


# THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting

Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:30 PM (IN PERSON ONLY)

## A G E N D A

I.	WELCOME:	Call Meeting to Order.	C. Williams
II.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	PAC Meeting Minutes from 2/13/24	C. Williams
III.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Report with Bank Statement attached (February 1-29)	M. Chandler
IV.	MOTION:	<u>PAC BY-LAWS</u> : Amend By-Laws to include fingerprinting that is required of all Board members and PAC members working with youth and handling finances. Committees are all encouraged to get fingerprinted, especially active volunteers in the park during events.	C. Williams
V.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	<u>Garden Committee</u> : Committee Report from Zoom meeting on 3/5/24. Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com	D. Chandler
		<u>Park Events Planning Committee</u> : Committee Report attached. Contact: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com	M. Dunneback
		<u>Park Investment Committee</u> : Committee Report attached. Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@outlook.com	L. Linnerud
		<u>Park Naming Committee</u> : Park signs with new park name "THE PRAIRIE PARK" are in process; Chicago Park District will let us know when ready so we can schedule ribbon cutting ceremony. Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com	M. Drake
		<u>CAPS Meeting</u> : Safety Committee Report attached. Contact: [REDACTED]@comcast.net; [REDACTED]@aol.com	M. Chandler
VI.	PAC BUSINESS:	<u>IRS PAC Name Change</u> : Request name change of park advisory council non-profit at IRS with existing EIN to change from Park 581 Park Advisory Council to "The Prairie Park Advisory Council". <u>FIFTH THIRD BANK Account Name Change</u> : Provide IRS letter, affirmation letter from Chicago Park District & By-Laws to change name on PAC account from Park 581 Park Advisory Council to "The Prairie Park Advisory Council".	C. Williams
VII.	NEW BUSINESS:	<u>MARKETING</u> : T-shirts with park name from Marathon Sports in Blue Island; 1 <sup>st</sup> choice is blue to have for ribbon cutting ceremony; other choices for ordering later. Pens with new park name, info., logo to give to local businesses with letter when seeking sponsorship.	PAC VOTE I. Williams
VIII.	GRANT(S):	<u>BUILD ILLINOIS FUND (\$500,000)</u> : BUILD IL FUND (10/2022-) – Rep. Slaughter/Chicago Park District. Approved 1/2024. Waiting on next steps to get Project Manager assigned to start work. <u>Project scope</u> : top 3 priority park improvements: walking path, lighting & a water source.	APPROVED! (L. Linnerud)
		<u>CPF GRANT (\$1,000)</u> : Chicago Parks Foundation "2024 Connecting Communities" grant application was submitted online in February. Received prior approvals from park supervisor and Ald. O'Shea as required. Deadline is: 3/31/24; winner will be announced on 4/17/24. <u>Project scope</u> : Creation of a Prairie-like Native & Pollinator Community Garden and Monarch Waystation at The Prairie Park in an underutilized site that would not interfere with sports or other activities across from existing community garden at SE triangle.	IN PROCESS (I. Williams)
		<u>AARP FLAGSHIP GRANT (Average Grant Amount \$11,900)</u> ; AARP MIGROGRANT (\$2,500): 2024 AARP Community Challenge" grant applications were submitted online in February. Received prior approvals from park supervisor and Ald. O'Shea as required. Deadline is: 3/6/24; winner will be announced in mid-May. The <a href="#">AARP Community Challenge</a> provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages (Grant range is \$500-\$50,000).	IN PROCESS (I. Williams)

IX.	UPCOMING EVENTS:	<p><u>TBD (MARCH/APRIL?)</u>: Once Chicago Park District park signs are made and installed, Maria Stone will let us know when we can schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony. We will invite entire community</p> <p><u>MARCH</u>: Chicago Park District's Strategic Plan Townhall Meetings: 3/18 (6-8 PM) @ John G. Shedd Park; 3/20 (5-7 PM) @ Marquette Park; and 3/21 (6-8 PM) @ Hamilton Park.  <a href="http://ChicagoParkDistrict.com/Strategic-Plan">ChicagoParkDistrict.com/Strategic-Plan</a></p>	Weekend event
X.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	<p>Status of bicycle rack installation at 118<sup>th</sup> &amp; Oakley across from St. Walter parking lot. Was work order submitted?</p> <p>Spring sports schedule of games/activities at park.</p> <p>Invite coaches to PAC Meeting or meet before season starts.</p> <p>Any other updates?</p>	R. Medrano
XI.	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	<p>PAC CONFERENCE (3/9/24): We had great PAC representation (10 members participated). Excellent program; sessions were very informative; great networking opportunities.</p> <p>Park Concerns &amp; Questions?</p>	Open Floor
XII.	NEXT PAC MEETING:	Next PAC Meeting will be in person at Kennedy Park fieldhouse on <u>4/9/23</u> @ 6:30 PM.	
XIII.	ADJOURN:		C. Williams
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The Prairie Park website		<a href="https://theprairiepark.org">https://theprairiepark.org</a> Launched in March 2024; work in progress.	
PAC Membership Application		<a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTDUkAOCbB2HzVphMBTuSWsYeSrq-PO8JhUegNywBUyCv4Eg/viewform?usp=pp_url">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTDUkAOCbB2HzVphMBTuSWsYeSrq-PO8JhUegNywBUyCv4Eg/viewform?usp=pp_url</a>	
SwipeSimple Donation		Online Donation Link for PAC 581: <a href="https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_7ebae5d3">https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_7ebae5d3</a>	
Facebook Page		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1071695500392984/?ref=share_group_link">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1071695500392984/?ref=share_group_link</a>	

