



TWO EXAMPLES OF NGC PRESENTATIONS

In contrast to the tightly staged, controlled, and one-way nature of the Chicago 2016 community meetings, No Games delivered open and expansive community interactions. Here are two examples.

At a wide-ranging forum hosted by the Lake View Citizen’s Council (<https://www.lakeviewcitizens.org>) on July 20, 2009. The Chicago 2016 team was represented by Bill Scherr, director of sport and Doug Arnot, head of venue planning and two others. Erma Tranter, President of the Friends of the Parks (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/erma-tranter-7121947>) and I were on the anti side. Friends of the Parks was not opposed to the Games, they were asking that the Olympic Stadium be moved out of Washington Park.

Mr. Arnot’s response was blunt. He said using existing parks and facilities is the only way to keep the plan on budget. Converting blighted areas might be an admirable idea, but costs would skyrocket. “You kind of can’t have it both ways” Arnot said.

How unintentionally ironic. We didn’t want “it” EITHER way – we did NOT want the Games and we did NOT want public parks destroyed.



Here are selected images from the presentation I gave.

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No Games Chicago

Presentation to Lake View Citizens' Council
July 20, 2009

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- ## Why we oppose the games
- They will bankrupt the city
 - They will destroy public parks
 - They will displace poor and working-class families from neighborhoods next to venue sites

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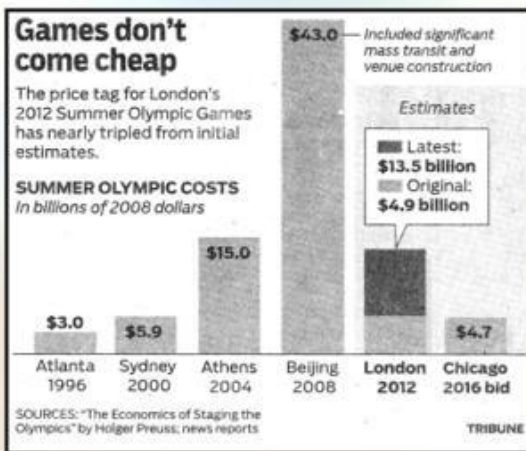
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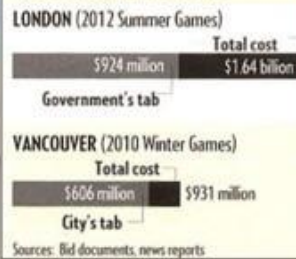
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VANCOUVER'S BOND RATING LOWERED, CITY FACING BANKRUPTCY.



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International Paralympic Committee ("IPC"), Nationals of candidate cities' countries are not eligible as members of the Evaluation Commission. The Evaluation Commission may be assisted by experts.

2.3 Each Evaluation Commission shall study the candidatures of all candidate cities, inspect the sites and submit to all IOC members a written report on all candidatures not later than one month before the opening date of the Session which shall elect the host city of the Olympic Games.

2.4 Each candidate city shall provide financial guarantees as required by the IOC Executive Board, which will determine whether such guarantees shall be issued by the city itself, or by any other competent local, regional or national public authorities, or by any third parties.

3. Election of the host city – Execution of Host City Contract:

3.1 Following the submission of its report by the Evaluation Commission, the IOC Executive Board shall draw up the final list of candidate cities retained by the IOC Executive Board in order to be submitted to the vote by the Session for election.

3.2 The election of the host city takes place after the Session has considered the report by the Evaluation Commission.

3.3 The IOC enters into a written agreement with the host city and the NOC of its country. Such agreement, which is commonly referred to as the Host City Contract, is executed by all parties immediately upon the election of the host city.

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entered into individually or collectively concerning the organisation and staging of the Olympic Games, excluding the financial responsibility for the organisation and staging of such Games, which shall be entirely assumed jointly and severally by the host city and the COCOG, without prejudice to any liability of any other party, provided that this may result from any guarantee given pursuant to BLR 34. The IOC shall have no financial responsibility whatsoever in respect of the organisation and staging of the Olympic Games.

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To appreciate our approach, and ultimately, our effectiveness, look at these slides in some detail.

1	We display the logo of the organization we are in front of plus the NGC logo
2	Our reasons for opposing boiled down to simple statements
3	We don't quote ourselves or offer pronouncements without documentation – we used graphics lifted from the press, studies, and other sources all the time. Whereas a Chicago 2016 spokesman at the forum simply declared that Olympics never lose money for Host cities.
4	Again, citing Crain's coverage of developers speaking about building the Olympic Village – we show how absurd any claim of no taxpayer liability for the Olympics is – how plainly untruthful any such claim is.
5	I was particularly proud of labelling the Chicago 2016's claims of Olympic profits as an example of "Enron accounting" and I used that term every time I was interviewed going forward.
6	Again – showing existing media – this time to reveal the growing impacts of the 20100 Games on Vancouver. Particularly damning is the video clip from Mayor Robertson (see above chapter for details).
7	Now, this was a month after our trip to Lausanne and the resulting headlines about Daley having to sign the Blank Check. But I made the point that all this was well known in advance – or it SHOULD'VE been. Who dropped the ball here? The local media has done a terrible job on covering the Bid and, obviously, the Chicago 2016 crew wasn't going to share that basic detail of the bidding process. I showed pages from the Olympic Charter, which is easily accessible and downloadable. Clause 33 is quite clear. Heck, if I could do it – why couldn't the press or other major civic organizations who were supposed to be watching our backs?
8	I showed the clause from the IOC's Charter clearly stating they had NO responsibility for the finances of producing an Olympic Games. They are guaranteed billions in media coverage and sponsorship fees. What a sweet deal for them!
9	Again, use of existing media with some humor and a blunt challenge. The Chicago Sun-Times front page was from June 18.
10	We always issue a call to action in our presentations and public speaking. We also had a sign-up sheet that people could use and I worked the crowd, passing out No Games literature and my business card.

We had been to the IOC's HQ a month before this and the stature of No Games Chicago, I think, had grown to the point where we were – for the first time – placed on a public forum with Chicago 2016 leaders. I think we blew them out of the water. You can watch a clip of Fox News coverage of the event at www.tinyurl.com/NGC-7-20-09-Forum(2:04).

On September 13, 2009 I gave a presentation at KAM Isaiah Synagogue in Hyde Park (<https://www.kamii.org>). There were several other speakers there, including Alderman Toni Preckwinkle of the 4th Ward (soon I would run against her!), and Francis Vandervoort of the Hyde Park Historical Society and the Jackson Park Advisory Council

, who gave a presentation titled "Washington Park – A Natural View" that highlighted the unique plant and animal life of the park that would be completely uprooted by the 2016 venues contemplated for the Games.

The gist of the presentation I gave was similar to the one on July 20 but added a significant amount of content debunking a study released in late August by the Civic Federation reviewing the 2016 Bid (on behalf of the City Council) and finding it to be excellent.

The deck may be viewed at <https://www.nogameschicago.com/2009/09/14/presentation>.



Bottom Line – No Games Chicago gave presentations based on deep research, open sources, and transparency. We were not paid by anyone to skew the findings and we spoke the truth as we saw it.