Members Present: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Pam Elesh, Matt Poole, Paul D'Agostino, Don Terras

Member Absent: Marti Lannert, Linda Eggers, Ann McMahon

Guests: Linda Damaczak, Candace/Tony Dalrymple

Meeting notes for June 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

Committee Member Reports

Lighthouse Park District
D. Terras mentioned the excess rains recently had delayed the work on painting the fence. Project that were completed include re-glazing the windows and some of the fence painting. Next year’s plan includes work on the light tower lens. He asked about the schedule for the remainder of the Sheridan Road construction, or if adding the low sidewalks could be part of the 50/50 replacement program. He is concerned about access to the site during the construction, and suggested they might want to complete the east side of the street first to avoid the summer traffic, especially for the beach users and summer camps. He also asked about the status of the mansion and the future plans for any more construction on the two fog houses.

Garden Club of Evanston
P. Elesh reported that for the Garden Club’s 80th anniversary, there is a celebration scheduled for September 21st. She thanked the City for their efforts to have the butterfly garden replanted after construction, and that it was looking very good. She noted that there was a new cable hanging from the building, and wondered if it was permanent or would be removed in the future. She also had concerns about future construction potentially damaging the butterfly garden, the lack of grass in front of the fog houses potentially causing erosion, and where the roof slate was temporarily being stored.

Ecology Center
M. Poole stated that the summer camp programs were very successful and that the use of the fire pit remained a very popular item for reservations. He noted that Public Works staff had installed a more permanent fire ring to help keep the
bonfires enclosed and much safer. He also noted that both the fog houses were being cleaned out after the camps, and this work would continue into November. Lastly, he mentioned that the new roof on the south side of the north fog house appeared to be sagging, and should be checked by PW staff.

**Neighborhood Issues**
The Dalrymples mentioned that tents had gone up overnight on a few occasions over the summer, and wondered if that were allowed. They also expressed concern about future events at the mansion potentially spilling out onto the grounds and hoped that would be addressed.

**Evanston Public Works**
P. D’Agostino reported that there would be tree removals and trimming scheduled for this coming winter provided the weather cooperated. He also said a cleanup around the coach house would be completed this fall as well.

**Alderman Revelle**
The Alderman reviewed the schedule for the new process for the Harley Clarke Mansion that was begun by the City Council in July, with RFP’s from any non-profit entity now due by October 9th. The only proposal previously received was from Evanston Lakehouse and Gardens, and the City Council was not comfortable with only the single response, and wanted to be sure any interested parties were able to submit alternatives. She hoped a final decision would be considered at a November City Council meeting later this year. She assured the Committee that there were still many details to work out before any final agreement is approved and signed. D. Terras questioned whether razing the building was still an option, and P. Elesh asked who would be responsible for the land around the building. The Alderman stated that both questions would be worked out once new proposals were received. The Alderman also stated that there was still future work on both fog house interiors scheduled for this coming fall and into next spring.

**Public Comments**
L. Damaczak commented that the recent increase in photo shoots on the properties had begun to take on an almost commercial aspect with trailers in the parking lot for days at a time.

**Next Meeting: March 14, 2018**