CPAC June 2019 Meeting Minutes

6/26/2019 | Clarendon Park Community Center | 6:45pm

Attendance: Katharine Boyda, Mike Madalinski, Melanie Eckner, Chelsea Biggs

Questions

* for Sandy and Heather – has the park district received the TIF funds? What’s the plan to get it, if they haven’t?
* for Sarah’s and Heather – how can we build partnership with the new developments to incorporate the park (after July 4th)
* for Alderman’s Office – what’s the process going to be to build community process into the development coming to the corner of Montrose and Clarendon and build relationship around parking lot across the street.

Minutes

* Updates on Park Programming
  + Garden – rain has been so frequent that they haven’t needed to water. New composter is in place and Alex and Angie are maintaining it (it’s really nice!). Next mandatory garden meeting is July .
  + GCMRRC – They are booked on their open nights – they will do open house Chicago again. The night of the party last Friday people were waiting to get into the space to check it out.
  + KL – Are they going to get more present at the park? Should we consider a new arts partner if they won’t do more programming?
  + Summer Camp – it’s awesome – Cynthia runs a great program with the kids. 100 kids (8 teenage helpers), 5 staff, lots of diversity, goes now until August 2nd, swim once a week at Uplift,
  + Other
    - Mike coordinated the night out “Make Music Chicago” with Uptown Church who brought food and cooked out. Despite the cool weather there was a huge turn out!
* Update on Clarendon Renovation
  + The Sarah’s want to come to the park and speak to the parents of the campers to get information from them.
  + Look for an update by our next meeting
* Changes coming to Montrose/Clarendon—what is this?
  + Xfinity store and vet coming to corner of Montrose and Clarendon
    - We’d like to have a conversation about landscaping around the new building (gardens and seating to connect building to park. Conversation originally happened with Jim and partner but we need to circle back.
* Parking lot across from Clarendon Community Center
  + When someone replaces Monique, reach out to see if there is a process for this and the development on the corner of Montrose and Clarendon. – Chelsea to reach out
* Mamby Festival and Montrose Lakefront Coalition
  + Representatives were there from the aldermans office, park district, (other groups), to discuss what to do about protecting the plovers.
    - Plovers just have their fourth egg – first set of eggs were sent to Michigan to be incubated.
  + Will Jam Production cancel the concert? It’s unclear but there is a petition that has almost 5,500 signatures. The park district is responsible for negotiating with Jam – the coalition is providing feedback to the park district and other stakeholders
  + We should agree as a council that concerts of this size should not come to Montrose
* Summer events in and around the park—Movie in the Park, July 26 (Promotion & Flyers)
  + Spiderman enter the spiderverse – flyers will be coming
* Establish Clarendon Park Vision & Values
  + We are the perfect example of a green park
  + We exemplify a natural space in such a large city – native plantings, native birds, etc.
  + We could have an asset map of all the things we have to offer in and around the park
  + Katharine to collect information from all of us and will work on it putting pen to paper

Other items

* Garden walk is September 7th – centered around Clarendon – Theme is climate action
  + 8:30 am yoga (Yoga Body Elements)
  + Volunteer at gardens (Clarendon or somewhere else)
  + 11am first tour (going to different gardens)
  + A garden party will happen again with snacks
  + 2pm tree tour