

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, Rebecca.Medrano@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM

THE PRAIRIE PARK

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2024-2025 THE PRAIRIE PAC BOARD:

Charles Williams, President

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Ivette Williams, Secretary

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Lorraine Linnerud, Vice President

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Dan Niersbach, Treasurer

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AGENDA

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).
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Charles Williams	PAC Mtg. Minutes from 3/11/25. Please review in advance. (ATTACHED)
IV. MOTION(S):	Charles Williams	MOTION #1 to amend By-Laws: "IV. OFFICERS, Section 3. Elections." MOTION #2 to approve \$35 Budget for Earth Day 4/26 (water & donuts).
V. TREASURER'S REPORT:	Dan Niersbach	Treas. Report & Bank Statement (March 1-31, 2025). (ATTACHED)
VI. NEW BUSINESS:	SwipeSimple Online Donations	Possible fraudulent donations made in March by an unknown donor using several credit cards (\$350+). SwipeSimple fees have increased from 2.90% to 3.45%, plus .20 cents per transaction, and a \$9.95 monthly terminal fee.
VII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S):	(Approx. 3 min. each)	<i>Written reports are emailed to PAC in advance of PAC Meeting. Please provide a verbal summary only in person of highlights. Thanks!</i>
	Lorraine Linnerud	Park Investment Committee: Committee report. Contacts [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com.
	JoAnn Altenbach	Park Events Planning Committee: Committee verbal report. Final Expense Report for Kite Fly event (Resched. For Sat., 4/26/25, at The Prairie Park). Contacts: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com.
VIII. PARK SUPERVISOR:	Rebecca Medrano	(1) REQUESTS: IN PROCESS and/or APPROVED requests for park use. (2) CALENDAR: SCHEDULE of sports events; and (3) OTHER .
IX. UPCOMING EVENT(S) & PAST EVENT(S):	SAVE THE DATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chicago Park District: <u>April 12, 2025</u> - 2025 PAC Conference (9a-2:30p) Register at: https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/pac-conference ➤ CPkDt/FOTP: <u>April 26, 2025</u> - Earth Day Park Clean Up (8-10am) Register at: https://signup.com/go/ErULkYo ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>April 26, 2025</u> - Kite Fly @ The Prairie (11am-1pm) ➤ CAPS Beat 2212: <u>May 01, 2025</u> - CAPS Zoom Mtg. (6-7 pm) Zoom ID 896 6029 3972; PC 842356; Call-in (312) 626-679 ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>May 03, 2025</u> - Prayer in The Prairie (8-9am) ➤ The Prairie PAC: <u>June (TBD)</u> - Meet & Greet & The Prairie
X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	CPkDt: Updated Park Advisory Council Guidelines	<u>Summary of Major Changes:</u> PAC Toy Boxes at Parks (new Section); Annually provide Park District with evidence of Not-For-Profit status with the State of IL; Register with the IL Attorney General's Office as a charitable organization prior to any solicitation/receipt of funds more than \$15,000 in a 12-month period; PAC meeting participants must give informed consent prior to any video or audio recording of meetings. https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/join-park-advisory-council
	CPF: New Hire	As of March 2025, Triana Callam is the newly hired Community Programs Manager at the Chicago Parks Foundation; Emily Beach held that position until her departure in January 2025. (tcallam@chicagoparksfoundation.org)
XI. NEXT PAC MEETING:	Charles Williams	5/13/25 Tues. (6:30-7:30 pm): Next PAC Meeting will be held at the Kennedy Park Fieldhouse.
XII. ADJOURN:	Charles Williams	Thank you for attending The Prairie PAC Meeting.
The Prairie Park Website:	https://theprairiepark.org	
The Prairie Park Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/share/g/E4wyWtzPyMBJYGYa/?mibextid=wwXlfr	
The Prairie PAC Elections:	Board Officer elections are held in person only during September's PAC Meeting for a one-year term.	
All Board officers must be fingerprinted, as well as any PAC members handling finances or working with children. Expense is covered by the Chicago Park District. Steps for Fingerprinting: (1) Fill out Volunteer Application Form, go to: chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/volunteer . Scroll down to "Long-Term Volunteer Application". Follow "Steps to become a long-term volunteer." https://assets.chicagoparkdistrict.com/s3fs-public/documents/Volunteers/Volunteer-Application-for-Adults-fillable.pdf (2) Email completed application to Maria Stone: volunteers@chicagoparkdistrict.com . (3) Once processed, you will receive an email with instructions & locations for fingerprinting. Please send one page receipt to PAC Secretary at ThePrairiePark@gmail.com . Online One Day Volunteer Waiver: https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/2025-volunteer-waiver-release		