MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
1:30 pm
Evanston Art Center Conference Room
2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Brian Arbuthnot, Paul D'Agostino, Nora Delaney, Pam Elesh, Alderman Grover, Ann McMahon

Members Absent: Claire Alden, Barbara Rosborough, Don Terras

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Nora Delaney announced that there would be a photo shoot at the Art Center on July 12 coordinated by Chalk (a retail store located on Central St.), and that they would also be under-writing a fashion exhibit later this fall. She asked about a parking exemption on the day of the photo shoot. She also announced that a fund raiser has been scheduled on July 22-24 to coincide with the Downtown sidewalk sale, where they will have a sale space. In order to store materials prior to this sale, she asked about the availability of storage space within the Coach House garage for the 2 weeks prior, and it was agreed that there was space available. She also noted that their previous fund raiser this year had exceeded their goals and was a success.

Lighthouse Park District
Written report attached.

Garden Club of Evanston
Pam Elesh noted that Rosborough Partners had performed as much of the landscape renovations as possible surrounding the Coach House, but is holding off on work around the greenhouse pending possible future construction in this area. She raised the question as to whether there is an outside source of water on the Coach House, and this will be checked after the meeting. Pam said the Butterfly Garden looks good this year, and that they had a regular schedule for maintenance work.

Discussion then turned to the trash receptacles, and the issues surrounding fencing this area. The fencing option must be abandoned, as there is not enough space to install what was desired. Alternatives discussed included new landscaping around the area, but the existing Cedars need to be looked at first. Another option included turning the receptacles into artwork, but no final decision was made.
Pam also brought up the fact that the finials that had been removed from the building’s exterior should be restored and re-installed. Lastly, she noted that Erica Granschalak (sp?) would be taking over for Kathy Hardgrove as the new Chair of the Wildflower Garden.

**Neighborhood Issues**
Ann McMahon stated that the area has been very quiet so far this season, but asked if the Park Rangers could begin checking the whole site during their visits. She noted that there was again a hole in the chain link fence, that the large dead tree on the dunes was still standing, and then asked if some of the volunteer trees behind the Art Center and along the bank could be removed to preserve the views.

**Ecology Center**
No report

**Facilities Management**
Brian indicated that his staff has already performed all of the structural prep work on the picnic shelter prior to the Eagle Scout roofing project scheduled for this week.

**Parks/Forestry**
Paul D’Agostino noted that the Eagle Scout project to re-roof the picnic shelter was approved, and the project is scheduled to be done this week if the weather cooperates. He also stated that there is a spring clean up scheduled for Noah’s Playground on June 18. Finally, he indicated that there was a walk-through tour of the facility conducted on May 27 that involved an anonymous potential buyer of the Art Center per the City Manager’s direction.

**Alderman Grover**
Alderman Grover announced she was chairing the newly formed Lakefront Committee, and that they would be reviewing the plans put forth by Mr. Vasilko regarding the further development of the lakefront adjacent to the Downtown area. The charge of the Committee is to review the plans over a 90-day period, looking for ways to improve the use of the area and try to bring in more users. The Committee will then formulate a response back to the full City Council in September. She also talked about her 7th Ward Newsletter which is put out every other month. She asked for input on the site for the next issue, and also said she would include a link to the Garden Club of Evanston.

**Next Meeting: TBD**