

## COMMERCIAL PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL HISTORY

### 2000

Founded July

Oct/Nov-Prepared master plan for Park improvements

Wrought iron and new chain link fences installed

### 2001

Park improvements designed by architectural firm VOA and presented to Chicago Park District

February-Capital improvements requested:

1. Athletic Field repairs
2. Playground improvements and updating
3. Outdoor basketball court resurfacing
4. Dog Park at southwest corner of park behind fieldhouse
5. Fieldhouse repairs: roof, heating system, replace Plexiglas windows, tuckpoint and paint building, repair indoor gym floor, improve office space and kitchen, need more storage.

Arts & Crafts Program started with FOTP Seed Grant \$1,000 April 2001

Nov.-Vintage Fashion Show #1

Dec-Work started on fieldhouse

### 2002

Jan through spring:

1. New field house façade and paint
2. New roof
3. New boiler and duct-work

Mar-Draft of landscaping proposal received from Park District

April-CAPS Appreciation Day held at Park

May-Vintage Fashion Show #2

June-Street Fair-participation

June-Garage Sale #1 (\$2,500)

July- Honore Park opened (purchased by Ald. Matlak)

July-Final plan for landscaping approved

Oct-Yoga classes begin

Oct-Capital improvements requests:

1. New field house windows
2. New gym floor
3. Zoned air conditioning

Oct-Halloween Party-park kids

Nov.-First Election Day bake sale

Dec-Holiday Party-park kids (purchased toys for Santa to give). Donation from Ald. Granato

Dec.-Landscaping and exterior improvements completed

## 2003

Feb-Second Election day bake sale

March-Senior Citizen Program initial planning meetings

March-Re-design and construction of play area at fieldhouse entrance

April-Negotiated ½ of cost of installation of new windows for fieldhouse (\$4,450)

April-\$500 Seed Grant from FOTP for computer/after-school tutoring start up program

April-Earth Day-FOTP sponsorship

Spring-Started Spanish/English conversation classes

May-Field house windows installed

May-Prom "Stardust"

May-Commercial sized refrigerator purchased (\$2,150)

June-Street Fair on Wolcott

June-Garage Sale #2 (\$3,500)

July-Paid our ½ of field house window costs.

July-Movie in the Park (CPD paid)

July-Purchased picnic table (\$615)

Oct-Krispy Kreme sales

Oct.-Artists' Walk participation

Oct-Halloween Party-park kids

Winter-Moms & tots program started

Nov-Capital Improvements requested:

1. New gym floor
2. Storage shed
3. Zoned air conditioning
4. Playlot review

Dec- Holiday Party-park kids (purchased toys for Santa to give). Donation from Ald. Flores

Software and additional computer-related expenses

Total donations raised for Capital Improvements: \$5,425.00

Donation for \$20,000 for new gym floor promised by Ald. Flores

## 2004

Feb.-Received award for best Advisory Council for 2003 from FOTP

Feb.- Krispy Kreme sales

Feb.-Greg Chrobak, park supervisor retired

Mar-Computer software installed

Mar-Third Election Day Bake Sale- (primary election-\$100)

Apr-Earth Day-FOTP sponsorship-over 60 volunteers

May-Health Fair (postponed) no park supervisor

June-Street Fair on Rice St. (postponed) no supervisor

June-Garage Sale #3-(\$5,000)

July-Movie in the Park (CPD paid)

Aug.-Kathy Hamada-appointed new park supervisor

Aug-Garden Walk sponsored by EVBG club (over 200 attended)

Sept.-Purchased art room furniture (\$3,500)

Sept.-Chicago Center for Creative Culture arts program started

Sept.-Knitting group started

Sept.-Garage Sale #4 & Used Book Sale (\$3,000)

Oct-Artists' Walk participation

Oct.-Halloween Party (over 300)

Nov. Fourth Election Day Bake Sale (presidential-\$350)

Dec.-Holiday Party (over 500)

Dec.-Yoga classes increased from 2 to 3 per week

New gym floor commitment made by Chicago Park District and Ald. Manny Flores

Ald. Flores increased his commitment to total \$29,000 for gym floor

Advisory Council committed to building a 15 x 20 ft storage facility.

