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MTG- OCTOBER, 2019 MONDAY 7PM*
JP GOLF CLUBHOUSE, 6400 S. RICHARDS so. of Golden Lady
*Come 6:30 for short tour and history of golf in JP

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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

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


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.
Louise McCurry convened the meeting in the fieldhouse, with a quorum of members and a total of 16 in attendance, several persons new or returning—introductions were held later. The agenda was distributed.

**Treasurer’s report.** Dwight Powell. July opening balance was $3,582.65 and end balance $4,631.41. August balance was not yet available but likely ending at about $4,000. July’s reflects several substantial gifts and some memberships totaling $1,215, deposited, with some more in September to be deposited. Dwight was congratulated for his active solicitation for funds for kids and youth programs. In July we spent $52.04 by check and $114.20 by card for day camp events, and substantial additional for that in August. Dwight noted that we want to end the year with our balance in sound shape, so we should set in October the limits for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and end of year holidays. We submitted a detailed financial and activities report to our fiscal agent, Chicago Parks Foundation.

Minutes of the August meeting were moved and approved.

**Reports.** President McCurry noted that we serve as a model for other PACs both in administration and also in activities including support of kids and youth programs.

A highlight was the Chicago Bears Huddle 100 program September 7, which brought many people into Jackson Park for the first time, as well as families who regularly use the park’s programs and sports. As usual with activities, folks learned some about the park, viewed sites proposed for changes, and performed work activities including mulching over 50 trees (and learning how to do it right) and picking up trash along 5 blocks. Ex-Bear Wendell Davis handed out autographed photos, worked alongside the others and had his picture taken with each kid by Marc Monaghan and others. Thanks, Bears for the treats and sweatshirts.

**Golf.** Tracy Raoul, recently elected president of the Jackson Park Golf Association, recited their history and activities, including scholarships and the First Tee junior golf program, JPGA is a predominantly African-American association formed in 1993 in order to increase use of the golf courses. (They tee off weekly in the morning.) She asked for volunteers for the 2nd Annual Golf Invitational September 28 in Jackson Park. Details: traoul@ameritech.net. Louise noted that Ida B. Wells founded a league here at the first course after c. 1895.

Louise reported we will have volunteers at the Adaptive Golf Tournament in Jackson Park September 23 and on her visit to the BMW Golf Tournament at Medinah Golf Course. This generated much summer employment and many outreach kiosks for companies employing in the industry. Dwight said that he hoped golf and other sports could be used to bring resources to our residents and communities and that change can be managed.

**Conference on Erosion and loss of our beaches and shores.** Louise attended this conference of officials chaired by the Army Corps to brainstorm what should be done about high water impacts and wave damage. She shared pictures of damage and high waves at specific locations with the Conference and tonight’s meeting. Members noted that on the South Side only limited work has been done in recent decades south of 53rd, none at some areas north of there, and never planned for south of 57th despite disappearance of breakwaters. Members said we need to fight for equity, balancing preservation and necessity, and also press on other lakeshore deterioration and safety hazards, including at the south end of 57th beach. More conferences are coming, as well as announcements by the park district and city on immediate steps, studies, and applications for major work.

**PD Program, fieldhouse, and sports.** Instructor Pierre Nealon described summer and fall programs and success of our teams. 63 are in the football program. 8 scholarships were provided needy applicants. There are not enough slots for the current turf field, but Mt. Carmel is completing its own facilities. Pierre praised the work of those who serve as role models and mentors, including coaches, counselors, police officers. He noted that the park often needs cleanup and repairs after major events, most recently the Hunger March (20,000!).

**Little Libraries program.** Erin Adams reported that book giveaways and readings to kids have started, book kiosk installation is imminent and that dedication festivals will be scheduled at the 67th playgrounds [September 28, 11-3], all welcome.
Wooded Island. Louise said the next workday with UC students September 28 [time changed to 12:30] will re-chip the trail. JPAC has given several tours of Island and Garden and tour buses come regularly.

Nancy Joseph led two Columbia Basin planting and cleanup days, August 24 and September 14. Louise was amazed at the amount of junk removed from land and water. The group uncovered beautiful, hidden iris beds.

Louise reported on workdays and events held in the park August 17 (63rd natural), 18, 23 (Adaptive golf), 24 (Columbia, Wooded, 67th playlots), 27 (DePaul at Bobolink), September 7 (Bears Huddle 100).

August 22- lakeshore damage inspection by SmithGroup.

26 – 15 Southeast Side PAC leaders met and will meet regularly to address common issues.

28th- JPAC attended a conference on global warming that focused on green energy efficiency in parks.

29th- CDOT was given a tour of our deteriorated bike/walking paths. Also, session was held for Year of Music in Chicago including planning for more piano lessons in the park.

30th- a tour of park erosion was given.

September 5- JPAC attended a city hall environmental stakeholders meeting.

