MEETING NOTES

Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
1:30 pm
Evanston Ecology Center
2024 McCormick Blvd.

Members Present: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Erika Doroghazi, Linda Eggers, Paul D'Agostino, Don Terras

Member Absent: Pam Elesh, Marti Lannert, Ann McMahon

Meeting notes for September 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

Committee Member Reports

Lighthouse Park District
D. Terras said he is working on plans for work on the interior and exterior of the Keeper’s Quarters and the light tower lens, but is unsure of the timeframe for the actual work to take place. He is also working on new interpretive signs for the area with the Garden Club of Evanston, and they will be the lead on the design of the signs that will stress the historical nature of the site. He said he had met with the City Manager last year regarding the sidewalk repairs but no work had been done yet. He also stated that the prices for Lighthouse tours are increasing by $1.00, and that group prices are now $60.00. He also mentioned that one of the streetlights along Sheridan had been blown over during high winds and needed to be replaced.

Garden Club of Evanston
L. Eggers reported that there was construction debris left after the Fog House renovations and was told that Ecology staff had requested re-using the slate roofing. She said work on the gardens would begin next month and that the Club intended to get plants that flower later in the season this year.

Ecology Center
E. Doroghazi stated that programs would be starting in 2 weeks and would last for 8 weeks to include both 2-3 year olds and 3-5 year olds and their parents. There will also be a Junior Naturalist program on Thursday evenings for children ages 7 and up. She said that reservations for use of the fire pit would be taken from April 2nd through October 31st. She also noted that both the fog houses had been cleaned out in preparation for the camps, and that summer camps would have two 4-week sessions from June 11 through August 17. Lastly, she mentioned that she would try to get the cable on the building and the bikes on site removed soon.
Neighborhood Issues
No report.

Evanston Public Works
P. D’Agostino reported that there would be an inventory of remaining Ash trees done this spring to determine how many more needed to be removed, including any on the various Lighthouse Landing parcels.

Alderman Revelle
The Alderman reviewed the schedule for the City Council’s consideration of the new lease for the Harley Clarke Mansion to Evanston Lakehouse and Gardens. The proposed lease will be presented to the City Council this Monday, March 19, likely with an amendment to the fundraising targets. The agreement is then scheduled to return to the City Council on April 9 for final approval. D. Terras questioned the fate of the parking spaces for the Lighthouse Park District that were dedicated in exchange for the use of the picnic shelter used by the City. He also questioned what would happen to the stones that are currently being stored in the garage. The Alderman also shared details about the second phase of the Sheridan Road reconstruction project scheduled for this year, and will have the Engineering staff contact Don Terras with the exact schedule of the work. The Alderman stated that there would be one lane open at all times and that the east side was planned to be widened by two feet to accommodate the new bike lane.

Public Comments
None

Next Meeting: June 27, 2018