East Village Garden Club landscaped parkways around Superior Playlot

## 2005

Jan.-First meeting of Monthly Book Club

April Earth Day sponsored by FOTP-over 106 attended-received Starbucks donation (\$500)

April-Work on gym floor started

June-Gym floor completed-collapsible bleachers requested-window shades installed

June-New kitchen sink & stove installed

June-Street Fair co-sponsored by East Village Garden Club, CAPS & Ald. Flores

June-Formed Kids' Work Program

July-Bike Fair co-sponsored by CAPS & Allstate

July-Movie in the Park -Shark Tales (paid for by CPD)

July-Purchased 2<sup>nd</sup> park picnic table (\$625)

Aug.-Official dedication of gym floor

Aug.-Garage Sale # 5 & Used Book Sale #2 (\$2,500)

Sept.-Named Advisory Council of the Year by Chicago Park District

Sept.-CAC fundraiser

Sept.-Capital improvement

1. Additional rec leader due to increase in programs
2. Collapsible bleachers for gym (\$18,000)

Sept.-Yoga & Knitting classes expanded

Sept. Playlot committee formed

Oct.-New: Card & board games for adults

Oct.-Halloween Party

Dec.-Holiday Party

East Village Garden Club landscaped parkways in front of Honore Playlot

Submitted plans for storage facility and committed to pay for materials.

More interest and commitment promised for Honore, Superior, and Snowberry Playlots

## 2006

Jan. Dog park(DFA) committee formed  
Jan. New collapsible bleachers-promised, second trophy case  
Feb. Storage facility-TuffShed approved by City of Chicago & CPD. Permit process begins.  
April. Earth Day co-sponsored by FOTP & 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
April-Playlot Committee fundraiser at Leona's- \$6,500  
April- Park District promised central air for fieldhouse in 2006 as part of partnership with CPAC for building storage shed.  
May. Bike Fair-co-sponsored by CAPS & Allstate  
May. Storage shed completed & donated to Chicago Park District  
June. Garage Sale # 6-with playlot committee (\$2500 kid items)-\$6,000 net.  
June. Received \$25,000 Kohls Cares for Kids Grant for playground renovation  
July. Movie in the Park-King Kong compliments of CPD (600 attended)  
July. Central air conditioning installed  
Aug. Garden & Art Walk with EVGC & AOD & local artists  
Aug. Kid Fest with Westtown Chamber of Commerce in athletic field- \$10,9 net.  
Aug. Playlot Committee Brick Sales \$3550  
Sept. Received \$50,000 commitment from State Rep. Cynthia Soto for playground  
Oct-Halloween Party  
Oct. East Village Arts Walk  
Nov.Holiday Gift Fair playlot fundraiser  
Dec. Holiday Party with Santa

## 2007

March Mercury Wine & Gallery Night \$3660  
June Garage Sale with playlot committee - kids portion raised \$2500  
Aug. Kid Fest with Westtown Chamber of Commerce in athletic field- \$11,400 net  
Sept. FOTP awards Playground Committee Advisory Council of the year  
Oct. and on-going - Free Preschool Story time started, every Thursday  
Oct. Halloween Party with first big puppet show  
Oct. Received \$25,000 commitment from State Senator Delgado for playground  
Oct. Anti Violence march  
Nov. Holiday Bazaar (Andrea???)  
Dec. Holiday Party with Santa

## 2008

Feb.-April Dance Class Twinkle Stars Session one  
March-Sept. Greenteam Growers in donated lot on Wolcott  
April Earth Day with FOTP - last year for mulch at CP  
June Garage Sale  
July Movie?  
Aug. Kid Fest with Westtown Chamber of Commerce in athletic field- \$10,500 net  
Oct. GRAND opening of new playground  
Oct. Halloween Party  
Nov.-Dec. Disco twinkle stars session two  
Nov. Election Bake sale - When Obama elected; generated over \$1000  
Dec. Holiday party

