



## **Clarendon Park Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2024, 6:45 PM**

Attendees: Michael, Pat, Ryan, Eleana (Ald. office), Katharine

Michael: No new updates from Stephen Grant. Michael will do his best to attend Zoom construction meetings for more details.

Discussed updating the banner on construction fence to include the following: Current mayor's name (shows Lightfoot), Opening Fall/Winter 2024, QR Code for additional info. Ryan offered to provide QR Code. Michael will contact Judy Malloy requesting new banner. Coordinate with Ryan for QR Code.

Open discussion on CPD offerings for Grand Opening Entertainment options. With Maria Stone out until end of June, who is handling these requests?

Follow-up on Connor's request of a few video interns. Michael will contact Uplift high school principal and Katie/Chase park supervisor to discuss possible sources.

Discussion on Soft Opening and Grand Opening: Perhaps soft opening can be guided tours of the newly-renovated building for ARCS partners, potential and confirmed, and small neighborhood groups. Or larger groups (yet to be determined)? Tours would take place in the fall. Grand Opening, tentatively December 2024—or? With food and entertainment.

No update yet on Connor's meeting with the Uptown Chamber regarding business donations, offerings for the Grand Opening.

Photos: Historical photos. Once we have access to tour the building, will begin process of determining best locations for photos, enlargements etc. Denise Keim, owner of Chicago Center for Photojournalism (<https://www.chicagocenterforphotojournalism.com/>), has offered to assist us in enlargement options for printing, etc. A portion of historical photos from Michael's personal collection over the years is in his Margate office—we'll begin sorting and selecting for Clarendon. Lara offered to create a scrapbook for Michael.

No update on the south community gardens bed repairs. Michael and Katharine will do an informal walk-through to check the status. Michael is checking on turning on water for the gardeners.

After receiving the FOTP \$1900 Grant, Katharine contacted Kristin Brock to determine how we best coordinate creating the Clarendon Park Native Gardens as part of a comprehensive garden design plan for all the gardens. Background: At our in-person meeting with CPD staff, we had confirmed that the original plan by **site design group, ltd.** (<https://www.site-design.com/>) will not be implemented. Michael will also contact Kristin and discuss how we best proceed and collaborate to develop and implement a plan that focuses on native plants and trees.

Ryan gave an update on the community programs survey current responses. Fifty (50) responses to date. Details to follow. Share with local block clubs, Lakeside Area Neighbors Association, Clarendon Park Neighbors Association, and Buena Park Neighbors, and ask them to post survey on their Facebook pages. Eleana offered to put us in touch with the BPN president, thanks! Ryan will follow up on Clarendon Park Neighbors and Lakeside Area Neighbors. Katharine will follow up with Buena Park Neighbors.

Ryan reported the Lincolnwood Mall event was a success! Over 400 people viewed and visited the train set-up.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

**Next meeting is June 19, 2024—we're in the final lap for our GRAND OPENING!**