

Malibu East Dialogue

July 2000

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Granville Ave. improvements planned

June 15 Granville Task Force Meeting

By Jack Winans

Many of the leaders and members of Edgewater and Rogers Park community business and political organizations were invited to an 8:00 a.m. inaugural breakfast meeting of the Granville Task Force at Loyola's Simpson Center at Winthrop and Sheridan.

The attendees were given the opportunity to be involved in the process of creating a core group with the responsibility and goal of developing short and long-range plans for the improvement of Granville from Sheridan to Broadway. The meeting was prompted by development plans of Loyola University who owns considerable property on Granville's north side.

Alderman Mary Ann Smith (48th Ward) and Senator Carol Ronen were absent due to last minute commitments. Alderman Joe Moore (49th Ward) and State Representative Harry Osterman each gave their support and commitment to make their resources available to the committee.

Barbara Stanley, Edgewater Community Council President, gave her views of the planning process for Granville, the role of local agencies, city resources and background materials.

M. Goldsmith, Edgewater Development Committee Executive Director gave a historical review of organizations concerned with past improvements on Granville and in Edgewater in general.

Tina Travlos, EDC board member, presented a "Planning Model for Granville" based partially on archetypes of the Bryn Mawr and Andersonville areas.

During the following question and an-

swer period, Sheli Lulkin, Executive Director of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce put forth a impassioned complaint that this meeting and the agenda does not include many local organizations that should be consulted for their input as they will be affected by any decisions concerning Granville. She specifically cited the ECC, ASCO and various block clubs west of Broadway and at the Sheridan end of Granville. Barbara Stanley asked for Sheli's assistance in creating a more comprehensive list of organizations to be invited to the next meeting.

Phil Kosiba, Loyola VP of Facilities and in charge of acquisitions explained Loyola's goal for the Granville property. They would like the McDonalds' site moved to the NE corner of Granville and Sheridan. The current resident is a medical office building whose lease runs out in 23 months. This move would create a contiguous rectangular parcel. Loyola would then improve the site by creating a green space — to be used for university intramural sports in the spring and fall as weather permits and they would also open the area to the public.

A decision was made to produce a more comprehensive list of organizations to be involved in the process and invite one or two representatives (depending on membership size) to a core committee meeting at a time and place to be determined later. The core committee would possibly meet twice a month and hold open meetings for all members of all of the concerned organizations once a month. Core committee members will be asked to commit to three meetings a month until some initial progress is made.



30 years ago

(From the Lerner, June 10, 1970)

Alderman Paul Wigoda (49th) asked John Cardinal Cody to urge the Catholic order, which owned lakefront land at Granville to delay selling the property until the Chicago Park District could explore using it for a public park.

The shoreline property, running some 600 feet northward on the east side of Sheridan, was owned by the Chicago Province of the Clerics of St. Viator. Several old mansions on the site were used to house students of the order who attended Loyola University, as well as some Loyola priests.

(This property, which was slated for high-rise development, eventually was purchased by the Chicago Park District and became, through community endeavor, Berger Park and the North Lakeside Cultural Center.)

Our condolences
to the family and
friends
of
Trudy Michaels,
and
Leonard Sims

MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



MECA board meeting Tuesday, June 27

Presiding:

Richard Strauss, 2nd Vice President

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and 9 residents

Absent:

Stuart Meshbom, Marcel and Martina Molins

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Will the pools be open during day-time hours this summer? *Yes, for select times, as soon as the break-out is done on the A tier and when they are not sand blasting. We will try to keep you posted through the bulletin board, channel 95 and you can call the office at any time for an update. We unfortunately cannot give you a specific date.*
- 2) Is the drilling and the loud noise almost done? *On the south side, yes. On the NE, we have barely begun.*
- 3) What happens to the lobby planter containers when the plants are changed? *They are recycled.*
- 4) The no-smoking rule is not being observed in the corridor outside of the laundry room. *We will examine the effectiveness of signing in this area and the removal of the ash-tray in the corridor.*
- 5) Why were two moves allowed during the same time period yesterday? *The two moves were scheduled separately, one each for the morning and afternoon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the morning move was delayed and extended into the afternoon. The situation was aggravated when the Fire Department had to close down all four passenger elevators to respond to a pulmotor call.*
- 6) What is the city's concern with our hot water tank installations? *The city code requires that the overflow outlet from the hot water*

heater not be connected to a source of wastewater. You should always use a licensed plumber for any plumbing work in the building.

