MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
1:30 pm
Evanston Art Center Conference Room
2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Claire Alden, Larry Boswell, Maureen Conway, Paul D'Agostino, Pam Elesh, Erica Granchalek, Alderman Jane Grover, Tom McMahon, Don Terras

Members Absent: Nora Diedrich

Guest: Joe McRae, Deputy City Manager

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Larry Boswell said that the EAC Spring Benefit is scheduled to take place on May 18, and all members are invited. He also noted that their Youth Film Fest had taken place this past Sunday and that a student Art Fest was scheduled for May 3-5 and would include “responsible” graffiti as part of the exhibit.

Lighthouse Park District
Don Terras stated that the restoration work on the Lighthouse was set to begin in April, and he passed out the attached progress report. He anticipates the project to be completed by August. He mentioned that there may be some issues with the Summer Camp programs while construction is taking place, and Paul D'Agostino suggested placing additional barricades along the property line to alleviate some of the potential problems. The Lighthouse Park District has scheduled an Open House on May 5 for all their donors to try and make up for the current funding shortfall for the restoration project. Lastly, Don discussed the write up of the Lighthouse in the January 1st edition of the Chicago Tribune and the fact that it brought very good PR to the site.

Garden Club of Evanston
Pam Elesh said that the Student Conservation Association was scheduled to perform a site cleanup on April 13 to include the entire east end. The work will be supervised Garden Club members.
Erica expressed concern on whether the construction work on the Lighthouse would present a conflict with the Wildflower Garden. And she was concerned as to how the Garden Club would determine their planting schedule and budget for the year. Maureen questioned whether any plant material should be installed before or during the restoration project, and also when the timbers around the
garden beds would be replaced. Paul D'Agostino suggested that waiting until after project completion would be best for timber replacements, but that new plantings could likely be installed this spring.

**Ecology Center**
Claire Alden informed the Committee that the family campfires are currently scheduled to take place twice per month from April through June, and that the fire ring is available for rentals as well. A family campout is also scheduled for May 18-19. The Summer Camp season will run from June 17 through August 23, and includes a “Get Lost” event on June 28. Finally, she said she is coordinating a work day for dune cleanup on May 25 in conjunction with Northwestern University’s student “Give Back” day, and she will coordinate those efforts with the Garden Club’s site cleanup that day.

**Parks/Forestry & Facilities Management**
Paul D'Agostino reported that the site cleanup for Noah’s Playground was scheduled for sometime in May, but an exact date had not yet been set. He also noted several Ash trees on the site had been marked for removal due to an infestation of Emerald Ash Borers, and that the new Evanston TreeKeepers group had done some work on the bluff to remove invasive tree species over the course of two Saturdays.

**Alderman Grover**
The Alderman updated the members on the status of the potential sale of the Harley Clark mansion. She reviewed the process that had taken place up to this point, and that the City was currently in discussions with one group for a potential boutique hotel that could include underground parking. She stated that in speaking with some of the surrounding neighbors, that their overall response was very positive. She also stated that under the current proposal, the potential sale would include the coach house and attached greenhouse, but that the entire process was still at the Committee level, specifically within the Human Services purview. Joe McRae indicated that the proposal would be subject to a public process before any final decision could be made by the City Council.

**Next Meeting: June 19, 2013**