



## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee**

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

1:30 pm

Evanston Art Center Conference Room

2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Claire Alden, Paul D'Agostino, Nora Diedrich, Alderman Jane Grover, Ann McMahon

Members Absent: Larry Boswell, Maureen Conway, Pam Elesh, Erica Granchalek, Don Terras

Others present: Barbara Janes, local resident

### **Committee Member Reports**

#### **Art Center**

Nora Diedrich said that the EAC Fall classes have begun, but due to the uncertainty of the building's future, the extended schedule is unclear. The staff is unable to commit to artists long-term, and she expects a drop off in registrations. The staff is currently working on safety and code compliance issues, and is scheduled to make a report to the City's Human Services Committee on October 6. She noted that their kid's programs had prospered over the past summer, but not the adult programs and believes the lack of available parking may have been a contributing factor. There will be a joint student and faculty show on exhibit during January and February, 2014.

#### **Lighthouse Park District**

No report

#### **Garden Club of Evanston**

Although Garden Club members were not able to attend, Pam Elesh sent an update via email before the meeting, which Paul shared with the Committee.

"Please let the group know that the Student Conservation Association came to the Lighthouse Park this summer and did a good clean up of invasive plants in the dune area. They will be returning in October to do more work. also, the Butterfly Garden is looking good at this time of year and was being tended to this summer by the club's conservation committee. We will try again to plant grass seed where there are patches of dirt."

### **Ecology Center**

Claire Alden gave the Committee the dates of the upcoming family campfires, which will run through early November weekend evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Individuals may also rent the fire pit through mid-November. She noted that there were no conflicts with the ongoing construction at the Lighthouse during their summer programs. She will work with the Garden Club members to coordinate the October 12 volunteer efforts by the Northwestern Kellogg Cares Day and invited all the Committee members to the upcoming Evanston Green Living Festival on September 28.

### **Neighborhood Issues**

Ann McMahon said that the summer had been very quiet, with very few problems, but that the fall bonfires on the beach can be an issue.

### **Parks/Forestry & Facilities Management**

Paul D'Agostino reported that this past July 6<sup>th</sup> was the 5-year anniversary of the dedication of Noah's playground, and the event was very well attended. He also noted that the grotto had been running smoothly all summer, the greenhouse storage area had been cleaned out by the removal of the old supplies and equipment. Work scheduled for the coming fall and winter includes the replacement of the wood edging in the Wildflower Garden and the clearing of the lake vista east of the Art Center by the removal of EAB infested Ash trees.

### **Alderman Grover**

The Alderman told the Committee that the Art Center was one stop on the citywide tour of Capital Improvement projects, which will take place on October 26.

### **Public Comments**

None

**Next Meeting: March 5, 2014**