

THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting

Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 PM (IN PERSON ONLY)



AGENDA

I.	WELCOME:	Call Meeting to Order. Robert's Rules of Order.	C. Williams
II.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	PAC Meeting Minutes from 3/12/24	C. Williams
III.	NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS:	Welcome new member Gregory Pitts. Are any guests present?	C. Williams
IV.	MOTION(S)	Amendments to By-Laws: (1) Advisory Council Name and park references throughout; (2) posting of Agenda & Minutes within 3 business days prior to all PAC meetings (virtual & in-person).	L. Linnerud
V.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Report with Bank Statement attached (March 1-31)	M. Chandler
VI.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Garden Committee: Zoom meeting 4/2/24; report attached. Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com Park Events Planning Committee: Joint Zoom meeting on 3/26/24 with Garden Committee. Verbal report. Contact: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com Park Investment Committee: Committee Report attached. Contact: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@outlook.com	D. Chandler M. Dunneback L. Linnerud
VII.	PAC BUSINESS:	<u>FIFTH THIRD BANK</u> Account Name Change: Milton Chandler & Charles Williams went to bank to get name changed on PAC account from PARK 581 Park Advisory Council to "The Prairie Park Advisory Council" per Chicago Park District Hearing on 2/14/24.	C. Williams DONE
		<u>IRS PAC Name Change</u> : To request name change of PAC non-profit at IRS with existing EIN from PARK 581 Park Advisory Council to "The Prairie Park Advisory Council".	C. Williams PENDING
VIII.	NEW BUSINESS:	<u>MARKETING</u> : Committee to order t-shirts with park name from Marathon Sportswear in B.I.; comm. decided on blue color to have for ribbon cutting ceremony to look uniform for photos as our first PAC t-shirt. We will create other designs in different colors later. T-shirt price \$20 ea. Turn around time is 10 days.	PAC VOTE I. Williams ORDER?
IX.	STATUS OF GRANT(S):	<u>CPF GRANT (\$1,000)</u> : Chicago Parks Foundation "2024 Connecting Communities" grant application was submitted online in Feb.. Received prior approvals from PS & Ald.; (deadline: 3/31/24). Winner to be announced on 4/17/24.	I. Williams IN PROCESS
		<u>AARP FLAGSHIP GRANT (Average Grant Amount \$11,900)</u> ; AARP MIGROGRANT (\$2,500): 2024 AARP "Community Challenge" grant applications were submitted in Feb. Received prior approvals from PS & Ald.; (deadline: 3/6/24). Winner to be announced in mid-May.	I. Williams IN PROCESS
		<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.	L. Linnerud APPROVED! PENDING START
X.	UPCOMING EVENTS:	<u>4/20/24</u> : (9-12) Earth Day/Arbor Day Event by the Garden and Park Event Planning Committees. Openlands Treekeepers will be trimming trees along Oakley (and if needed around park). We need more volunteers to assist hauling branches, park clean-up. Please RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS68_Ula6ZTDjuoEa11-bCh6yOfS95IxmyVRXw_-Cn2eSyA/viewform?usp=pp_url <u>TBD (APRIL/MAY?)</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.	M. Dunneback; D. Chandler M. Drake; I. Williams
XI.	PARK SUPERVISOR:	Status of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• residential zone 170 parking?• sports schedule for spring sports/activities at park?• park name signs?• bicycle rack installation at 118th/Oakley across from school parking lot? Rebecca inquired about work order. Any other updates?	R. Medrano

XII.	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:	Park Concerns? Questions?	Open Floor
XIII.	PAC MEMBER INFO:	(1) Volunteer Application Form, (2) Fingerprinting, (3) Send one page receipt to PAC Secretary at ThePrairiePark@gmail.com .	FYI.
XIV.	NEXT PAC MEETING:	Next PAC Meeting will be in person at Kennedy Park fieldhouse on <u>5/14/24</u> @ 6:30 PM.	
XV.	ADJOURN:		C. Williams

T-Shirt Sign-Up Form:	(LINK COMING SOON)
The Prairie Park website	https://theprairiepark.org Launched in March 2024; work in progress.
PAC Membership Application	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTDUkAOCbB2HzVphMBTuSWsYeSrq-PO8JhUegNywBUyCv4Eg/viewform?usp=pp_url
SwipeSimple	Online Donation Link for The Prairie PAC: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_7ebae5d3
Steps for Fingerprinting Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Go to: chicagoparkdistrict.com/get-involved/volunteer o Scroll down to “<u>Long Term Volunteer Application</u>” section. o Follow “Steps to become a long term volunteer.” o Email completed application to Maria Stone at: volunteers@chicagoparkdistrict.com