Coming- volunteers recruited, contact Louise. September 13 [changed to 16] U of C at LaRabida, 14 (Bobolink), 16 (UC workday), wk of 16th (Mt Carmel tours), 21 (Shedd-org’d 63rd Nat, planting native flowering plants an clearing ADA paths at LaRabida), 21 (Roosevelt/AuPairs work at Iowa B and inaug. chess tables), 22 (8:30 67th playlots-frats), 22 (1:15 UC LaRabida pen end-wall), 28 (UC students at 63rd nat and beach and 12:30 at Wooded I), 28 (JPGA golf invitational vols. at 10), October 8 (Green Team with a magnet school), 12 (Bobolink), 19 (63rd Nat Area), 28 (poss. Wooded I).

Announcements. Our volunteers were invited to attend the Park District Volunteers Award Party, 1-3 at Columbus Park. Sign up with Maria Stone (maria.stone@chicagoparkdistrict.com).

Andy Carter announced a Social and Environmental Justice Fair September 29, Sunday, 12-3 (check with Jerry for location). Andy and Jerry Levy will have a JPAC table.

Because of Columbus holiday, the October 14 meeting will be at the Jackson Park Golf Clubhouse, 6400 S. Richards Drive (south of Hayes Dr. and the Golden Lady). There were no objections.

7 p.m., come at 6:30 for a short tour. This meeting will set place/date for November meeting (Veterans Day) and for nominations and the December election.

Meeting Adjourned. Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary

NEWS BITS

IOWA- chess tables were dedicated, the Peace Heads cleaned, and ADA paths re-mulched. Guillermo Zapata, a student at U of C, has taken leadership of Iowa Building task force- Welcome!

FIELDHOUSE- a new PD JP welcoming sign on the entrance walk joined our sculpture and building lettering.

LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK KIOSKS were installed at the 67th/Ridgeland and 67th Jeffrey playgrounds September 21, as part of a program that included kid’s reading and being read to, exploring, and being given books. The kiosks and programs to be dedicated at programs 9/28 11-1. More books are being donated.

50th PIER and underpass stairs railings were repaired and painted

LA RABIDA- Park district cleared invasives near the shore for expansion of the native garden/meadow.

A DANCE INSTRUCTOR, Kia Smith (South Chicago Dance Co.) has been hired for Jackson, South Shore…

THE CHICAGO PEACE COMMITTEE started Peace Day with meditation at Sky Landing on Wooded Island.

THE IDEA OF NATURE PLAY AREAS is really catching on, as JPAC members learned by participating in play date and games programs at Cornell Playlot and on the Midway and asking kids and parents what they want.

EROSION-The city, park district, and ARMY CORPS are planning short term measures including Jersey barriers at the most-impacted lakeshore points, including in Jackson. Breakwaters are being considered.

JPAC as Consulting Party to the JP FEDERAL REVIEW, participates in a phone in and Webinar October 23.
JPAC/Jackson Park Rolling 2019 Calendar rev. of 9-25-2019

(Find rolling updates at http://hydepark.org/parks/jpac/2019 Spring Calendar.pdf) (Events may change.)

Be sure to scroll down to WORKDAYS, the main events in the Fall.

JPAC MONTHLY MEETING- Usually 2nd Mondays at Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island.
NEXT OCTOBER 14 AT PARTEE GOLF CLUBHOUSE, 6400 S. RICHARDS (so of Golden Lady. 6:30 golf area tour, 7 pm meeting.

JACKSON PARK 1893 WORLD’S FAIR TOURS. SATURDAYS, 11 AM APRIL-OCTOBER. Meet at east side of Darrow Bridge (pkg lot s of MSI). Itineraries vary. Q or confirmation- Louise McCurry.

SATURDAY BIRD WALKS offered 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.

REGULAR WORKDAYS-
COLUMBIA BASIN. Saturday, 10-noon. njoseph2008@aol.com. (Not sure if another this year.)
63RD ST. BEACH NAT AREA 3rd Sats us10-12. OCT 19 ewarden@sheddaquarium.org.
WOODED I. 4TH SAT. 10-1. SEPT 28 (see below!), ?OCT 26. sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com.
For TreeKeepers pruning schedule, contact Nancy Joseph at njoseph2008@aol.com.
For IOWA Bldg. schedule, contact Guillermo Zapata at guillermozap97@gmail.com.

SPECIAL WORKDAYS- HELP IS NEEDED WITH GROUPS. Contact/confirm details: Louise McCurry at 773-844-2225 or commissioner751@icloud.com. Some members have already volunteered.

SEPT. 28, Saturday, 10 am. 63rd BEACH AND ALONG HAYES DR. Louise, commissioner751@icloud.com. ALSO SEPT. 28 WOODED ISLAND, 12:30 (not 10) with incoming Freshman U of C students-- spread mulch on path. We will divide the students into 3 separate groups. Let Jerry know if you can help and give me a number to call in case the weather forces us to cancel. sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com. South end of Island.
OCT. 8, Tuesday, 9-12. Green team from a magnet school, mulching at tba. ____________________________


SEPT. 28. 2nd Annual Jackson Park Golf Association GOLF INVITATIONAL. Reg. starts 10:30. Volunteers needed. Contact Tracy Raoul, traoul@ameritech.net.

OCT. 2, 6 pm. City budget hearing. South Shore Cultural Center.
OCT. 6. PARK DIST. VOLS. CELEBR. Columbus Park. Info and sign up maria.stone@chicagoparkdistrict.com