MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
1:30 pm
Evanston Ecology Center
2024 McCormick Blvd.

Members Present: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Paul D’Agostino, Judy Iacuzzi, Ann McMahon, Erika Doroghazi, Don Terras

Member Absent: Pam Elesh, Linda Eggers

Meeting notes for March 13, 2019 meeting were approved.

Committee Member Reports

Lighthouse Park District
D. Terras reported on recently completed projects that included rehabilitation of the north wing in the Keeper’s Quarters and the south wing vestibule, and mold remediation. He noted that the newly installed interpretive sign was getting compliments, and he is working with the Garden Club of Evanston to get additional similar signs for other site amenities such as the Wildflower Garden and dune area. He also thanked the City staff for clearing up the parking issues from previous years.

Garden Club of Evanston
J. Iacuzzi asked if the campers could be reminded of the Wildflower Garden, as they can sometimes damage the plantings. She said that Garden Club members would be attending staff training, and reminded the City of the volunteer trees near the fog houses that still need to be removed.

P. Elesh submitted written concerns: 1. At several meetings over the last year the subject of refuse left by the Ecology Center to the east of the Fog House was brought up. These white plastic tubes are an unattractive pile that needs to be removed. 2. Over the years the berm has filled in with volunteer trees and bushes that have invaded what was once designed to be a natural dune. The original group that took responsibility for the maintenance of the dunes was the Ecology Center. I think this lack of attention should be addressed at the meeting, and the responsibility for the maintenance needs to be decided. Who is to take care of the dune? I believe the idea of a dune was a good one and hope that the
original design of a natural, beach barrier, dune landscape will be brought back

to the park.

**Ecology Center**
E. Doroghazi stated that the summer camp programming attendance was lighter
this year, probably due to the increased costs associated with the overnight trips.
Upcoming programs would include a 6-week outdoor explorer program on
Tuesday afternoons, pre-school morning and afternoon sessions on Thursdays,
and monthly campfires through November. She mentioned that the invasive
overgrowth on the dunes was beginning to affect some of the camp
programming, and hoped it would be addressed soon. She also expressed an
interest in joining the efforts to add more interpretive signs on the site.

**Neighborhood Issues**
A. McMahon noted that the lights inside the north fog house were remaining on
all night, and that the beach and parking lot continue to be attractions for late
night activities. She said she would watch for fires on the beach during the fall
months as well.

**Evanston Public Works**
P. D'Agostino reported that there was still clearing to do of dead and invasive
trees on the berm and on the dunes, and that the difficult access was slowing
City staff’s ability to get this work done. He noted that there was an effort by the
Environment Board to formally designate “Natural Areas” in the City. Committee
members asked that the dune area be referred to be designated as one of the
Natural Areas and asked to be kept informed of the progress on this initiative.

**Alderman Revelle**
The Alderman stated there would be an open house at the Harley Clark mansion
at the end of the month for potential entities who may submit proposals for future
uses. Those proposals are due in February of 2020. She then discussed the
Jens Jensen Day public event that took place over the summer.

**Public Comments**
None

**Next Meeting: December 11, 2019**