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Guests, minutes, reports, old and new business AND
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FRAMEWK PLAN-OBAMA CTR-GOLF- www.southlakefrontplan.com

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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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>.

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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 SEPTEMBER 10 2018 JPAC MONTHLY MEETING

Louise McCurry convened the meeting at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse. A quorum of voting members was present and a total of 20 including guest Shequstra Sitawi from stakeholder South Side YWCA.

Treasurer's report. Dwight Powell gave the balance as \$3,869.91 (a goodly increase-- and additional membership contributions were given tonight). He moved and it was seconded by Any Carter up to \$100 for camp kids Halloween and Thanksgiving Turkey Trot . Approved. He is looking for corporate donors.

Minutes of the August meeting were moved by Powell and Sharon Lewis and approved, but at the request of members, the July minutes will be emailed for review and approval at the October meeting.

Wooded Island. Jerry Levy announced a moved workday (September 29) with the contractor, assembling and installing protective fences around newly planted and other saplings. (All but 3 of 150 have survived.) Planting for the GLFER ecological restoration is essentially done. An older mulberry on the Japanese Garden shore fell last week and will be left as a snag for birds to use. Possible presence of Oak Blight was found on a mature tree and a sample has been sent to the state lab for testing. Gypsy Moths are now reported in the region. Members asked about fish and salamander stocking and asked for a tour with a project ecologist. Jerry recommended the manager and will see what can be arranged. Whitney Young high school botanical club had a tour recently.

Fran Vandervoort reported that the path around the south lagoon between the Island and Bobolink looks really good; many families were using it. She looks forward to restoration of the Darrow Bridge to complete the circle. Especially notable is this year's unusually large crop of monarch butterflies- so important, and threatened.

Fundraising. Sharon Lewis investigated a Walmart sale (substantial savings) on popcorn and snow cone/cotton candy machines that PACs and community groups are using to raise a little money at their events. Permission was granted to purchase after comparing prices of other suppliers.

Playlots. Sylvia Brooks reported on food fests with book/bag giveaways at the playlots 67th/Ridgeland and one at 67th and Woodlawn. Anne Marie Miles helped. JPAC and Brooks have been pressing the park district for safety lighting at our 67th playgrounds. This will be asked at the next CPD board meeting. Brooks will hold a food fest October 30 afternoon and could use the machines being purchased. Lucky Trikes held three storytelling, song, and book giveaways in the Ridgeland playlot in August. Many of the tots at these playlots have been stressed by the violence in the area. Duwain Bailey will lead a playground cleanup Saturday morning and agreed to head a playground committee. Anne Marie Miles will help recruit and promote.

Fieldhouse and recreation. Additional pickleball courts were marked off by the fieldhouse at players request. Supervisor Bobbie Beckam won citywide championship in both pickleball and ping pong.

The second annual adaptive golf tournament will be held in Jackson Park September 14 and Senior Games and Festival participants will be coming to the Bowling Green.

Queries and questions were raised about replacement track and field prep work being done, and schedule. Federal reviews oversee this and questions might be answered at the introductory NEPA meeting scheduled for September 17, 6 p.m. at South Shore Cultural Center.

Workdays, activities, and collaborators. Bobolink Workday this month is on the 15th. Wooded Island the 29th. U of C Business School is sending a large contingent to chip the trails by La Rabida tomorrow. Eagle Scouts continue to work there and will be making temporary mulch ADA paths at the Iowa building. Other groups will be coming including UC incoming students on the last weekend of the month.

Shequstra Sitawi from South Side YWCA, 6600 S. Cottage Grove, described their services and resources (including a small business resource center) and offered books for the fieldhouse and to give away.

Hyde Park High School will get a total \$40 million physical rehabilitation including spaces for enhanced International Baccalaureate programs. The work includes landscape and structural improvements that are right across from the park. Their teams do cleanup in the park. JPAC officers helped get a golf team and caddy program in the school.

September 22 JPAC will participate in Harold Washington Park's cleanup after a breast cancer run.

Dragon boat racing and demonstration will be held by the yacht clubs in the outer harbor on the 30th 11-1. Lanita Ross gave a rundown of 5th Ward and other events in the park.

JPAC will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Columbian Exposition at its October 8 meeting, which was proposed moved to LaRabida Hospital because the fieldhouse will be closed on the holiday. (This move has to be confirmed.)

Attention was called to two exhibits on the Columbian Exposition and its anniversary, at the Driehaus Museum and at the Newberry Library ("Pictures of an Exposition," opening September 28. Fran Vandervoort passed around an Autumn 2010 issue of the Hyde Park Historical Society newsletter about the Midway at the Fair.

McCurry said that JPAC has been invited to participate in identifying and planning two new parks in Woodlawn, especially west Woodlawn. The inviters include Alderman Cochran, Rev. Brazier, and One Woodlawn. Duwain Bailey of One Woodlawn explained the project and the city planning process for Woodlawn. McCurry asked for volunteers to form a participating JPAC committee. Sylvia Brooks, Sharon Lewis, Kenneth Newman, and Dawn Posey volunteered.

Moved to adjourn.

Gary M. Ossewaarde, Secretary

NEWS AND CALENDAR

The next JPAC meeting is Monday, OCTOBER 8, 7 p.m. at LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, 6501 Promontory Drive, accessed off Marquette Drive, 1st light east of Jeffery Blvd./Lake Shore Drive. Free parking. Enter at Main Entrance. This location was proposed at the September meeting because the fieldhouse is closed October 8 for Columbus Day. We delayed a confirmatory announcement to accommodate a presenting guest, but that did not work out.

We will not do substantive business but will have much to report and discuss.

Join us for a celebratory toast and remembrance to the World's Fair after 125 years, including snacks Tootsie Roll and Cracker Jack introduced at the Fair. Dress in costume if you like.

PARK PROJECTS. Various interlocking federal historic and environmental reviews and surveys for the Obama Center and infrastructure and recreational projects are ongoing, with stakeholder and broader public meetings and hearings likely at any time. The introductory session for the NEPA and Urban Parks and Recreation reviews was held September 17. The clearinghouse website for information from and input to the various agencies is <https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>. You can email abby.monroe@cityofchicago.org and morgan.elmer@nps.gov. For links to the proposed city-OPC use agreement ordinances, see https://cityofchicago.org/city/depts/dcd/supp_info/Jackson-park-improvements.html.

NEW IN THE PARK. c.45 trees are being planted along 56th Street from South Shore Dr. to S. Hyde Park Blvd. thanks to a grant from Open Lands. Thanks to CPD's Cathy Breitenbach and Jerome Scott.

Jackson Park Golf Association, a coalition of clubs with over 500 members, held a huge tournament Sept. 29. South Side Lawn Bowling hosted Senior Games and Senior Festival participants.

Groups of high school and college students and faculty and scout groups have toured and worked in Jackson Park lately on projects including new temporary ADA mulch paths to the Iowa building and paths to the shore at La Rabida.

New marked pickleball courts are north of the fieldhouse (in addition to the sign-up programs inside). Our team participated in a tournament in Algonquin and Supervisor Bobbie Beckam won Chicago championship.

NEWLY IN DISTRESS. The fortress-wall at the harbor entry / end of Promontory (La Rabida) Drive appears to be breaking apart, abetted by vandals throwing capstones off the parapet.

REGULAR WORKDAYS are winding down. For Bobolink (tent. Oct. 13) visit www.bobolinkvolunteers.org or email Norm Bell at his NEW EMAIL normwbell@gmail.com.

For Wooded Island (poss. Oct. 27), email sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.

For last days of our White City Tours and more check www.jacksonparkadvisorycouncil.org/events.