



THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting  
Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 6:30-7:30 PM (IN PERSON)

**THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION**

- To advise and work collaboratively with our community and the Chicago Park District on park improvements, safety, and enjoyment of our beautiful park.
- To seek alternative funding sources for park enhancements.
- To promote community awareness and increased utilization of The Prairie Park.
- Sponsor various initiatives, such as park clean-ups, dog waste bag stations, recreational activities, and celebrations, to foster community spirit and engagement.

**AGENDA**

I.	WELCOME:	L. Linnerud	Call Meeting to Order.
II.	NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS:	J. Ross	Welcome New Members and/or Guests present.
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	J. Ross	PAC Meeting Minutes from 03/10/2026
IV.	MOTIONS:	L. Linnerud	Approve 2026 Kite Fly Expense, Approve Meet & Greet Budget Expense Approve \$150 Porta Potty rental 07/13/26 Movies in The Prairie Park
V.	TREASURER’S REPORT:	K. Dillard	Treasurer’s Report & Bank Statements (Mar., Apr.2026).
VI.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	L. Linnerud J. Altenbach	<u>Park Investment Committee</u> : Committee report <u>Park Events Planning Committee</u> : Committee report
VII.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	R. Medrano	(1) <u>Requests</u> : In-Process and/or Approved requests for park use. (2) <u>Calendar</u> : Schedule of park events. 3) <u>Other</u>
VIII.	OLD BUSINESS:	L. Linnerud J. Altenbach	(1) PAC Secretary Vacancy (2) Postcard Mailing
IX.	NEW BUSINESS:	L. Linnerud J. Ross	(1) Fourth of July Fireworks: Park District crews will be assigned to clean-up after 4th of July; CAPS Meeting Presentation. (2) PAC Elections will be at our September meeting. If you are interested in running for PAC Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) please email <a href="mailto:theprairiepark@gmail.com">theprairiepark@gmail.com</a> by August 1, 2026. Requirements: PAC member, attended at least two PAC bi-monthly meetings between Sept.2025 and July 2026.
X.	PAST EVENTS:	L. Linnerud	(1) 03/19/26 CPF Virtual PAC Zoom Office Hours 4:30 – 6pm (2) 04/03/26 PAC Lunch Hour Friday, with Maria Stone from 11:00am-12:30pm (3) 04/15/26 ZOOM Book Club 7-8pm (4) 04/18/26 Chicago Park District Earth Day. The citywide Earth Day Parks Clean Up Saturday, April 18. JoAnn Altenbach was our Earth Day Captain (5) 04/28/26 Citywide Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee meeting (6) 05/02/26 4th Annual Kite Fly from noon-2pm

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- XI. UPCOMING EVENTS: J. Ross
- (1) 05/16/26 Park Advisory Council School on Saturday, May 16, 9am- 1pm at the Chicago Park District Headquarters Administrative Offices 4830 S. Western Avenue. Class begins at 9:30 am. Coffee, pastries and networking begins at 9:00am. All participants will leave with a complimentary binder full of important information and materials.
  - (2) 06/20/26 Meet and Greet at The Prairie Park 12 noon-2pm
  - (3) 07/13/26 Movies in The Prairie Park "How to Train Your Dragon" 8:30pm-10:08pm (\$800 Underwriting Gift from Wicker Park PAC)
  - (4) 08/12/26 Zoom Book Club 7-8pm "What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day"
  - (5) 08/27/26 "Jazz in The Prairie Park" 7-9pm Sponsored by Ald. O'Shea & State Rep. Mary Gill. Entertainment by Gerald Holden & NuSource.
  - (6) 08/2026 (date TBD) The Prairie Park Purge 12 noon-2pm

**Visit [ThePrairiePark.org](https://theprairiepark.org) for updates**

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XII. NEXT PAC MEETING: L. Linnerud Tues. 7/14/26 (6:30-7:30 pm): In person at Kennedy Park Fieldhouse.

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XIII. PAC Meetings for 2026: Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm: In person at Kennedy Park Fieldhouse. **Odd Numbered Months**  
1/13/26, 3/10/26, 5/12/26, 7/14/26, 9/8/26, 11/10/26

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Please consider donating:

1) CASH at PAC meeting, 2) CHECK made payable to "THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL"; or 3) ONLINE via SwipeSimple (no processing fees & no credit card info. is stored) Thank you!

**2025-2026 THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD**

Lorraine Linnerud, President Jil Ross, Vice-President Katrina Dillard, Treasurer

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