- 7) The newly designed atrium and the flowers look beautiful, but there are some dead plants. Can they be replaced? *They were taken out today and will be replaced.*
- 8) A letter from an electrical company was sent to several owners in our building and stated that it was important to replace the original aluminum wiring in our units. *We*

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

have had only isolated incidents where we have had to tighten wires. If you do not have such symptoms as flickering lights or sparks or snapping sounds when unplugging appliances, then you probably do not have a problem.

OPEN FORUM II 9:00 p.m.

- 9) Sandy Chaet reported that the Sheridan Road resurfacing project has been moved to 2001.
- 10) Is there a problem with the air conditioning in the CU? *The problem is with balance as there is no individual controls for each of the tenants. The system has been upgraded and is working properly.*
- 11) Several residents complained of cars and delivery vehicles parking at the front door causing backups at the garage and hardships for the drop off of the elderly. *Vito Senese was instructed to look for a solution to enforcing the no-parking area at the front door.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- 1) *Financial statement*
Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,813,443.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) *Floor Representatives*
An ice cream social will be held to meet with neighbors and friends. (see "Ice Cream Social" page 6.)
- 2) *Social Committee*
The "Friends of the Chicago River" is sponsoring a sight seeing tour. (See "Social Committee news," page 6.)
- 3) *Social Committee*
See page 6 for report.
- 4) *Commercial Property*
We finally have the engineering report and hopefully will have something to report next month.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

- 1) *Approval of engineering invoice*
A payment of \$4,456 for Klein Hoffman was approved.
- 2) *Commercial property issues*
The lease renewal forms should be ready by the next meeting.
- 3) *Proposal for reassessment of property taxes*
The contract was approved unanimously. (See notice, top of page 3.)
- 4) *Video training program proposal*
Our 44 employees will receive sensitivity training and indoctrination during scheduled one hour sessions using a 20 minute video followed by a question and discussion period. Ila Chaiken and Vito Senese will oversee the training program. The board of directors is invited to watch the video.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) *Exterior & balcony repairs*
A new stage will start of the east side of the NE corner tomorrow. The crews are almost done removing loose concrete on the A tier. They will have to drill again on the A side when they put in anchor rods. We have lost a significant amount of days due to weather, especially high wind conditions. We

NOTICE TO MECA OWNERS

Many MECA owners recently received their triennial reassessment of property values and found unpleasant surprises with increases as high as 25%. Because individual unit owners can not protest individually, the Board of the Malibu East Association has retained the law firm of Worsek and Vihon, P.C. to protest these increases on our behalf. The firm's fee is contingent upon actual reductions and will equal 30% of the first year's savings, which is 10% of the total savings we would receive over the next three years. Any fees will be charged to each unit owner in direct proportion to the owner's actual savings.

are trying to make up lost time with the extra stage.

The parapet wall was hit by lighting on the NW corner three weeks ago. A square foot of concrete was knocked off and baseball size pieces fell to the ground. As we need to hang staging there, the repairs will be done promptly.

2) **Project bill paying**

Bills that come in within the estimate and within budget should not have to come to the board for approval. They could be paid and the payment reported to the board as long as the Treasurer, Vito Senese and the project chair are all in agreement. A motion to this effect was passed unanimously.

3) **Building signage update**

We have an initial estimate for the project. Three bids will be sought before we do samples.

4) **Unit sales**

43A	\$325,000
36G	\$180,000
28H	\$175,000
24D	\$173,000
19G	\$179,000
08E	\$170,000

5) **Garage report**

Claims

Approved:	0
<u>Denied:</u>	<u>0</u>
Total:	0

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	57
Tandem self-park:	17
Second car:	8

Monthly parkers

Valet:	324
Tandem:	79
Single:	142
Preferred:	4
Engineer:	no charge
<u>Motorcycle:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	552

New monthlies:	10
Cancellations:	12

6) **Landscaping update**

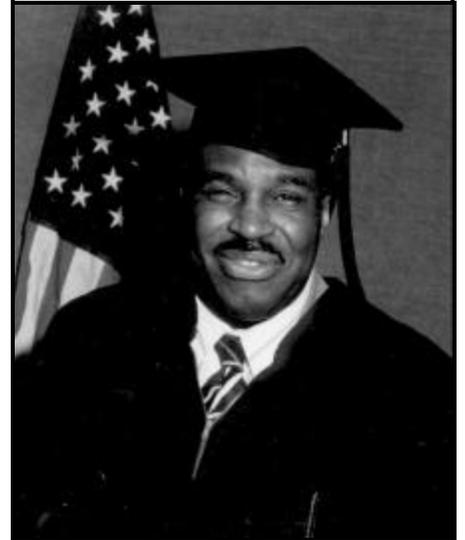
Outsourcing of watering was deemed uneconomical. Two of our own maintenance employees have been assigned responsibility for the atrium. The 4th floor deck planting will be completed on the north side this week.

