Members Present: Sue Durburg, Pam Elesh, Karen Hawk, Don Terras, Paul D'Agostino, Alderman Jane Grover

Members Absent: Erica Granchalek, Ann McMahon

Guests: David Guran, Linda Damashek

**Committee Member Reports**

**Lighthouse Park District**
Don Terras stated all of the insurance related repair work from the tree damage has been completed. He also stated that installation of new handrails on the front steps have been installed along with security upgrades including window bars and new doors. The Keeper’s Quarters will be included as a stop during Open House Chicago on October 18, which is an event so-sponsored by Design Evanston. It is unknown whether any other Evanston locations are a part of this event.

**Garden Club of Evanston**
Sue Durburg reported that Club members are still adjusting to the increased sunlight in the Wildflower Garden since the large tree was lost. She mentioned that the Club was still waiting for an invoice from the City for some of the additional plantings installed earlier this year. She also said Club members would be removing the Polk Weed and checking the plant relocations from the swale.
Pam Elesh noted that the Butterfly garden is now 20 years old (the Wildflower Garden has been in place since 1937) and a new informational sign has been installed. Additional Milkweed plants have been planted using seeds from one of the Club members, and that there would be a program held next week that will include a talk on Monarch butterflies. She mentioned that the City of Evanston should formally endorse the idea of more plantings to benefit Monarch habitat, and that Milkweed seeds could be purchased from Anton’s Greenhouse here in Evanston. There was also a brief discussion regarding the landscape maintenance directly around the building, which was being done by a private company. City staff would be taking over this responsibility now that the Art Center was no longer using the building..
Ecology Center
Karen Hawk stated that her staff had built a Monarch house at the Ecology Center, and they are trying to “raise” them as well, but is unsure whether they will migrate or not. She also mentioned that her staff was planning to install a new Apiary near the fruit Orchard in Eggleston Park. Summer camps on site were finished for the season, and they far exceeded their revenue projections for the year. She also stated that there would be an increase in the Fall programs due to the construction activities taking place at the Ecology Center. there would be one additional overnight campout and several campfires, along with programs for pre-school and 6th-8th graders as well.

Neighborhood Issues
No report

Evanston Parks/Forestry
Paul D’Agostino reported that a volunteer cleanup and planting of Noah’s Playground was scheduled for one weekend in October, with an exact date to be determined. He indicated that there are still a few Ash trees to be removed due to an infestation of Emerald Ash Borers, and these are mostly near Noah’s Playground. He also said that the grotto would be turned off sometime in October, depending on weather conditions, and he will have the large dumpster removed since it is no longer needed for the Art Center’s move-out.

Alderman Grover
The Alderman told the Committee that future fate of Harley Clark was uncertain at this time, but that there would further discussion at next City Council meeting on September 21. Under possible consideration are asking for additional Request for Proposals from outside entities for potential uses. There is also an outside group of local residents that is trying to raise funds for the building as well.

Public Comments
Mr. Guran discussed various needs and responsibilities of the City to keep the building secure, safe and winterized while it is vacant. He also discussed the history of the Committee, and reviewed his recommendations for Committee changes from the last meeting. Alderman Grover responded that only the Rules Committee of the City Council could authorize changes to the makeup or charge of the Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2016