

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

[REDACTED]@aol.com

Treasurer, Dan Niersbach

[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net

PAC Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 6:30-7:30

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. (Active Membership: 19; Total 45).
III.	CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT:	Dept. of Planning	Status Update of Park Improvement Project
IV.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Charles Williams	PAC Mtg. Minutes from <u>6/10/25</u> . Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
V.	MOTION(S):	Charles Williams	<u>MOTION #1</u> : Motion to activate the new SwipeSimple virtual terminal link and monitored 1x or 2x weekly via WorldPay IQ Portal to identify/refund any fraudulent deposits to avoid future credit card dispute charges.
		Charles Williams	<u>MOTION #2</u> : Motion to amend By-Laws (Section 3: Elections) to include: <i>"unless the PAC approves an exception,"</i> .
VI.	PAC BOARD VACANCIES:	Charles Williams	Board Officer Vacancies: <u>President</u> : Lorraine Linnerud is running for this Board Officer position. <u>Vice President</u> : Jil Ross is running for this Board Officer position. <u>Secretary</u> : Ivette Williams will not seek re-election. This Board Officer position is vacant. <u>Treasurer</u> : Dan Niersbach will not seek re-election. This Board Officer position is vacant. All candidates interested, please let our park supervisor, Rebecca Medrano, know by <u>August 31, 2025</u> by phone (312-747-6198) or email at [REDACTED]@chicagoparkdistrict.com.
VII.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Dan Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (<u>6/1-30/2025 & 7/1-31/25</u>). (ATTACHED)
FYI		<u>Please note</u> :	<i>Due to the fact that the Dept. of Planning is addressing our PAC Meeting regarding the park improvement project, some agenda items may need to be tabled for next month so we do not exceed our meeting time of one hour and are mindful of everyone's time. Thank you for your understanding.</i>
VIII.	NEW BUSINESS:	Lorraine Linnerud	(1) <u>WorldPay IQ Portal</u> : Refunds generated on 6/2025. <u>See Attachment</u>
		Lorraine Linnerud	(2) <u>Reimbursement Request Email (7/28/25)</u> : Email from Board to WorldPay & Fifth Third Account executives requesting reimbursement and guidance on remaining fraudulent funds. <u>See Attachment</u>
IX.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S):		<u>Written reports are emailed to PAC in advance of PAC Meeting</u> . <u>Please provide a brief verbal summary/recap at meeting. Thanks!</u>
		Lorraine Linnerud	<u>Park Investment Committee</u> : Committee report, including any updates 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> : Recap of June & July events: "Meet & Greet" event (6/21); Post Holiday Clean-up (7/5). The Prairie Park Purge event this year has been canceled due to upcoming park improvements. Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com.
		FYI	<u>CAPS Meetings</u> : Beat #2212 - 22 nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey. 2025 Meetings (6 PM): Aug. 7 th , Sept. 4 th , Oct. 2 nd .
X.	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> (park signs).
XI.	PAST & UPCOMING EVENT(S):		No new PAC events planned for August & September.
XII.	OLD BUSINESS:	September Board Officer Elections/ Candidate Eligibility	The Board Officer elections will take place at the <u>September 9, 2025 PAC Meeting</u> for the new fiscal year: 2025-2026 (9/1/2025-8/31/26). All ballots shall be cast IN PERSON only by voting members of the PAC. Any PAC member 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 below.
XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	Lorraine Linnerud	<u>Park Use:</u> Soccer Tournament (8/3/25).
XIV. NEXT PAC MEETING:	Charles Williams	9/10/25 , Tues, (6:30-7:30 pm): Board Officers Election PAC Meeting will be IN PERSON at Kennedy Park. (Full list of PAC Meetings at end.)
XV. ADJOURN:	Charles Williams	Thank you for attending The Prairie PAC Meeting.
Steps for Fingerprinting Process:	Steps for Fingerprinting Process:	
		(1) Fill out Volunteer Application Form, go to: chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/volunteer .
		(2) Scroll down to "Long-Term Volunteer Application".
		(3) Follow "Steps to become a long-term volunteer." https://assets.chicagoparkdistrict.com/s3fs-public/documents/Volunteers/Volunteer-Application-for-Adults-fillable.pdf
		(4) Email completed application to Maria Stone: volunteers@chicagoparkdistrict.com .
		(5) Once processed, you will receive an email with instructions & locations for fingerprinting. Please send one page receipt to PAC Secretary, ThePrairiePark@gmail.com
The Prairie Park Website:	https://ThePrairiePark.org	
The Prairie Park Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/share/g/E4wyWtzPyMBJYGYa/?mibextid=wwXIf	
Chicago Park District One Day Waiver	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)