The meeting ended at 9:13 p.m. and went into executive session.

Thanks and good bye to Doris Billhorn

Doris is moving from our building after many years of faithful service. She delivered the Dialogue to several floors faithfully every month and was the author of many articles. We will especially remember her for her health-related articles.

OBITUARY



Leonard Sims

Community activist and Malibu East resident of 17 years

By Jack Winans

Leonard started his Boy Scout experience as a Cub Scout at the age of eight and continued to become the Midway District Chairman and a scoutmaster for the Chicago Area council. He received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, scouting's second highest award. His leadership produced thirty-seven African American Eagle Scouts including his son, Edward and his nephew, Michael Lockett.

Mr. Sims was employed by the CTA for 26 years where, as a volunteer coach, he led the "Northpark Breezers", a CTA baseball team, to several championships.

A South Side native, Mr. Sims graduated from Wendell Phillips elementary and Dunbar Vocational High School, where he starred in football, was prom king and delivered the commencement salutatorian speech. He was a longtime member of South Park Baptist Church in Chicago, where he had been a soloist in the youth choir.

After retiring, Mr. Sims received an Associate of Arts degree in History from the Harold Washington College.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Free Dixieland concert

Pack a picnic, bring a lawn chair and enjoy great music outdoors in our neighborhood Berger Park. Sunday, July 23 – 5 p.m.

Fall class registration

Starts Aug. 5
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
312-742-7871

CARE FOR REAL

Steering Committee is looking for more members.

Call ECC Office
1042 W. Bryn Mawr
773-334-5609

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police. Wednesday, July 1 – 7 p.m. (1st Wed. of every month)
1210 W. Elmdale
312-744-0718

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"Fun and Games"

An exhibit – photos of sports down through the years, an interactive game center and a display of a medal winner from the 1936 Olympics.
Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thurs. 7 – 9 p.m.
6424 N. Western Ave.
773-764-4078/2401

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Call for info and registration
6224 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-262-4446 ext. 346

Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

CENTER THEATRE

"Is There Anything Going on Upstairs?"

Open run, Fri. 8 p.m.
1346 W. Devon
773-508-5422

HEADSTRONG THEATRE

"The Women"

An all female bitchfest
Thru July 17 – \$12-15
Fri./Sat. – 8 p.m., Sun. – 3 p.m.
5244 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-989-7037

HEARTLAND STUDIO THEATRE

"Schadenfreude"

A sketch comedy group performs skits, music and monologues with new material every week.
Open run Fri./Sat. 10 p.m. \$5
7000 N. Glenwood
773-728-8111

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Pistols for Two"

An adaptation re the high life of London.
Thru Aug. 27 – \$15-18
Fri./Sat. 8 p.m.
Sun. 7 p.m.
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

30 plays in 60 minutes. Program changes weekly with two to 12 scripts.
Open run \$5 to \$11
Fri./Sat. 11:30 p.m.
Sun. 7 p.m.
5153 N. Ashland Ave.
773-275-5255

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Edgewater Days

Booths, food, games, music
July 22-23, 12 noon to 10 p.m.
Granville Ave., Broadway to Sheridan

Korean Street Festival

Aug. 12-13, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
3200 W. to 3400 W. Bryn Mawr
773-583-1700

Spirit of International Friendship

Sep. 16, 2-8 p.m.; Sep. 17, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.
773-743-6022

SPECIAL NOTICES

Legislative Scholarships

Applications are available for Legislative Scholarships for college-bound HS seniors from the 17th IL House District. Call the office of State Rep. Harry Osterman.

773-784-2002

Deadline July 30

Personal Safety Awareness Seminar

Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Chicago Police Department will host this seminar to address the recent attacks on women in the community.

June 20, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
24th District Police station
6464 N. Clark Street
312-744-6321

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SCR Livery 773-768-7000

Yellow Cab Co. 312-829-4222

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting
 Wednesday, July 19
 7:30 p.m. — Community Room
MECA board meeting
 Tuesday, July 25
 7:30 p.m. — Windjammer Room
Floor Representative
Ice Cream Social
 Tuesday, August 1
 8 p.m. — Windjammer Room
Social Committee
Ice Cream Social
 Sunday, August 6
 2 p.m. — 4th floor deck or
 Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.



