

THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting
 Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643
 Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM (ON ZOOM ONLY)

THE PRAIRIE PARK

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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:	C. Williams	Call Meeting to Order. Please adhere to <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> .
II.	NEW MEMBER(S)/GUEST(S):	I. Williams	Welcome New Members and/or Guests present. (Membership: 46)
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	C. Williams	PAC Mtg. Minutes from 12/12/24. Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
IV.	MOTION(S):	C. Williams	Motions to vote to process payments and add to these procedures to By-Laws in March as these will be recurring PAC charges and as such will be reflected in the bank statements and itemized on the Treasurer's reports accordingly:
		<u>MOTION #1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Chicago Parks Foundation Fiscal Annual Partnership Renewal</u> of \$75 is due on <u>1/31/25</u>. Check to be mailed to Emily Stone at CPF for PAC to remain in good standing and benefit from their 501(c)(3) status. ➤ MOTION to pay this amount via check as soon as possible and add this item to PAC By-Laws as this will be a recurring charge every year and it will be reflected on bank statement and itemized on Treasurer's report. ➤ <u>Website Domain Renewal</u> (GoDaddy.com) "ThePrairiePark.org": auto renewal annual payment was processed on 12/20/2024 with Ivette Williams' credit card on file. ➤ MOTION to reimburse Ivette Williams the amount of \$23.17 and vote to set up auto renewal using Treasurer PAC debit card going forward and add to PAC By-Laws as this will be a recurring charge every year and it will be reflected on bank statement and itemized on Treasurer's report. ➤ <u>PAC Logo (BrandCrowd)</u>: FYI for PAC ledger purposes, an auto renewal charge of \$5 each month from 3/2024 through 11/2024 (8 months) as IN-KIND DONATION of \$40 (will not submitted for reimbursement by PAC from Ivette Williams). Ivette cancelled after December's auto renewal. The service can be reactivated later if needed. ➤ MOTION to add this expenditure to PAC By-Laws as this will be a monthly recurring charge (if reactivated) using PAC debit card so it will be reflected on bank statement and itemized on Treasurer's report.
		<u>MOTION #2</u>	
		<u>MOTION #3</u>	
V.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	D. Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (December 1-31, 2024). (ATTACHED)
VI.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	R. Medrano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) GRANT RELATED: Park improvement project UPDATES (ongoing). (2) REQUESTS: IN PROCESS and/or APPROVED requests for park use. (3) CALENDAR: SCHEDULE of park events. (4) OTHER: Contact: [REDACTED] @chicagoparkdistrict.com
VII.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S):	(Approx. 3 min. each)	<p><i>Written reports are emailed to PAC in advance of PAC Meeting. Please provide a verbal summary only in person of highlights. Thanks!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Linnerud Park Investment Committee: Committee report. (ATTACHED) Contact [REDACTED] @gmail.com J. Altenbach Park Events Planning Committee: Committee report. (ATTACHED) Contacts [REDACTED] @gmail.com, [REDACTED] @yahoo.com D. Jones Garden Committee: Committee report. (ATTACHED) Contacts [REDACTED] @gmail.com, [REDACTED] @gmail.com
VIII.	NEW BUSINESS:		
IX.	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:		
X.	UPCOMING EVENT(S):	SAVE THE DATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicago Park District: February 8, 2025 - PAC School 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	Chicago Parks Foundation: 12/12/24, Thurs. (1 pm): – 8 th ZOOM PAC Roundtable on “Revisiting the PAC Resource Guide”. Emily Beach, (NOTES ATTACHED).
XII. NEXT PAC MEETING:	C. Williams	<u>2/11/25</u> , Tues, (6:30-7:30 pm): Next PAC Meeting will be on ZOOM only (virtual meeting).
XIII. ADJOURN:	C. Williams	Thank you for joining The Prairie PAC Meeting. Happy New Year!
PAC Meetings for first quarter of 2025:	<u>FYI</u>	Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm: <u>2/11/25</u> via ZOOM only (virtual meeting). <u>3/11/25</u> back to IN PERSON meeting at Kennedy Park Fieldhouse (no ZOOM).
HAPPY NEW YEAR !	<u>2025</u>	

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/F4wyWtzPyMBJYGYa/?mibextid=wwXIf>

PAC Meetings for 2025:

Second Tuesday from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the Kennedy Park Fieldhouse, unless otherwise noted.

January 14th (ZOOM ONLY)
 February 11th (ZOOM ONLY)
 March 11th (BACK TO IN-PERSON AT KENNEDY PARK)
 April 8th (KENNEDY PARK)
 May 13th (KENNEDY PARK)
 June 10th (KENNEDY PARK)
 July 8th (KENNEDY PARK)
 August 12th (KENNEDY PARK)
 September 9th (KENNEDY PARK)
 October 14th (KENNEDY PARK)
 November 11th (KENNEDY PARK)
 December 9th (KENNEDY PARK)

PRAIRIE PAC Committees:

Park Events Planning Committee	JoAnn Altenbach/Andrienne Horton-Smith/Ivette Williams
Park Investment Committee	Lorraine Linnerud
Community Garden Committee (SE Triangle @ 118th/Bell)	Danielle Jones/Dorothy Chandler
Public Safety /CAPS Committee	Charles Williams
Marketing, Fundraising & Community Outreach Committee	Ivette Williams/Charmaine Sevier
Grant Writing Committee	Jil Ross/Ivette Williams
Park Naming Committee	Maryann Drake/Julie Karstrand

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.