CPAC April 2019 Meeting Minutes

4/24/2019 | Clarendon Park Community Center | 6:45pm

**In attendance**: Alex Curry, Katharine Boyda, Pat Reardon, David Urshel, Mike Madalinski, Davide Geranen, Melanie Eckner, Chelsea Biggs, Stephen Somoah, D’Angelo Boyland

* Garden Update
  + Compost bin coming down this weekend
  + Earth Day event “semi-mandatory” for gardeners
* Garfield Clarendon Model RR Update
  + STEM program came to an end and it was a success! All boys – no girls this year
  + Scott is going to speak at a BNSF, national conference to network and try to find funders
  + Friday nights are packed – lots of diversity and lots of kids come
  + To upkeep the train, they come on Tuesdays and Wednesdays now because it’s hard to get work done on Fridays.
* KL Update
  + Dancers were here rehearsing
  + Breakdancing is twice a week
  + Outdoor HipHop Theater Fest is happening this year
  + Mad Dog was highlighted in a series on dance for footwork. Video linked on our Facebook page. Chelsea can add to our website
  + Their grant may or may not come back for next school year, that might force them to come back to Clarendon
* Other park programming Update (Michael)
  + Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday – Between 400 and 450 people came – they planned for 200
    - It was too many people, maybe charge next time?
    - Maybe Uptown Church can help fund/sponsor it?
  + Spring is here! Baseball teams are practicing
  + Summer Day camp is gearing up June 24 – August 2
  + Teen Program is fading away – they went roller skating but with it warming up and school ending, they’re busy in other places
  + Swimming program is a HIT at Uplift
    - If someone isn’t there, there’s a number to call and the life guard will open the door
* Clarendon Park Renovation
  + Update on CPD project staff, Sarah White and Sarah Gelder replace Julie Smith – One is a landscape architect and one is a project manager
    - Michael update on walk through with Sarahs
      * Took two hours with them, went through all the rooms.
      * They talked about an elevator on the exterior of the building, near where Michaels office is and moving his office to a different area (community room?)
      * They seemed to understand what has happened this whole time
  + Next Steps to informally meet new CPD project managers
    - Next Public Meeting is postponed
    - Invite them to the park for an informal meeting to talk about how the process has gone so far. Just invite the Sarahs, Maria Stone and possibly Monique from the Alderman’s office
    - Katharine will send out dates to set something up
  + TIF
    - JDL/Harlem Irving money has not been put in escrow yet… Despite us all being told it was, 1.5+ years ago
      * The law/ordinance says the TIF funds should be paid out within 6 or 8 months. So couldn’t the park district be sued for not obeying law.
    - North lot is still accruing TIF – where is that money going? Is it allocated? Who can we ask about this??
    - On Monday Katharine will call Melanie, Pat, and Stephen to get correct verbiage to ask Heather where the money is.
  + Media Coverage and Save Clarendon Petition
    - News Star article “Trains Keep On Rollin”
  + Developing PAC position paper
    - Our vision and overall hope for the park and what we want it to be as we move forward.
* Upcoming events
  + Earth Day – Sat. April 27, 2019, <https://fotp.org/events-page/earth-day/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/events/775106856223628/>