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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 7p.m.

at the fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.

Monday September 12, 2016, 7p.m. AGENDA

(Submit items in advance to president McCurry- see contacts at left)
Guests.

**Minutes/Fin. Reports/updates/actions, Old/new business,
adjourn**

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>>> **2016 MEMBERSHIP/GIFTS** - Mail checks made out to JPAC to
JPAC C/O Dwight Powell, 7206 S. Luella 60649. (Memb. Is taken online but
check must be mailed.) Basic level: \$35. (Fiscal agent Chicago Parks
Foundation, a 501c3.) <<<

Bobolink workdays 2ndSats9-12. Sept10 <http://bluestem.info/bobolink>
Wooded Island workday Sept 24? 2-4 w. UC Service. Check w. Jerry
Levy, sjlevy@jeromelevylaw.com to be on listserve for details, access.
LaRabida workday details are on the website. Beach clean- see p. 3

**World's Fair tours- Sats 9:30 am: (north) 1st at Music CT, 3rd at
Midway skate rink, (east/south) 4th La Rabida Hospital main entr.**

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

Obama Library- www.obamapresidentialfoundation.org

JPAC's Obama Library page www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/ObamaPLibrary.htm

Project 120: www.Project120Chicago.org, www.gardenofthephoenix.org

BOBOLINK website: <http://bluestem.info/bobolink/>

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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 AUGUST 8, 2016 JPAC MEETING

Louise McCurry called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the fieldhouse, a quorum being present, 18 plus guests.

Workdays- Jerry Levy: August 13 mulching. Norm Bell: August 13, and several groups have worked on invasives and wildflowers including from Come Youth Center and DePaul.

McCurry reported that large groups (1550 hours) including from CPS Leadership Academy, GreenCorps, and UNUM cleaned up and cleared wheelchair paths at LaRabida, resulting in more people including patients being able to access the shore.

Area Manager Farah Tunks said the 63rd St. basketball courts will be closed for resurfacing August 15-26, some signage is coming, and there will be two festivals- August 21 South Shore at the Cultural Center and August 28th 5th Ward Back to School at 63rd Beach House.

Safety: Kenny Newman reported various issues on the Lakefront Trail 59th-63rd and trails on both sides of Cornell Drive, storm damage to beaches, and tree limbs remaining down.

Esther Schechter – the Marquette underpass refills as soon as drained but lawns there were mowed.

Trail App (Jackson Park in Your Pocket). Fran Vandervoort reported filming and interviewing continue. She demonstrated how an important event in the past could be acted out for the program, such as Bertha Palmer using a silver-headed hammer to tap in the last (golden) nail at the Woman's Building. Signage is anticipated at a few starting points and overlooks, someone suggested including Braille. Fran noted there is much that is natural area in the golf course.

"Ten Thousand Ripples Public Art, Peace, and Civic Engagement" project. Indira Freitas Johnson presented a plan, pursuant to approval by JPAC in August 2015 to place half-head white statues representing peace emerging (based on portraiture of Buddha) on the hill west of the Iowa Building. There will be seven, in a circle. The contract is for them to stay a year, although that could be renewed. Statues have been placed around the country to stimulate reflection about peace and to encourage neighborhood activity and community building, each community choosing different placement, surroundings and programming. There are nine sets in Chicago, including at Palmisano Park and at the Lakefront at Diversey. They are heavy fiberglass 24 inches high. The goal is to have them in by World Peace Day September 21. Programming including with youth was promised by Chicago Park District Director of Art Initiatives Mike Dimitroff.

Dimitroff announced that a sculpture called C Leap was placed at 67th St. and South Shore Drive and a dead ash tree will be carved into a figure by 59th and Cornell (artist who carved the wolf and raven in Nichols Park).

A date will be announced for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and picnic, to which all of JPAC is invited, at the 67th-Ridgeland refurbished playlot [Set for September 10 afternoon]. The 67th-Chappel playlot has a problem in that the surface matting there is no longer used by the Park District. Request is in to refurbish the playground.

Fieldhouse. Supervisor Bobbie Beckam announced the closing awards ceremony for summer camp. JPAC received help from members and sponsors including Debaye Ogunsuya of Walgreens at 71st and Jeffrey and Apostolic Church members for back to school book bags to the most needy at summer camp. JPAC will fill and distribute the bags Friday at 1:45. Enrollment has started for Fall- there are still openings. In the news: two species/varieties of birds not before recorded breeding together were observed doing so in the park recently.

IT continues to learn and to put more up on the website and Facebook. They will work again with a UC team. Our team thanks Project 120 for a laptop. SEND US PHOTOS. Workdays, Columbian Expo tours are posted.

Obama Library. Gary Ossewaarde reported and discussion was held on the decision to site the Obama Library in Jackson Park and the need to be engaged in planning and any changes that might be caused by that, including that if the track and field or south ball field are moved, there be no downtime, impacts including to access be minimized, and that JPAC partner for outcomes for kids and neighborhoods. Lanita Ross of the 5th ward office reported that a broad focus group was being formed and led by Andrea Zopp.

Also discussed was commencement of work on the Yoko Ono sculpture and the former Phoenix Pavilion footprint on Wooded Island. The plan was not yet complete.

Financial. Dwight Powell said the latest balance was \$4,780.90. Deposits: \$70 in memberships. Moved and approved a reimbursement of \$105.24 for IT to Jake Young.

Minutes of the July meeting were moved and approved.

Moved to adjourn. Next meeting September 12, 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Ossewaarde, Secretary

September 10, +tent. Oct. 8. Bobolink Workday 9-12 meet at Golf Driving Range, parrybell@ameritech.net.

