

## Monthly Meeting Minutes of JPAC October 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Michael Scott, JPAC President, at 7:01 p.m. A quorum of at least 7 voting members were present. President Scott welcomed the attendees and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved. Then he asked if everyone had read the September meeting minutes and if any corrections were required. Hearing none, a motion was requested to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously by the voting membership.

Eric Rogers, JPAC Treasurer, presented a treasurer's report that indicated the current balance was \$5317.02, no change since the previous month.

An explanation pertaining to a member's qualification to cast a vote during the upcoming November election of JPAC officers was provided by Mary Anton, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. 2024 nominations for the JPAC offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary were requested. The following candidates were nominated, and each accepted their nomination: Michael Scott, President; Spenser Bibbs, Vice President; Eric Rogers, Treasurer; and Russell Pike, Secretary. The election will occur at the JPAC monthly meeting on November 13, 2023, and additional nominations can be taken from the floor during that meeting. Maria Stone from the Chicago Park District will be present to count the ballots.

Committee Updates -(See JPAC website for reports, meeting minutes, and upcoming meeting dates):

- Jack Spicer, Historical Bridges/Fredrick Douglas plaque – will send a letter to Alderman Yancy to notify and keep him informed of the progress and involvement pertaining to these matters.
- Eric Rogers (in Jerry Levy's absence), Golf – proposed improvements to the Jackson Park Golf course - Proposes developing a survey to capture the thoughts and suggestions of both golfers and non-golfers with respect to improvements, modifications, etc. to be considered. It was suggested that the Driving range be utilized as a hub to engage feedback for the survey.
- Susan Avila, Obama – Meeting was held Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; 26 individuals were present. Questions regarding current status and future operations of the OPC will be collected to be presented to Ashley Munson, Obama Foundation representative. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Barbara Koenen, Dog Park – no one has volunteered to be a member of this committee; hence, if no one joins, a recommendation to disband the committee has been submitted. I
- Deborah De Vaughn and Avi Schwab, Communication – Provided information regarding the progress associated with ongoing development of the JPAC Website. They will continue updating JP history and looking to gather information pertaining to other related social media connections. It was recommended to utilize the Illinois Prairie website as a model for developing a map of Jackson Park.

During the open floor general discussion period, several comments were made concerning the potential loss of trees within JP in conjunction with proposed redesign of the JP Golf Course and park improvements suggested in the Lakefront Framework Plan. Additional concerns were raised regarding lack of signage and lack of compliance with the American Disabilities Act requirements within JP.

President's Report. President Scott reported on the following items: (1) he and Eric Rogers will be attending the new PAC Code of Conduct training course; (2) BODYARMOR Sports has partnered with JP to upgrade the basketball courts at 63rd and Hayes; (3) he reported that no one has volunteered to chair the following committees – Safety, Volunteer, and Wooded Island.

With no additional business brought to the floor, President Scott requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved at 7:59 p.m.

The meeting was attended by 34 individuals, including 31 members, 1 new applicant, and 2 non-voting guests. Of the 31 members in attendance 29 were currently eligible to vote including 3 newly eligible as of this meeting; 2 members were not yet eligible to vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Pike, JPAC Secretary