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Board of Directors
 Malibu East Condominium Association
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June 3, 2000

Dear Board of Directors:

Thank you for the numerous letters mailed in late March requesting that CTA consider running the 147 Outer Drive Express on Sundays. As you pointed out, this would save considerable time versus using the 151 Sheridan local buses from your location to downtown and North Michigan Avenue.

CTA is reviewing current service patterns in the North Lake Shore Corridor, which includes the 147 bus as well as 145, 146, 151, etc. We will add this request to our list for discussion topics regarding that Corridor. We appreciate your interest in our service, and hope you will pass this information on to the residents of your building.

Sincerely,

Ron Weslow
 Special Assistant, Strategic Initiatives
 Planning & Development

What's your view?

Everyone has a great view at Malibu East. If you would like to share your view with the residents of Malibu East, bring a picture of it to the front desk marked, "Attention: Dialogue", or send it to us via an e-mail attachment to Jack@Winans.com. Your picture will be returned if desired.

Next month we'll publish a picture of Malibu East and our neighborhood taken from a satellite.

Clockwise starting at the right, views from the 39th floor: looking north on a clear day, looking north over the spring lake fog, looking down to the 4th floor deck.





What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese
MECA Association Manager



There has been a lot of activity in and around the building over the past several weeks. Your staff has been busy painting, cleaning, mowing, watering and setting up the outdoor fixtures. Additionally, the pools and the pool deck are being maintained daily in order for all the residents to enjoy them even

agement office. There is no cost for these repairs — but, depending upon the nature of the repair, it may be necessary for the staff to open your door to repair the doorknocker. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter and feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your doorknocker.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If your brass doorknocker is missing or in need of repair, please contact the management office. Some door knocker rods are bent and in need of adjustment to apply the correct pressure to hold your copy of the Dialogue and management notices. Doorknockers will be replaced or repaired at no cost to owners or renters.

though the east side of the building is under construction.

The north side balcony railing painting project will end soon and all north side residents who have not had their railings painted yet are strongly encouraged to call the office immediately to schedule an appointment.

The exterior construction on the east side is continuing and the crews have finished the breakout phase of the southeast corner of the building and of the east side of the A tier. Golf Construction added a crew to start working on the north east corner of the building. As a result, all residents in the B tier must refrain from going out on their balcony from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. while the crew is working on the building.

From time to time, the association distributes notices and "The Dialogue" newsletter to residents by posting them on the unit doors via the doorknockers. If your doorknocker is missing or is in need of repair, please contact the Man-

Social Committee News

By Sandy Chaet, chair

An ice cream social will be held Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m. We will serve ice cream and toppings. Donations of cookies are welcome. Depending on weather, the social will be either on the 4th floor deck or in the Windjammer room

The "Friends of the Chicago River" will sponsor an outing on Thursday, August 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cocktails and appetizers will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by an hour long water taxi guided tour from 6 to 7 p.m. The cruise departs from the Quincy Grille, 200 S. Wacker. The \$30 cost payable to the "Friends of the Chicago River" includes the food. A cash bar is also available. If you are interested, leave your name, unit number and phone number for Rose Wandel at the Doorman Station by Sunday, July 31. You will be responsible for your own transportation to the Quincy Grille. No e-

30 years ago

from the Lerner News-Star
June 21 issue

State officials turned down a permit application to construct a boat hoisting facility and floating platform for Malibu East condominiums, 6033 N. Sheridan Rd.

Opposed to the project were the Edgewater Community Council, Neil Hartigan, Chicago Park District general attorney and Ald. Paul Wigoda (49th). Critics said the facility would be a hazard to swimmers, set a precedent for other lakefront high-rises to seek their own boat-hoisting facilities and violate the integrity of the lakefront.

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Editors comment: The original drawings of Malibu East included a marina where the mall now stands. We still call the open area extending from the lower level storage area, "The boat dock." Widely fluctuating lake levels would have made any type of boating facility impractical without extensive dredging.

Floor Representative Committee sponsors Ice cream social

By Ila Chaiken, chair

An ice cream social sponsored by the Floor Representative Committee will be held Tuesday, August 1 at 8 p.m. in the Windjammer Room

An open invitation is issued to all interested residents to meet with your neighbors and friends and enjoy your choice of ice cream treats. Members of the planning committee will be available to discuss the exciting new committee and how you can assure your voice will be heard at MECA.

The benefits of serving on this committee are:

- Protecting the interest of your MECA home
- Making new friends
- Meet your neighbors
- Making a difference

Plan on attending to get more information and enjoy a social evening with people who care. See you there.

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