CPAC March 2019 Meeting Minutes

3/27/2019 | Clarendon Park Community Center | 6:45pm

* Garden Update
  + Garden meeting happened a few weeks go.
  + The garden will definitely get a new compost center to be constructed in May – 9 feet wide and 2 feet deep
    - Once it’s built gardeners are required to maintain it.
    - Closed off at the top to keep out animals
    - It’s a three bin compost
  + Going to do a lot of work on the plots on Earth Day
  + All the plots are full
  + Earth Day Planning
    - Clarendon Park Neighborhood Association
    - Follow-up with Marlise about a site captain
    - Chelsea to follow-up after LANA meeting
    - Connect Alex, Angie, Clarendon, and LANA reps
* Save Clarendon Park Petition, Media Coverage & Campaign
  + *Breaking news! We got word today from the Park District that the they are no longer considering a tear down and new-build.*
  + There will be another community meeting to show renderings and concepts of what they’ll do with the $22 million
  + Park Renovations Dialogue and Next Steps
    - Alderman’s Newsletter said CPD will be doing the fundraising… Should we get involved in fundraising?
      * Michael – typically the way these things are funded. They expect CPAC to do something, elected officials, CPD to do the fundraising.
    - Communications
      * Create a concise press release to be shared on change.org, journalists, etc.
      * Can post something quickly on facebook to acknowledge it
      * Send an email to CPAC members acknowledging news
    - Position Paper for Clarendon
      * This will help us vocalize what our values and goals are.
  + Garfield Clarendon Model RR Club sent a packet of information to the Board to share with all their members.
* Garfield Clarendon Model RR Update
  + Scott – received $2,000 grant for the STEM program
  + Scott was invited to a seminar on May 9th the 9th annual rail supply chain summit – lots of large companies
    - He asked why he was invited and the contact said it was to help network for fundraising for the park and the railroad club.
  + STEM Program, started after last meeting.
    - 10 students (8 from gaudy, 2 from McCutchen)
    - 5 sessions – one on the 16th had Tribune Transportation column and she observed the whole session! Lots of notes and photographs. Impressed with program and the park. Article coming out in the next few weeks. She’s sending in a photographer for the project.
    - Last Saturday was the fieldtrip to the Science and Industry museum – road the train there and saw the display.
* KL Update
  + Are they here or not here?
    - Michael – they aren’t really doing programming out of the park anymore – they’re mostly at Uplift.
    - They are offering a break-dancing classes regularly
    - We are still in a contract with them as an arts partner – park is waiting to find out what’s going to happen with clarendon to do anything (contract is reviewed every 3 years)
* Other park programming Update (Michael)
  + Spring programming starts next week
  + New staff at park – Cynthia – tumbling and track and field
  + Uplift swimming program – 4 learn to swim classes (over 20 kids) – adult swim – aqua fitness Friday from 7-8
* Lakeshore Drive Reconstruction
  + There’s a meeting coming up – there were 12 designs and only one showed Wilson kept open…
  + Rolling submission for feedback
    - People might want to consider writing to CDOT about creating an underpass from Clarendon Park to the lakefront. There was clear request for a walkway/bridge, but we haven’t seen a response.
* Upcoming events
  + Marlise is a long-time resident of Clarendon Park – on auxiliary board for a women’s group. Blessins, charity around for 3 years. She’s going to do a gardening workshop at Reservoir to plant the flowers for the restaurant and get mimosas. May 11th!
    - They raise money for women who have had education interrupted for scholarships to get them back in action. $1,000 scholarship
    - Marlise to send Eventbrite link to share on social media
  + PAC Conference – Sat. Mar. 30, 2019, 9 AM to 3 PM https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/2019-pac-conference-registration
  + Garfield-Clarendon Model RR Club Open House Apr. 7, 2019, 1 to 4 PM http://www.garfieldcentral.org/
  + Egg Hunt, Sat. Apr. 20, 2019, 11 AM to 1:30 PM https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/egg-hunt-clarendon-0
  + Healing Circle Event – Wednesday April 24th TBD
  + Earth Day – Sat. April 27, 2019, https://fotp.org/events-page/earth-day/