Members Present: Claire Alden, Paul D'Agostino, Nora Diedrich, Pam Elesh, Ann McMahon, Don Terras

Members Absent: Alderman Jane Grover, Larry Boswell, Erica Granchalek

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Nora Diedrich said that the EAC has completed their due diligence to find a new location, which would be a larger and consolidated space for them, but no new location has been identified yet. She announced that the new installation for the front yard is titled “Breeze Keeper” and will be completed in July using citizen input. She asked if the “For Sale” sign could be relocated, and noted that non-permitted parking near the Coach House has become an issue.

Lighthouse Park District
Don Terras presented a written report to the Committee (document attached), and added that the picnic shelter capacity seems to be exceeded for some of the recent picnics, an extra table has been left on the site, and that some extra trash receptacles were needed to accommodate these large groups.

Garden Club of Evanston
Pam Elesh expressed some concerns about how the property lines were drawn as it relates to the potential sale of the Art Center. She also noted some problems she had observed on the site, including bricks and debris being dumped into the grotto pool, The mechanicals of the pump system had been exposed, the south fence near the Fog House had been knocked down, tree limbs hitting the Fog House roof, and the need for a cleanup of the parking lot islands. She noted, however, that both the Wildflower and the Butterfly Gardens looked very good so far this season.

Neighborhood Issues
Ann McMahon said that the Garden Club had hired Nels Johnson to do some tree trimming and clearing on the site, but they seemed to have left some logs and a small amount of debris behind, and asked Paul to help with their removal. She also noted that the steps behind the Fog House leading down to the dunes needed to be cleared and possibly sprayed to keep them clear of obstructions.
Ecology Center
Claire Alden informed the Committee that the summer camp camp-out dates for this season would be 6/20, 7/5, 7/18, 8/1, 8/8, and 8/15, and that the campfire rentals would continue until November 15. She stated that additionally, as part of the “Leave No Child Inside” program, there would be a group campfire and scavenger hunt on the site on June 29. Finally, she said that as a part of Ecology programming, they would try to get volunteers to help clear the lake views in front of the benches on the bluff east of the Art Center during the Dune Cleanup scheduled for June 19.

Parks/Forestry & Facilities Management
Paul D’Agostino reported that Emerald Ash Borers had been confirmed on several Ash trees on the site, and these trees would need to be removed soon. He also agreed to help with the site cleanup prior to the Garden Club of Evanston’s Zone Meeting in September. He asked that the Club members contact him directly with requests or concerns so that they can be addressed quickly.

Next Meeting: TBD