



2024-2025 THE PRAIRIE PAC BOARD:

Charles Williams, President
Ivette Williams, Secretary

Lorraine Linnerud, Vice President
Dan Niersbach, Treasurer

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); ZOOM Etiquette.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Charles Williams	PAC Mtg. Minutes from 1/14/25. Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
IV. MOTION(S):	Charles Williams	MOTION to approve Expenses for purchase of Liability Insurance for two events: Kite Fly (March/April) & Prairie Park Purge (Aug./Sept.). Estimated amounts: \$130 per event. Insurance for each event has to be purchased separately through Rolei if necessary; will confirm with Chicago Park District. Revised expense(s) will be submitted in writing to the Treasurer prior to the event(s).
V. TREASURER'S REPORT:	Dan Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (January 1-31, 2025). (ATTACHED) Any items on Agenda not discussed after Item VI. at today's meeting due to time constraints will be moved to next month.
VI. NEW BUSINESS:	Lorraine Linnerud (Kat Katsma, Project Manager)	Chicago Park District: Project Manager, Kat Katsma, will address PAC to give status and a brief overview of planning & development of park improvements at The Prairie Park, which consist of: walking path, lighting and water source as a result of the Build Illinois \$500,000 Grant. Please refrain from asking questions until the end of her presentation. The PAC President will acknowledge you to avoid meeting going over allotted time. We will attempt to mute everyone except the speaker to minimize background noise. Thank you.
VII. PARK SUPERVISOR:	Rebecca Medrano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (1) REQUESTS: IN PROCESS and/or APPROVED requests for park use. ➤ (2) CALENDAR: SCHEDULE of sports events. ➤ (3) OTHER. Contact: [REDACTED]@chicagoparkdistrict.com
VIII. 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. (ATTACHED) Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
	JoAnn Altenbach	Park Events Planning Committee: Committee report. (ATTACHED) Fee Waiver for 2025 PAC Code for Special Event Permits: 20PAC25EVENT . Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	FYI: BOARD-RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES: We have met all the requirements and PAC is in Good Standing!	Chicago Parks Foundation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ (1) Fiscal Annual Partnership Renewal Agreement (PAC President 1/31) ✓ (2) \$75 Payment (1/18/25); and ✓ (3) 2024 Financial Report due 1/31/25 (PAC Treasurer). Dan Niersbach mailed check to Chicago Parks Foundation, Attn: Sonia Horvath, PO Box 14147, Chicago, IL 60614. Note: Semi-annual financial report from 1/1/24 through 6/30/24 was submitted by M. Chandler on 7/23/24. Dan Niersbach completed 2024 financial report on 1/30/25. Chicago Park District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2024 Annual Report due 3/1/25; submitted online by Charles Williams on 1/28/25.
X. UPCOMING EVENT(S):	SAVE THE DATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chicago Park District: April 12, 2025 - PAC Conference ➤ Chicago Park District: April 26, 2025 - Earth Day Citywide Parks Clean Up
XI. PAST EVENT(S):	FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2/8/25 Chicago Park District PAC School (9a-1p) @ Brighton Park.
XII. NEXT PAC MEETING:	Charles Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3/11/25, Tues, (6:30-7:30 pm): Next PAC Meeting will be IN PERSON at Kennedy Park.
XIII. ADJOURN:	Charles Williams	Thank you for joining The Prairie PAC Meeting.
PAC Meetings for second quarter of 2025: (Full list on 2nd page)	FYI	Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm IN PERSON at Kennedy Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/08/25; 5/13/25; 6/10/25.

Steps for Fingerprinting Process: 1) Volunteer Application Form, (2) Fingerprinting, (3) Please send one page receipt to PAC Secretary at ThePrairiePark@gmail.com. Go to: chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/volunteer. Scroll down to “Long-Term Volunteer Application”. Follow “Steps to become a long-term volunteer.” Email completed application to Maria Stone: volunteers@chicagoparkdistrict.com. Once processed, you will receive an email with instructions & locations for fingerprinting.

The Prairie Park Website: <https://theprairiepark.org>

The Prairie Park Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/E4wyWtzPyMBJYGya/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

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)

PRAIRIE PAC Committees:

Park Events Planning Committee

JoAnn Altenbach/Andrienne Horton-Smith/Ivette Williams

Park Investment Committee

Lorraine Linnerud/Milton Chandler

Public Safety/CAPS Committee

Charles Williams

Marketing, Fundraising & Community Outreach Community

Ivette Williams/Charmaine Sevier

Grant Writing Committee

Jil Ross/Ivette Williams

***Community Garden Committee (SE Triangle @ 118th/Bell)**

Danielle Jones/Dorothy Chandler

***Park Naming Committee**

Maryann Drake/Julie Karstrand

***Inactive at this time; awaiting park ribbon ceremony for park name.**

To join any of the committees listed above, please send an email to ThePrairiePark@gmail.com to fill out a PAC membership form. We are always looking for new volunteers, talent, skills & fresh ideas. You can donate as little or as much as you want. The commitment is completely up to you. We are all volunteers; although most volunteers are retired, many volunteers are also working full-time or part-time jobs. We all live near or around The Prairie Park and want to keep it beautiful, clean, and safe in our wonderful neighborhood. Thank you for all you each do. Many hands make light work and every contribution matters.