

People United for an Improved Indian Boundary Park

People United for an Improved Indian Boundary Park want to actively participate in an open process for the development of the park. Our hope is that our efforts will in improvement which we can take pride in.

Chicago Park District has put forth a plan to raze the zoo enclosures, gut and rebuild the zoo building, re-landscape the outdoor area into a Nature Area.

- \$2,000,000 to repair the zoo really means that is what it would cost to make it appropriate for exotic animals like bears and monkeys. We are currently licensed for Agricultural animals.
- \$350,000 (amount given by CPD) to repair and upgrade the zoo house for human occupants. \$50,000 (amount from construction professional) estimated costs of demolition.
- Unknown \$ amount to re-landscape to create a Nature area.
- \$350,000 (amount given by CPD) to upgrade spray pool.
- Zoo programming and the Harvest Festival: no budget has been presented.
- CPD has the responsibility to maintain park facilities.
- There is a Nature area already in the park. It is often called the Lagoon.
- There is a Bird Sanctuary in the park. It is Audubon certified. Close to 100 different types of birds have been identified in the park.
- There is no reason why Indian Boundary Park cannot host a Harvest Festival, Petting Zoo, or Zoo Programming without dismantling the zoo.
- The spray pool exists separately from the zoo.
- No one is suggesting that CPD spend \$2,000,000 to upgrade the zoo. We want our tax dollars to be used wisely for the betterment of the community.

We are here today to show our interest and support for the park and the zoo. That has been a staple in our community for 90 years.