CPAC January Meeting Minutes

2/27/2019 | Clarendon Park Community Center | 6:45pm

In attendance: Chelsea, D’Angelo, Alex, Melanie, Brian, Katharine, Patrick, Stephan, Scott, Marianne

**Action items**

**Chelsea** –

* Create new binder with minutes
* Send petition to D’Angelo and Brian
* In follow up email include Monique’s email response to our request to change language on their website, Pat’s letter, petition, PAC Conference, Earth Day
* Ask Darius about why they aren’t at Clarendon

**Melanie and Chelsea –**

* Send Brian information on how Cappleman has flip-flopped

**Katharine and Melanie –**

* Decide who speaks

**Katharine and D’Angelo –**

* Working on packet for the Park District Board meeting

**Katharine**

* Draft response to Monique’s email re her misunderstandings
* Draft matrix

**Marianne**

* Send Lakeshore Drive presentation to Katharine and Brian

**Minutes**

* Elections for CPAC positions
  + Up for election
    - This will be Katharine’s last year as President
    - Melanie would be happy to step down as treasurer
    - Chelsea is happy to continue as secretary but will need help in August/September
  + Unanimous votes in previous position
  + D’Angelo is interested in learning more about the board. Will communicate more regularly with board to get to know nuts and bolts.
  + We could also create committees (like Garden committee)
* Save Clarendon Park Petition, Media Coverage & Campaign | Park Renovations Dialogue and Next Steps
  + Looking to hold the Alderman and CPD accountable for their promises of community involvement
  + Chicago Tribune highlighted GCRRC and the changes to the park. We need to continue to use this
    - Morgan, the writer is interested in continuing her support
  + New Star, Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Block Club Chicago – all highlighted the changes.
  + Opportunity between now and April 2nd to get our voice out there and push Alderman to keep to his promises.
  + March 13th is the next CPD Board meeting – March 13th 11:30, downtown
    - Do we want to testify again? Pat and Chelsea testified at the November board meeting.
    - Who do we want??
      * Chelsea suggested youth. Katharine asked about Ari, a young man who participated in the STEM program with the railroad club. It doesn’t feel ethical, as it might seem like we’re taking advantage of him
      * What about youth in the afterschool program? Stephan said that he’s worried it might seem like exploitation. But he also is concerned that there’s not enough information on this for park staff and youth.
      * Landmarks IL advocacy director
  + Communications with Alderman’s Office following the last community meeting
    - Should we highlight the flip-flopping this in a “did you know?” to the petition list?
    - Could send this to a Sun Times writer that Brian knows – Melanie and Chelsea could send him the details to share.
    - Marianne has contact with the new Block Club Chicago writer who’s looking for articles to write. He may be interested in covering it.
  + Set up a meeting with the Alderman and Monique
    - Should we try to do it before the March 13th board meeting? It’s going to be difficult to get meeting time with him as the election ramps up. Yes, let’s try!
    - We want to meet to share notes – what are they doing now, how has communication been with CPD
    - “We’ve given you 2,800 signatures, why are you not supporting them?”
    - We would like a summary of what the park district sends to them regarding the survey responses
  + Should we reach out the CPD
    - Possibly – we want to know about their small meeting conversations.
    - We want to know what they’re getting from the alderman’s office after the survey was posted and closed
    - We want the report of the feedback following the Feb. 4th meeting
  + Come up with a matrix about reno/demo options and what the impacts are for programs – Katharine will start drafting something simple
  + Katharine start a response to Monique’s misunderstandings
  + Developing PAC position paper
* Garfield Clarendon Model RR Update
  + STEM Programs starts on Saturday
* KL Update
  + KL is not doing programming at Clarendon – could be because of future of park building
  + Breakdancing uses the space on Thursday
  + Chelsea can ask Darius about it
* Garden Update
  + Next meeting this Saturday
  + Park District may build a new compost center in a different area, to avoid issues with kids jumping on it and to have a better construction. Cutting ties with the construction and using Green Build?
  + There will not be compost drop off. Alex can get us information on who’s coordinating the compost and what the rules are.
  + 3 new members this year
  + Use garden money to buy compost for both community gardens
* Other park programming Update
  + Windy City Basketball program – work outs and basketball
  + Park Voyagers – each week they will visit a museum around the city – 2 weeks in and 20 kids are involved. Program is conducted by an outside source, programming done upstairs with all the kids and they started going to museums MWF 4-6
  + Teen Program for a few kids – Mike was going to reach out to PC who works for Osterman. She championed a program similar
  + Baseball and football are gearing up! April will be the start.
* Lakeshore Drive Reconstruction
  + Plan C3 – Keep Wilson and close south bound Montrose, north bound Lawrence
  + If there was easy access to Lincoln Park and the track, that would be a huge benefit to the sports programs. This was identified as a priority in the last study.
* Upcoming events
  + PAC Conference - March 30th
  + Easter Egg Hunt – April 20th
  + Earth Day - April 27th – Need Site Captain!
* Next Meeting – March 27th