

THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting
Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60643, 312-747-6198
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THE PRAIRIE PARK

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2024-2025 THE PRAIRIE PAC BOARD:

President, Charles Williams
Vice President, Lorraine Linnerud
Secretary, Ivette Williams
Treasurer, Dan Niersbach

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PAC Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM

A G E N D A

I.	WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER:	Charles Williams	Call Meeting to Order. Please adhere to Robert's Rules of Order .
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 2/11/25. Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
IV.	MOTION(S):	Charles Williams	MOTION #1 to vote on no PAC Meeting on July 8th. Resume on August 12th. MOTION #2 to approve purchase of pet waste station bags (10 boxes) \$103 going forward (approx. every 4 months) and will include in Treas. Report.
V.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Dan Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (April 1-30, 2025). (ATTACHED)
VI.	NEW BUSINESS:	PAC Board	Ongoing investigation: Fifth Third Bank PAC Fraudulent Deposits & Dispute of World Pay/SwipeSimple charges; Chicago Parks Foundation (Collette & Triana) assistance.
VII.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S):	(Approx. 3 min. each)	Written reports are emailed to PAC in advance of PAC Meeting. Please provide a verbal summary only in person of highlights. Thanks!
		Lorraine Linnerud	Park Investment Committee: Committee report, including update from Kat Katsma about park improvement project. (ATTACHED) Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com.
		JoAnn Altenbach Angel Horton-Smith	Park Events Planning Committee: Final expense reports attached for events on 4/26/25: (1) Earth Day Park Clean-Up (\$35 budget approved); Kite Fly (\$200 budget approved). Prayer in the Prairie (5/3/25). Verbal committee reports by JoAnn & Angel. Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com.
VIII.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	Rebecca Medrano	(1) REQUESTS: IN PROCESS and/or APPROVED requests for park use. (2) CALENDAR: SCHEDULE of sports events; and (3) OTHER.
IX.	PAST EVENT(S):		➤ Chicago Park District: <u>April 12, 2025</u> - 2025 PAC Conference ➤ Chicago Park District: <u>April 26, 2025</u> - Earth Day Citywide Parks Clean Up ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>April 26, 2025</u> - Kite Fly at The Prairie Park ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>May 3, 2025</u> - Prayer in The Prairie
X.	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	Project Monarch	Launched by Chicago Park District General Superintendent Carlos Ramirez-Rosa at the April 12, 2025 Park Advisory Council Conference, Project Monarch is a citywide initiative to conserve and celebrate monarch butterflies and their habitats. habitats. https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/project-monarch
		May In Motion	Thirty-seven free fitness Pop-Up classes (45-min. long) offered at 14 unique park spaces each Wednesday during the month of May. http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/May-In-Motion
		Park Toy Boxes	Donated Toys Can Return to City Parks – Power of the PAC (see Article).
XI.	NEXT PAC MEETING:	Charles Williams	<u>6/10/25</u> , Tues, (6:30-7:30 pm): Next PAC Meeting will be IN PERSON at Kennedy Park. (Full list of PAC Meetings at end.)
XII.	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	(KENNEDY PARK)
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)
