

Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting Summary Report

January 10, 2018

On December 1, 2017, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) jointly hosted a Section 106 Consulting Parties Kick-off Meeting as facilitators for the lead Federal agency, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), at the South Side YMCA at 6330 S Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (beginning closer to 10:30 AM due to technical difficulties). This was the first in a series of Section 106 Consulting Party meetings that will be held. The meeting included a Section 106 process overview presentation, a question and answer session with attendees and concluded in an open house format with exhibits on display for review. The goal of the meeting was to receive feedback on three primary topics:

- *Do participants understand the Section 106 process, its purpose and how to provide input?*
- *Are there any historic resources that were not included on the preliminary list presented that should be added?*
- *Is the draft Area of Potential Effect (APE) map for architecture accurate?*

Participants had three options for participation: attendance in person, attendance by phone or written comment submission by comment card or via email. Comments were accepted after the meeting until January 5th, 2018. The meeting was attended by 151 people, with roughly 100 people in the main presentation room and the remainder in an overflow room or calling in by phone. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Department of Transportation, Obama Foundation, Chicago Park District, DPD, CDOT and project consultants were present in addition to representatives from consulting parties as outlined below:

Section 106 Consulting Party Attendance Record		
Agency	Accepted	Meeting Participant on 12/1/17
1Woodlawn	YES	YES
20th Ward Service Office	YES	YES
51st Street Business Association	YES	YES
5th Ward Service Office	YES	NO
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)	YES	YES
Blacks in Green	YES	YES
Business Leadership Council	YES	NO
Chicago Historical Society	YES	YES
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	YES	NO
Chicago Park District	YES	YES
Chicago Transit Authority	YES	YES
Chicago Urban League	YES	YES
City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor	YES	YES
Coalition for the Obama Presidential Center	YES	YES
Community Task Force for Promontory Point	YES	YES
Cultural Landscape Foundation	YES	YES
Federal Highway Administration	YES	YES
Federal Transit Administration	YES	NO
Friends of the Parks	YES	YES
Hyde Park Academy	YES	YES
Hyde Park Historical Society	YES	YES
Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference	YES	YES
Illinois State Archaeological Survey	No Response	NO
Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land and Water Resources	YES	NO
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	YES	NO
Illinois Department of Transportation	YES	NO
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	YES	NO
Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service	No Response	NO
Illinois State Geological Survey	NO	NO
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	YES	YES

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Jack and Jill Moms Chicago	No Response	NO
Jackson Park Advisory Council	YES	YES
Jackson Park Highlands	YES	YES
Jackson Park Watch	YES	YES
Jackson Park Yacht Club	No Response	NO
Kenwood-Oakland Community Association	YES	YES
KLEO Community Life Center	YES	YES
La Rabida Hospital	No Response	NO
Landmarks Illinois	YES	YES
LISC	No Response	NO
Metra	YES	YES
Midway Plaisance Advisory Council	YES	YES
Museum of Science and Industry	YES	YES
Museum Shores Yacht Club	YES	YES
National Association for Olmsted Parks	YES	YES
National Park Service	YES	YES
National Trust - Chicago Office	TBD	YES
Network of Woodlawn	YES	YES
Obama Foundation	YES	YES
Openlands	YES	YES
Preservation Chicago	YES	YES
Promontory Point Conservancy	YES	YES
Pullman National Monument Preservation Society	YES	NO
Real Men Charities/South Shore Current & West of the Ryan Magazines	YES	YES
Save the Midway	YES	YES
South Shore Advisory Council, South Shore Cultural Center	YES	YES
South Shore Chamber	YES	YES
South Shore Works	YES	YES
South Shore YMCA	YES	YES
Southern Shores Yacht Club	YES	YES
Southside Together Organizing for Power	YES	YES
Tribes - Ho Chunk Nation	No Response	NO
Tribes - Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	YES	NO
Tribes - Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	No Response	NO
Tribes - Potawatomi – Forest County	YES	NO
Tribes - Potawatomi – Prairie Band	No Response	NO
Tribes - Potawatomi-Citizen Nation	No Response	NO
Tribes - Potawatomi-Hannahville Indian Community	No Response	NO
Tribes - Potawatomi-Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	No Response	NO
Tribes - Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri	No Response	NO
Tribes - Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma	No Response	NO
Tribes - Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	No Response	NO
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Chicago District - Planning	No Response	NO
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Chicago District - Regulatory	YES	YES
U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service	YES	NO
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	YES	NO
University of Chicago	YES	YES
Westside Health Authority	YES	NO
Woodlawn Community Development Corporation	YES	YES

Several participants spoke during the question and answer period. There were 18 comment cards submitted during the meeting and 15 emailed comments received after the meeting. Phone participants were given an opportunity to ask questions towards the end of the question and answer session, with no response. The following is a summary of key topics raised.

Important questions were raised about the Section 106 process, the Federal actions included, and the role of consulting parties. There were also questions about the historic building survey that will be conducted and what it means for residents if a property is listed on the National Register of Historic

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Places. The project team will be developing a series of educational handouts covering key topics related to Section 106 in advance of the next consulting party meeting, which should address many of these questions.

The following were requested to be added to the list of historic features presented:

- Museum Shores Yacht Club
- 67th street beach and promenade
- Significant trees
- South Shore Cultural Center
- First auto race in the USA monument
- South Shore Parks System
- La Rabida Monastery Hill and promenade
- 1893 historic promenade wall
- Structures associated with the historic neighborhood organizations of Woodlawn, Washington Park, Bronzeville and South Shore
- Structures associated with the 122-year history of the National Association of Colored Women Clubs (NACWC) and its historic members
- Paul Douglas Nature Sanctuary on Wooded Island
- Haiti Pavilion
- Frederick Douglass' participation in Columbian Exposition monument
- Nike missile site
- Cornell and Hayes Drives

Additionally, the following requests were made for modifications to the Area of Potential Effect (APE) map for architecture:

- Consider including Jackson Park Highlands and/or entire South Shore neighborhood
- Consider adding the entire South Shore Parks System
- Consider including the entire Midway Plaisance
- Consider expansion to the following to include a larger number of South side cultural institutions and landmarks:
 - North-South: 47th to 79th and South Chicago to 87th
 - East-West: Beaches and Lake Shore Drive to the Dan Ryan
- Remove Promontory Point
- Identify GLFR project on APE map

Comments were also received emphasizing the significance of views, historic roadways, circulation and landscape as historic elements unto themselves, even though they are not “mapped” or specific to one location within the park. Comments also recommend that reference documents and evaluation criteria are clearly outlined as common resources for consulting parties. The City will be sure to do this at the point in the Section 106 process when potential effects are discussed.

The project team is reviewing each of the above requests and will present any modifications to the list of historic features or the architecture APE with distribution of the **Historic Properties Inventory Report**, which is the next step in the Section 106 process. The Historic Properties Inventory Report will include photos of and analysis of historic eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places for each historic feature on the final list.

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The Historic Properties Inventory Report will be available for review by consulting parties and the general public. In consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and taking public comments into consideration, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will make final eligibility determinations.

Additionally, several comments were shared on topics outside of the Section 106 scope, such as components of the South Lakefront Framework Plan update, the Federal NEPA review and development of the Obama Presidential Center. Though recorded as a part of this meeting, attendees were advised that such comments are best suited for submission at public meetings related to each of those specific planning processes.

Project updates, including distribution of the Report, will be disseminated via email as well as posted online at: www.tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements.