**JACKSON PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL 36th YEAR!**

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**NATURE HISTORY RECREATION  JACKSON PARK- WE DO, BE THERE!**

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**JPAC meets monthly 2nd Mondays, Nov 11, Dec 9**

**DUES/ VOLUNTARY CONTR.**

$35 per person. Opportunity levels are available TO JPAC c/o Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella, Chicago, IL 60649. Or in the website.

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**MTG- NOVEMBER, 2019 MONDAY 7PM**

AT HYDE PK BANK LOWER LEVEL 1525 E. 53rd. Elevator to left (Veterans Day). Nominations for officers will be opened.

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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.**
A tour of the golf clubhouse vicinity was given at 6:30. Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. in the golf clubhouse (due to holiday), with a quorum of members and a total of 23 in attendance, several persons new or returning. Introductions included several clergy, sports coaches, 1 Woodlawn, U of C, foundations and advocacy groups, nature stewards, and JPAC and sister PAC leaders and members. The agenda was distributed and the September minutes approved as distributed.

Treasurer’s report. Dwight Powell. September beginning balance was $4,080.24, end balance $4,155.24. One gift of $75.00 was deposited. Contributions were good this year. Moved by Al Debonnett and approved to purchase up to $100 worth of treats for this year’s kid’s Holiday Party.

President’s report. Little Libraries at the 67th playgrounds, managed by Erin Adams, held a big launch party. The books, changed weekly, are attracting nearby residents and kids and inspiring families to start libraries in their homes. McCurry secured a new supply of books from the Hyde Park Used Book Sale. Next steps include events for the playgrounds and installation of a library box at the fieldhouse playground. The project, arranged with Brown Books and Paintbrushes, received a recognition award from Friends of the Parks.

Golf course. Leaders of Jackson Park Golf Association, Pat Harper and Tracy Raoul and Chicago Parks Golf Alliance, Brian Hogan, and McCurry summarized the history of the golf courses, program, and associations in Jackson Park since 1895 and of experience and observation at the large BMW Tournament at Medinah Golf Course this summer. They distributed summary of DuPage County report on the tournament’s impact—See https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/dupage/2019_BMW_CHAMPIONSHIP_ECONOMIC_IMPACT_REPORT_Low_Res_Online_Use_a8923f84-4698-4c90-8574-fbbee63df503.pdf for the full report. Al Debonnet moved, seconded by Dwight Powell and approved that JPAC share this information with other PACs and community. Powell stressed the importance for youth of learning golf, swimming, sailing and other sports for development of life and interpersonal skills and ethics. Pat Harper reported on the positive impact of a renovated golf course and tournaments at Benton Harbor, a struggling city, and hoped improvement of the golf courses here can have an impact here and accelerate the recent upswing in their use.

Rev. Terrance Miller described plans for the October 19 Black Men’s Expo at Harris Park in Woodlawn. As with previous expos, a major purpose is to teach and grow mentorship. Visit www.blackmensexpo.org.

Nature, Environment, and Special Areas. Wooded Island. Jerry Levy reported that the GLFER habitat restoration and native plantings project, and intensive management by its contractor is now done. JPAC and the regular contractor will have to step up to maintain the Douglas Nature Sanctuary. New boxes with tree ID maps have been placed at the two ends of the Island. The maps help visitors find examples of 50 mostly tree species and see their characteristics. We have new tree tags. Last month, groups including green teams from Lab, Woodlawn Charter and other schools helped mulch the interior trails where one can get a close-up, out-of-the-city experience with nature. There will be one more workday October 26 wintering-in the young oaks in their cages with mulch. Reach Jerry at sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

Bobolink Meadow. McCurry said 7 environmental groups worked there, including raising the trail with more chips to make it easier to traverse given the wet year. Lots was also done at La Rabida shores.

63rd Natural Area. The last workday for the season, to include planting will be on October 19. Reggie’s On the Beach opened at the end of the season and is now closed until next year. No problems were observed so far. The playground equipment is again buried in sand.

Green Team. McCurry said it is her hope that we will include more schools next year in this JPAC teen stewardship program that combines park history with hands-on projects in the nature and other areas of the park. She asked a motion, made by Charles Newsome, seconded and approved to spend up to $200 for bright vests to be worn at Green Team projects.
Discouraging, managing littering. Erin Adams asked for ideas. Suggestions included recruiting kids and youth including via school and other community service, recruiting millennials, members to visit hot spots wearing buttons, and signage at hot spots including playgrounds and beaches. Are cans emptied often enough?

Iowa Building. The work has been done to make it more attractive, ADA, and usable including the temporary mulch ADA paths and chess tables that include a spot for a wheelchair. Next is to plant some bulbs. McCurry asked for a motion for up to $50 to buy bulbs—moved by Erin Adams, seconded and approved. Grant proposals were submitted by the PD/Foundation for Iowa bldg. work that could cost up to $5 million including for the roof. McCurry will speak about the park October 18 to Montgomery Place Retirement Community residents and offer a tour (and with hopes some will become eyes and ears on that part of the park).

PD Budget priority capital list submitted by JPAC at September 17 hearing. Iowa Building. Historic Comfort Station near the bowling green—replace the blown off roof. Shoreline protection structures.

Need to reach out to and recruit younger volunteers and members as JPAC ages. McCurry introduced and led discussion of a new partnership with the U of C Harris School’s South Side Civic program. In an intensive 2-day program with our team of students at the “Scopethon”, Louise and Gary developed a preliminary strategy that includes an intern and collection of park user and interest data. Our team’s PowerPoint won “best presentation” and was deemed among the most viable. We hope that this initiative will be a model for PACs. Members supported efforts to make our activities more family friendly and said we should start with learning more about how people use, and to want to use the park—and kids could help with the survey. We will form a committee.

McCurry showed a new supply of JPAC buttons—contact her if you want one to wear with pride.

Moved to adjourn—Pat Harper, Dwight Powell.

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

THE NEXT JPAC MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 7PM, HAS BEEN MOVED (due to Veterans Day- fieldhouse closed). HYDE PARK BANK BUILDING, LOWER LEVEL community room, 1525 E. 53rd St. In ground floor entry take elevator to the left down to “B”. NOMINATIONS WILL OPEN at this meeting FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS DEC. 9.

We thank the many regular volunteers and visiting groups who have worked in or for the park this year and especially over the past two months.

Thanks to Andy Carter and Jerry Levy for staffing JPAC’s table and answering many questions about the park at University Church’s Environmental Fair September 29.

SATURDAY BIRD WALKS are offered year round by Chicago Audubon members. Start at 8:00 a.m. and covers a distance of two miles. Birders walk counterclockwise around the Columbia Basin (North Lagoon) south and cross bridge onto Wooded Island. Exiting Wooded Island at the south end, the birders walk along the soccer field trail and enter the south end of Bobolink Meadow. The Meadow’s path leads to the Music Bridge and back to the East Parking Lot. In late fall, winter and early spring, the birders check for birds on the lakefront and Outer Harbor near LaRabida Hospital, and the Inner Harbor. Metered parking is available in the East Parking Lot that is accessible from South Lake Shore Drive. There is a Stop Light at Science Drive. This Stop Light is approximately 200 yards south of the major intersection with signs for Museum of Science and Industry. Make a turn at the 57th Street and Science Drive Stop Light towards the Museum. Turn Left (south) at the intersection of Science Drive and Columbia Drive. Go through the parking lot to the west end. Birders meet in the southwest corner of the East Parking Lot.