MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
1:30 pm
Evanston Art Center Conference Room
2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Nora Diedrich, Maureen Conway, Paul D'Agostino, Pam Elesh, Alderman Jane Grover, Ann McMahon, Don Terras

Members Absent: Larry Boswell, Erica Granchalek

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Nora Diedrich said that there would be two new sculptures installed onto the grounds in the coming weeks. She asked Don about getting printed information about the Lighthouse that could be distributed to visitors to the EAC, as their staff gets a lot of questions about it. She noted that they continue to look for a new space, and have been working with City Economic Development staff to help find a location. She asked about storage possibilities should they need space, and specifically mentioned the potential to use the recycling center. She also asked about the status of negotiations between the City and the IDNR, and Alderman Grover indicated that she should contact the City Manager to get an update from him.

Lighthouse Park District
Don Terras spoke about the Preservation Awards that the 2013 projects received, and passed out copies of the documents. The Committee members congratulated him on his Lifetime Achievement Award as well. He then mentioned that both Alderman Grover and the City Manager would be attending the next meeting of the Lighthouse Park District Board on June 16. A written report is attached.

Garden Club of Evanston
Pam Elesh expressed concern regarding whether the grounds surrounding the building or the coach house would be included in any new lease. She stated that the Butterfly garden has been planted for this year, and that the grotto is up and running. She also said that both the grotto and the fire circle stairs were cleaned up this past spring by Northwestern students during their Service Day.
The GCE Centennial celebration has been set for May 15, 2015, and the members are working on events to be held throughout the City of Evanston. Maureen Conway discussed the potential for a new drip irrigation system for the Wildflower Garden and asked the members if they new of any potential
contractors who could install such a system, as they would like to get multiple cost estimates for this project.

Ecology Center
No report, as there has been some staff turnover at the Center.

Neighborhood Issues
Ann McMahon said that the past graduation weekend had been quiet and that the fencing near the Water Plant had been opened up again and needed to be repaired.

Parks/Forestry & Facilities Management
Paul D’Agostino reported that a volunteer cleanup and planting of Noah’s Playground had taken place over the memorial Day weekend and was well attended. He indicated that he was working with the Garden Club to install new landscaping and edging around the Wildflower Garden and that this work would be completed over the coming summer.

Alderman Grover
The Alderman reviewed the current lease discussions with the IDNR, and told the Committee that the IDNR has flexibility as to their move-in date.

Public Comments
None

Next Meeting: September 17, 2014
Lighthouse Park District
Report to
Lighthouse Area Committee
June 3, 2014

1. 2013 preservation projects have been completed and tours of the lighthouse are now being conducted.

2. Maintenance and preservation plans being considered for 2014 include removal and replacement of the roof on the north wing and ductwork in the light tower lantern.

3. The District was presented with an award from the Evanston Preservation Commission at the May 27th City Council Meeting for the successful work undertaken in this initiative.

4. District director, Donald J. Terras, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Evanston for his role in the many accomplishments made during the course of his tenure at the District.

5. As concerned neighbors of the Harley Clarke estate that sits between a large parcel of land to the north that the District owns, and the lighthouse property to the south under stewardship of the District, the District would appreciate being kept apprised of plans for adaptive re-use of the property. Optimally, we’d like to have an opinion on any plan under consideration to avert any potential misunderstandings due to lack of communication.

Appendix:

A. Nomination submitted by the District to the Evanston Preservation Commission

B. Nomination submitted to the Evanston Preservation Commission by District president, Joseph J. Behles on behalf of Donald J. Terras.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Terras