and then (inside the Museum- enter from east entry to be escorted) lecture on a topic dear to Darrow. Convene at east side of the bridge.

Save the Dates- Earth Day is April 21 (we may show a film). International Migratory Bird Day Festival May 5. It's Your Park Day is in June and will soon be announced. JPAC schedules copious volunteer activities.

STARTING UP AGAIN – MARCH 10 - **BOBOLINK WORKDAYS 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAYS 9-12**

[parrybell@ameritech.net](mailto:parrybell@ameritech.net), NEW BOBOLINK WEBSITE <http://www.bobolinkvolunteers.org>.

**WOODED ISLAND WORKDAYS 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAYS 10-1** starting April 28. [sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com](mailto:sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com).

WHITE CITY PARK TOURS relating to the Columbian Exposition RESUME IN MAY (perhaps sooner). 11 a.m. from east side of Darrow Bridge. ONGOING: BIRDING TOURS led by Audubon guides weekend mornings. **3**

## PARK PROPOSALS- UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUMMARY

**The next South Lakefront Plan meeting(s) will be scheduled for as soon as mid-March.**  
Presented will be a single “preferred” plan including the most recent golf, road, and OPC plans.

**February 27, Tuesday, doors open 5 p.m. Obama Foundation, the city, CPD hold a public program and input gathering with breakout sessions [already occurred, details removed- ed.]**

**March 7, Wed, 6-8 pm there will be a symposium at University of Chicago about the OPC.**  
Kent Auditorium, 1020 E. 58th St. SPACE IS HIGHLY LIMITED, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
<https://www.opcsymposium.com>.

This is organized by sponsors of petitions regarding the OPC and its siting, and by several UC departments, committees, and outside organizations. Topics will include use of public parkland, roadway changes, calls for a community benefits agreement, maximum transparency (including publication of the U of C bid) and public input. Q and A is expected to follow the panel.

Moderated panel includes Charles Birnbaum of Cultural Landscape Foundation, Naomi Davis of Blacks in Green and Bronzeville Regional Collective, Barbara Ransby (moderator) UIC Prof. of Afr. Amer. Studies Gender and Women's Studies, Michael Sorkin Studio in NYC, and Jacqueline Stewart of UC Media and Cinema Studies.

**March 13, Tuesday and March 14, Wednesday, 5:30 pm w presentation a 6:15 and input boards.**  
**SOUTH LAKEFRONT PLAN final consolidated plan roll out and options** (largely from scenarios 1 and 3) and stressing recreational, ecological, and cultural programming. The latest golf plan is included, nothing new on the Obama Center is. This will be the last meeting before the plan goes before the Chicago Plan Commission and Park District Board. South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive.  
[southlakefrontplan.com](http://southlakefrontplan.com).

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**Here is a short timeline of developments in 2018:**

**c. January 10- OPC, CDOT and CPD separately submitted plans and request for rezoning to the Chicago Plan Commission** for review and vote in the spring.

This followed upon decision of the Foundation announced a couple days earlier to move the **parking garage from Midway Plaisance** after heavy opposition to onsite in Jackson Park.

**January 31- golf:** South Lakefront Plan held presentation and opportunity to discuss with designers and various agency staffers an updated and more fleshed layout for the golf course. Highlights include conversion of Marquette Dr. into a bike and pedestrian trail with stands of trees along it saved, moving the clubhouse a central location near Richards Drive, better ability to accommodate 9-hole as well as 18-hole golf (plus a small family course), more although dispersed natural habitat areas. Not changed (and points of contention) were plans to use part of the South Shore nature area, and no decision was indicated on moving or altering the driving range.

**February 14- roads.** The Park District Board of Commissioners voted Supt. Michael Kelly authority to negotiate transfer of about 6 acres to and 8 acres from the city for road closures, widening, and intersection changes for the OPC and golf consolidation. This does not include the section of Cornell Dr. in the OPC transfer site, which is a matter for the city.

**February 23- roads.** CDOT and the city offered its first estimate of the cost of the proposed road changes, \$175 M. This may be higher if a second Hayes Dr. underpass is added. The city also released traffic related studies on which is bases its conclusion of non-adverse effects. A net loss of c. 236 parking spaces is also shown. Revealed earlier is decision to seek conversion of Cornell 59<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> to one lane in each direction. The city may seek a good part of the money from the state, noting state heavy support for the Lincoln Library in Springfield (also not part of the federal system). The OPC is expected to cost \$300- 500M.