Sept. 10,12-5. **Picnic + Ribbon cutting (at 3) for refurbished playground** at 67th and Ridgeland

September 17, Saturday, 12-2. 63rd St. **Beach Cleanup** teamed up with Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach. Register with the latter at greatlakes.org. (57th 9 am with another group and Alliance).

September 18, Sunday, 1-5 pm. Explore Your Lakes and Rivers Series Lake Michigan from Jackson Park Inner Harbor- info at www.openlands.org/ (add the above title w hyphens between words).

September 21, Wed. 4:30 Art dedication/peace pres. by Voices from JP Teen Lead. Club- Iowa Bldg. - p. 4.

September 21, Chicago Park District budget hrg 6:30 Fosco Park .1312 S. Racine.

September 24, 2-4 pm. Possible WI trail mulching with UofC student service day- check with Jerry.

September 29 (changed from the 7th), 12 pm. Friends of the Parks Walter Netsch lecture is on the Obama Library. Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph - Cassidy Theater.

Oct 1, 11am- 2pm CPD Vol. Apprec. Party Northerly I—rsvp by 9/23 maria.stone@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

2016 workdays to date (no location = LaRabida) **Info, including schedule and how to book is at** http://www.hydepark.org/parks/jpac/Jackson_Park_Workdays_and_Workday-Logs.htm.

April 23- Earth Day- Wooded Island trail mulching- community and private groups including Goose Island Brewery; 57th and 63rd St. Beach clean with Alliance for the Great Lakes 30 people x 3 hours, 10 x 3, 5 x 2 = 130 hours

April 29 and 30- Teachers planted et al in Bobolink Meadow 30 x 6 = 180 hours

May 14- Migratory Bird Day- 10 volunteers led tours for kids, taught kids to make bird house, birdseed trees, and take photos. 10 x 7 = 70 hours Also work in Bobolink Meadow- several persons

May 25th - Great Lakes Clean Up day- 57th and 63rd St. Beaches Community volunteers 20 people x 3 hours

June 11- Bobolink meadow workday- several persons

June 18h It's your Park Day Community volunteers -mostly in Music Court area mulching and cleaning 12 people x 2.5 hours = 30 volunteer hours

July 16 Wooded Island workday (details to be filled in)

July 20 Leadership Academy 125 people x 3 hours= 375 volunteer hours

July 20. Green Corp 16 people x 1 hour = 16 hours

July 27 Leadership Academy 150 people x3 hours =450 volunteer hours

August 1 Green Corp 30 people x 2hrs =60 volunteer hours

August 5 UNUM 50 x 3 hours =150 volunteer hours

August 13 Bobolink Meadow Workday 6 people x 3 hours =18 hours

August 13 Wooded Island workday-mulching (details coming)

Emerging Buddha Sculptures come to Jackson Park to celebrate World Peace Day, September 21, 2016

Chicago Park District and Changing Worlds present a new Ten Thousand Ripples (TTR) Peace Circle Sculpture Installation in Jackson Park to celebrate World Peace Day on **September 21, 2016, 4:30- 6:30 pm**. The TTR sculpture installation is located by the Iowa Building on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and 57th street opposite the Museum of Science and Industry.

The World Peace Day program will feature voices from Jackson Park's Teen Leadership Club. Under the direction of a Changing Worlds Teaching Artist/Facilitator, the teens have been working together to discuss the emerging Buddha sculptures and create their own spoken word/creative movement piece that summarizes their thoughts about the challenges to have true peace in their communities and to present their own ideas for building peace. In addition, Changing Worlds, the lead Art organization in this initiative and members of the Jackson Park Advisory Committee, along with lead artist Indira Johnson, will be on hand to welcome friends and neighbors.

Jackson Park, Field Manager, Bobbie Beckam sees the steps leading up to this event as a way to shape a meaningful platform for the young people as they begin their Leadership Training, offering them the opportunity to bring their ideas to the community and to consider how they may pursue viable strategies through their direct relationship to Jackson Park.

Ten Thousand Ripples (TTR) uses art as a catalyst to foster dialog about peace and non-violence and create innovative solutions to address contemporary social issues. Over one hundred fiberglass and resin Buddha sculptures designed by award-winning artist Indira Johnson are installed at sites across Chicago and Evanston. Now in its 5th year, the civic discourse generated by TTR continues to grow into community actions – a ripple effect that demonstrates how social dynamism combined with public art can be a powerful stimulus for change.

Since 2014, Changing Worlds has collaborated with the Chicago Park District to exhibit large-scale installations, one in Lincoln Park by Diversey, Bridgeport at Palmisano Park and most recently in Jackson Park. The sculptures have been overwhelmingly well received. They have been welcomed, hugged, interacted with, ignored, debated, used as a starting point for group activity, and protected by the local residents. Ultimately, they provoke questions, introspection, and conversation at a community level.

About Changing Worlds – www.ChangingWorlds.org

Changing Worlds is an educational arts nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster inclusive communities through oral history, writing and art programs that improve student learning, affirm identity and enhance cross-cultural understanding. Founded in 1996 at Hibbard Elementary School in Albany Park, Changing Worlds now reaches more than 10,000 students and community members annually through its arts and cultural awareness programs.

About Indira Johnson – www.IndiraJohnson.com

Award-winning artist and nonviolence and peace educator Indira Freitas Johnson has exhibited her work nationally and internationally. She is represented in many private and public collections including the Museum of Contemporary Art/Chicago, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, and State of Illinois Building/Chicago. Born in Mumbai, India, Johnson received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago/ She has received numerous awards, including the prestigious Illinois Governors Award for the Arts. In 2013, Chicago Magazine named her the 2013 Chicagoan of the Year.