Members Present: Brian Arbuthnot, Larry Boswell, Paul D'Agostino, Paula Dannov, Nora Delaney, Pam Elesh, Alderman Grover, Kathy Hardgrove, Ann McMahon

Members Absent: Karen Taira, Don Terras

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz

Presiding Member: Alderman Grover

**Committee Member Reports**

**Art Center**
Larry Boswell reported that the light on the north side of the building is not functioning and that some follow-up on the basement leak is needed. He also thanked the Facilities Management staff for their responsiveness.

Nora Delaney announced a new exhibit would be opening on September 26 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the organization, and that there would be new classes beginning next week. She also announced that the staff is looking to create a new “Brand” for the Art Center, along with an updated website coming soon. She also noted that the front handrails needed some new paint.

**Lighthouse Park District**
No report

**Garden Club of Evanston**
Pam Elesh noted that they had weeded the parking lot islands earlier this year, but they look bad now. She said the Grotto looked great after the restoration. A discussion by the group then centered on having the EAC help to fund the ongoing maintenance of both the islands and the area around the restroom building, and Nora indicated she would look at these locations to see if they could be added to the current contract.

Kathy Hardgrove said the Wildflower Garden was at the end of its season, but they had a steady stream of volunteers over the past summer and were able to plant a new Dogwood, Coneflowers, and an Espaliered Crabapple.

Anne McMahon mentioned that the Millennium area was beginning to attract loitering again, but that the summer months had been quiet overall. She also
mentioned that there was still a hole in the fence along the Water Plant, but Brian said he had it fixed that morning. Lastly, she mentioned that she hoped for more publicity for the Lady Elgin exhibit coming to the Lighthouse Park District, and Alderman Grover said she would add something on this to her 7th Ward Newsletter.

Paula Dannov spoke about Professor Barbara Geiger from IIT who visited the Jens Jensen Garden site with her landscape architecture students to research its history. They would like to work with both the Garden Club of America and the City of Evanston in fundraising efforts to help restore these gardens to their original state, as they are a potential tourist attraction. The student’s final report presentation should be added to the agenda of the Committee’s next meeting. She said the City of Evanston should also recognize the 150th anniversary of the birth of Jens Jensen in some way.

**Ecology Center**

No report.

**Facilities Management**

Brian John indicated that the Coach House project is complete, and that they were cleaning the Grotto twice a week on Mondays and Fridays and it has been trouble-free so far. He also mentioned that both fog houses are a problem, and that he continues to seek funding for their repairs through the City’s CIP.

**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 it could theoretically be used for fencing to enclose the trash containers. A new sign along the Sheridan frontage to better identify Noah’s Playground will be added to the existing wooden sign within the next few weeks. 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 either this coming fall or next spring.

**Alderman Grover**

Alderman Grover, along with City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, noted that the City of Evanston’s discussion on the consolidation of some Boards and Commissions had no resolution at this time, and discussions were ongoing. There was then a discussion by the entire LLCC about the various site responsibilities of the different members, the ability of the members to solve problems within the overall site through these meeting discussions, the ability of the members to coordinate their different activities, and the fact all this is accomplished while only meeting three times each year.

Next Meeting: Wed. March 16, 2011 @ 1:30pm