MEETING NOTES

Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, March 16, 2011
1:30 pm
Evanston Art Center Conference Room
2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Brian Arbuthnot, Larry Boswell, Paul D'Agostino, Nora Delaney, Pam Elesh, Ann McMahon, Barbara Rosborough, Karen Taira, Don Terras

Members Absent: Alderman Grover, Kathy Hardgrove

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Larry Boswell reported that there were no major problems in the building with the exception of the water leak on the third floor. Nora Delaney announced that the benefit auction would be held on May 21 and hoped to work on parking alternatives for the event. She announced that new classes beginning June 13 through August 20 would have parking issues due to the conflict with the beach season, so the Art Center may consider moving the start time for the classes to 9:00 AM to try and beat the beach traffic. She also announced plans for two events later this year – a recycling event during the last week of July, and a “Bike to the EAC” event in September aimed at attracting families.

Lighthouse Park District
Don stated that the status of the grant he received for work on the Lighthouse through the Illinois Department of Transportation is being hampered by the State’s overall fiscal problems. The grant was approved 2 years ago, but he now does not anticipate any work beginning until August or September of 2011. The planned scope of the work is to cure the water infiltration problems on the upper one-third of the lighthouse structure. He said work is moving forward on upgrades to the exhibits in the Keeper’s Quarters, and that an open house was held last September for the Lady Elgin exhibit. A short discussion was held to answer questions regarding the progress of the reconstruction of Sheridan Road.

Garden Club of Evanston
Ann McMahon reported that the Butterfly and Wildflower Garden work would begin in May, and that both Pam and Erica would be doing the Butterfly garden this year.

Pam Elesh noted that they had received an enlarged plan of the original Jens Jensen landscape plan and that all the details were now legible. She also asked if the balance of the funds left by Fred Yoder could be used to renovate the
landscape surrounding the Coach House and to screen the trash receptacles. Pam said she had estimates for the fencing that ranged from approximately $2,000 up to $5,940. A discussion followed about asking for clarification of the quotes to make sure the contractors were quoting similar work. Barbara said she had overlaid the enlarged Jensen plans in order to re-draw the landscape design surrounding the Coach House. The implementation of the new design will require a lot of cleanup work to go along with the new plantings, and the proposal for this work is around $17,000, which the Committee felt was appropriate. Discussion then returned to the trash receptacles, and the issues surrounding fencing this area. Snow removal might be a problem as it may block access during the winter months, and the possibility of replacing the 2 small dumpsters with one larger dumpster was also discussed. The Committee agreed to allow the use of the Fred Yoder funds for both projects.

**Ecology Center**
Karen announced that that Kindergarten tours would be held at the site from the end of April through the month of May. She also stated that the Summer Camp sessions would run from June 13 through August 5, with 24 children participating for the first six weeks, and 35 children for the last two weeks. The fire pit rental season will run from April 5 through November 15 of this year. Karen then announced that this would be her last meeting, as she is leaving the City to pursue further education at the end of next week.

**Facilities Management**
Brian indicated that the two basement leaks in the Art Center had been repaired by injections into the foundation. Facilities Management staff will begin turning on the outdoor water supplies on April 15, and this process takes 3-4 weeks to get through the whole City. The grotto will be done as a part of this process. He also stated that his staff would be performing all of the structural prep work on the picnic shelter prior to the Eagle Scout roofing project scheduled for this June.

**Parks/Forestry**
Paul D’Agostino noted that the balance of the donation from Fred Yoder’s estate was $22,578.90, and was specifically to be used for landscaping improvements on the site, so depending on the final accepted quote for the fencing, there would be enough to pay for approved projects. The new sign along the Sheridan frontage to better identify Noah’s Playground was installed late last year, and the entire wooden sign was actually replaced and relocated to improve visibility. He reviewed Capital Project schedule for the site, which includes nothing for 2011. 2012 projects that will be proposed include repairs to the greenhouse ($80,000), design work for the replacement of the windows and building tuck pointing for the EAC ($40,000), and renovations to both fog houses ($590,000). Future proposed projects include the actual window replacement and tuck pointing on the EAC ($600,000 in 2013), boiler replacement for the EAC ($75,000 in 2014), and interior repairs on the coach house ($300,000 in 2015). Lastly, he mentioned that the funding for the Eagle Scout project to re-roof the
picnic shelter was approved, and the project is scheduled to be done this coming June just before the beach season opens.
A general discussion then took place about the formation of the “Lakefront Development” Committee. Paul indicated that all members would be appointed by the Mayor, with final membership approved by the City Council. He was unsure of the criteria being used for nominations, but would check with Douglas Gaynor, who is the designated staff member for the Committee.

Alderman Grover
No report.

Next Meeting: Wed. September 14, 2011 @ 1:30pm