

THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting

Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60643, 312-747-6198

Park Supervisor, Rebecca Medrano, [REDACTED]@chicagoparkdistrict.com

THE PRAIRIE PARK

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**2024-2025 THE PRAIRIE PAC BOARD:**

President, Charles Williams

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Vice President, Lorraine Linnerud

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Secretary, Ivette Williams

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Treasurer, Dan Niersbach

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PAC Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM**AGENDA**

I.	WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER:	Charles Williams	Call Meeting to Order. Please adhere to <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> .
II.	NEW MEMBER(S) & GUEST(S):	Ivette Williams	Welcome New Members & Guests present. (Membership: 45).
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Charles Williams	PAC Mtg. Minutes from <u>5/13/25</u> . Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
IV.	MOTION(S):	Charles Williams	Park Events Committee is requesting a budget approval of \$60 for the Meet & Greet event on 6/21/25 for the purchase of juice, snacks & crafts for kids.
V.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Dan Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (<u>May 1-31, 2025</u>). (ATTACHED)
VI.	NEW BUSINESS:	September Board Officer Elections/ Candidate Eligibility	The Board Officer election will take place at the September 9, 2025 PAC Meeting for the new fiscal year: 2025-2026 (9/1/2025-8/31/26). Anyone is welcome to run for any officer position (whether vacant or not) if you meet the requirements for eligibility (must be a Chicago resident, not a Chicago Park District employee, must have filled out a PAC membership form and have attended at least 2 PAC meetings since the last election). To join the Prairie PAC Board, you must fill out the Chicago Park District Volunteer application and get fingerprinted (free of charge). Details at bottom of agenda. All candidates interested, please let our park supervisor, Rebecca Medrano, know before August's PAC meeting (8/12/25) by phone (312-747-6198) or email at [REDACTED]@chicagoparkdistrict.com. The current Board officers will announce either at June's PAC Meeting or before Friday, July 18 th , if they intend to run for re-election by email to the Board first, then park supervisor and lastly, Ivette Williams will email the PAC membership to announce vacancy.
VII.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S):	(Approx. 3 min. each)	<u>Written reports are emailed to PAC in advance of PAC Meeting.</u> <u>Please provide a verbal summary only in person of highlights. Thanks!</u>
	Lorraine Linnerud		<u>Park Investment Committee:</u> Committee report, including update from Kat Katsma about park improvement project. (ATTACHED) Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com.
	JoAnn Altenbach Angel Horton-Smith		<u>Park Events Planning Committee:</u> The "Meet & Greet" is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025, (alternate date 6/28) from 12-2 pm at The Prairie Park. Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com.
	Charles Williams		<u>CAPS Meetings:</u> Beat #2212 - 22 nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey. 2025 Meetings (6 PM): June 5 th , July 3 rd , Aug. 7 th , Sept. 4 th , Oct. 2 nd .
VIII.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	Rebecca Medrano	(1) <u>REQUESTS:</u> IN PROCESS and/or APPROVED requests for park use. (2) <u>CALENDAR:</u> SCHEDULE of sports events; and (3) <u>OTHER</u> .
IX.	PAST & UPCOMING EVENT(S):		➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>May 31, 2025</u> - CPF IYPD Park Day Park Clean-Up ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>June 21, 2025</u> - Park Clean-Up (8-9 am) ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>June 21, 2025</u> - Meet & Greet (12-2 pm) ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>July 05, 2025</u> - Post Holiday Clean-Up (8-10 am) ➤ Alderman O'Shea: <u>July 17, 2025</u> - Jazz in The Prairie Park (7-9 pm)
X.	OLD BUSINESS:	PAC Board	Ongoing investigation with help from Chicago Parks Foundation (Colette & Triana) about Fifth Third Bank PAC Fraudulent Deposits & Dispute of World Pay/SwipeSimple charges; voided & cancelled transactions; bank fees.
XI.	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	FYI	NOTE: There will be NO JULY MEETING taking place as voted on last month.
XII.	NEXT PAC MEETING:	Charles Williams	<u>8/12/25</u> , Tues, (6:30-7:30 pm): Next PAC Meeting will be IN PERSON at Kennedy Park. (Full list of PAC Meetings at end.)
XIII.	ADJOURN:	Charles Williams	Thank you for attending The Prairie PAC Meeting.
	The Prairie Park Website:		https://theprairiepark.org
	The Prairie Park Facebook Page:		https://www.facebook.com/share/g/E4wyWtzPyMBJYGYa/?mibextid=wwXlfr

The Prairie PAC Elections:

The Board Officer elections are held in person only during September's PAC Meeting for a PAC fiscal term (from September 1st through August 31st) and all ballots cast must be done in person only by voting members of the PAC.

All Board officers must be fingerprinted, as well as any PAC members handling finances or working with children. The Chicago Park District covers expense. Steps for Fingerprinting Process:

(1) Fill out Volunteer Application Form, go to: chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/volunteer. Scroll down to “Long-Term Volunteer Application”. Follow “Steps to become a long-term volunteer.” <https://assets.chicagoparkdistrict.com/s3fs-public/documents/Volunteers/Volunteer-Application-for-Adults-fillable.pdf>

(2) Email completed application to Maria Stone: volunteers@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

(3) Once processed, you will receive an email with instructions & locations for fingerprinting.

Please send one page receipt to PAC Secretary at ThePrairiePark@gmail.com.

Online One Day Volunteer Waiver: <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/2025-volunteer-waiver-release>

PAC Meetings for 2025:

Second Tuesday from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the Kennedy Park Fieldhouse, unless otherwise noted.

January 14 th	(ZOOM ONLY)	July 8 th	NO MEETING IN JULY
February 11 th	(ZOOM ONLY)	August 12 th	(KENNEDY PARK)
March 11 th	(BACK TO IN-PERSON AT KENNEDY PARK)	September 9 th	(KENNEDY PARK)
April 8 th	(KENNEDY PARK)	October 14 th	(KENNEDY PARK)
May 13 th	(KENNEDY PARK)	November 11 th	(KENNEDY PARK)
June 10 th	(KENNEDY PARK)	December 9 th	(KENNEDY PARK)