## 2009

March-Sept. Greenteam Growers moved to Commercial Park  
June. Field of Dreams Garage Sale moved to Community table purchase and into field.  
July Toddlers Tunes and Tots (lame one with just animal shells)  
July. Kid Fest for playlots and moved onto Wolcott- \$5,500 net  
Month? Movie *Kung Fu Panda* courtesy of CPD  
Aug. Friends of Superior established, Ice Cream Social  
Aug. Rock & Roll Patti Elvis adult party in the basketball court  
Oct. Halloween party  
Dec. Holiday party (450 gifts given)

## 2010

March-Sept. Greenteam Growers at CP  
June. Garage Sale moved to Community table purchase and into field. (ANDREA??)  
July. Kid Fest for playlots - \$500 net (confirm with Georgia)  
July Movie *Cloudy with a chance of meat balls* courtesy of CPD  
Sept. Broken Art Wine event  
Sept. Putt Putt in the Park  
Oct. Halloween party 700-800 too big  
Oct. Going away party for Kathy Hamada  
Nov. Pink Tulip distribution by Jeanne  
Dec. Holiday party (great new snow, 350 gifts given)

## 2011

Jan. 28 Movie *Toy Story 3* in the gym  
Feb. 22 Election day bake sale  
March Reinstated and ongoing art in the park for younger kids with grant for 2011  
March-Sept. Green team Growers alternated between Snowberry and Commercial Park  
Friends of Snowberry established  
March Garage Sale moved to Community table purchase in Gym  
April Earth Day and neighborhood clean-up  
June or July Toddlers Tunes and Tots (GREAT one with live animals)  
June 5 Ice Cream Social, Painting, and Cleanup at Snowberry Park  
July 15 Movie in the park *How to Train Your Dragon* courtesy of CPD  
July. Kid Fest for playlots and moved onto Wolcott- \$5,500 net  
Aug. CPAC hosts EVA's annual BBQ  
Oct. 15,16 Circus in the Parks  
Oct. Halloween Party ending at Roots  
Dec. Holiday Party (400 gifts)

## 2012

Jan. Team Trivia night at Roots  
Feb. 24 Movie *Kung Fu Panda 2* in the gym  
March-Sept. Green team Growers alternated between Snowberry and Commercial Park  
March/April Garage Sale  
April 4 First Easter Egg Hunt by Julie Swan

April Earth Day and neighborhood clean-up  
Aug. 24 *Wizard of Oz*  
Oct. 6&7 Circus In the Parks  
Oct. Halloween Party  
Dec. Holiday Party (x00 gifts)

## 2013

Jan. 21 First Skate Party  
Feb. 1 *Hotel Transylvania* in gym  
March Garage Sale  
March Easter Egg Hunt  
April Earth Day and neighborhood clean-up  
April-Sept. Green team Growers alternated between Snowberry and Commercial Park  
Aug. Orig scheduled for June Block Party  
Aug. Skate Party  
Sept. 13 *Men In Black* in gym  
Oct 12 & 13 Circus in the Parks  
Oct. Halloween Party  
Dec. Holiday Party (X00 gifts)

## 2014

Feb. 28 *Monster University* in gym  
April 9 Easter Egg Hunt  
April Skate Party  
April Mural ribbon cutting  
April-Sept. Green team Growers alternated between Snowberry and Commercial Park  
April Earth Day and neighborhood clean-up  
May 17 Wounded Warrior Project in the gardens  
June 12 *Despicable Me*  
July Skate Party  
July Jazz Concert  
Aug./Sept. Snowberry, Honore and Superior Playlots renovated & ribbon cutting  
Sept. 20 Renaming and Dedication of Bertha Honore Palmer Play lot  
Sept. Circus in the Parks partnered at Smith  
Oct. Halloween Party  
Dec. Holiday Party (X00 gifts)

## 2015

Feb *Lego Movie*  
March Egg Hunt  
March 27 Skate Party  
April Earth Day and neighborhood clean-up  
June *Big Hero 6*