MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
1:30 pm
Evanston Art Center Conference Room
2603 Sheridan Road

Members Present: Claire Alden, Paul D'Agostino, Nora Delaney, Alderman Jane Grover, Ann McMahon, Don Terras

Members Absent: Larry Boswell, Pam Elesh, Barbara Rosborough,

Committee Member Reports

Art Center
Nora Delaney announced that the photo shoot at the Art Center on July 12 went very well and would lead to a new catalogue for the EAC. A faculty fashion exhibit later this fall is in the works in conjunction with the Art Institute. She also announced that the July fund raiser generated $4,000. She also noted that their new class sessions would begin later this week, and that there were plans for an open studio for sewing classes, as there seemed to be an increased interest in the subject. Lastly she thanked the City for rodding the clogged drain line in the basement of the building.

Lighthouse Park District
Don Terras announced that the State funded (IHPA) projects would be delayed until 2012. Alderman Grover suggested that the City’s Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, Matt Swentkofske could provide some assistance. The delayed work may present a scheduling issue on the site due to the potential conflict with the Summer Camps being held at the Fog Houses. Don also mentioned that the overgrowth along the sidewalk just north of the entrance drive was making it difficult to see pedestrians and vehicles as you exit the property. This overgrowth should be cut back to clear the site lines from the drive looking north. Anne then mentioned there was a similar issue at the intersection of Milburn and Sheridan.

Garden Club of Evanston
Anne McMahon reported in Pam’s absence that the gardens on site were thriving and it had been a very good summer for them.

Neighborhood Issues
Ann McMahon stated that the area has been very quiet for the summer. She noted that there was again a hole in the chain link fence adjacent to the Water Plant and that the large dead trees in the dune area were still standing. She then complimented the Lakefront staff on their closing of the beaches when rip
currents threatened swimmers, and asked if more could be done to both educate and warn beach users about rip currents. The Committee discussed placing warnings on the beach, adding information to the City's website and 311 system.

**Ecology Center**
Claire Alden informed the Committee that the fall programs would be only Tuesday/Wednesday 8-week sessions as well as family campfires though the end of November. She stated that summer programs went well and included 150 participants as well as 40 families in Family Camp and invited all Committee members to the Green Living Festival on September 23 at the Ecology Center.

**Facilities Management**
No report

**Parks/Forestry**
Paul D’Agostino noted that roofing repairs were underway on the flat section at the top of the building, which is not visible from the ground. He also stated that there is a fall clean up scheduled for Noah’s Playground on October 15 with a rain date on October 22. He then listed the capital improvement project requests that had been submitted to the City Council for 2012. These included window replacement and tuck pointing the exterior of the EAC, greenhouse rehabilitation, and repairs to both Fog Houses. It is unknown at this time if these projects will be approved for funding in 2012. He then mentioned the extensive storm damage from the past summer that occurred over the entire site to numerous trees, and that losses Citywide were extensive.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2012