

**PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF**

Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 7:30pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Rm 2200

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Logan, A. DiMarco, R. Mayne
M. Casady, L. Raffel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Sloane, M. Metz, B. Burns,

STAFF PRESENT: D. Gaynor, B. Dorneker, P. Belcher

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Lynch, A. Kasprzycki, U. Stone, A. Wade, J. Boiliujtjou
B. Smith, D. Greenberg, L. Kaplan, K. Silver, M. Silver
P. Kaplan, I. Schultz

PRESIDING MEMBER: B. Logan, President

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

B. Logan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. Lynch, A. Kasprzycki, L. Stone and A. Wade, all spoke in support of the Chandler-Newberger center remaining as a community center. Chandler-Newberger serves all of Evanston and is really a city recreation facility as apposed to a neighborhood facility. They provided the Board with a city map showing Chandler has participants from all nine wards, not just from the Seventh Ward. The center keeps Evanston youth off the streets and out of trouble by providing them with after-school athletic classes, sports leagues and summer camps. There was concern about taking action right now to fill a short term gap without considering the very long-term ramifications. Any kind of change in the land usage at Chandler could be short sided and it was suggested that the city start dialogue to have a long term recreation plan for the entire Evanston community; a needs assessment to look at a long term plan for recreation citywide.

CHANDLER-NEWBERGER CENTER

The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving their input. After further discussion L. Raffel's motion that the Board prepare a letter to be delivered to the Mayor and City Council opposing any closing, adaptive reuse or outright sale of any park property or recreation centers, was approved 5-0. L. Raffel will draft the for the Board's review

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is July 21 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

Note: minutes are not verbatim