

Save the Midway submission to the Section 106 process – sometime prior to 1/5/18

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Thank you very much for your recent email requesting additions to the Area of Potential Effect. we would like to confirm that you received Save the Midway's earlier request to add to additions to the list: 1) the entire Midway Plaisance park 2) the entire South Park System of which the Midway is an integral part. At the 1 Dec meeting only the entire city block where the planned multi-story garage sits was on the list. We believe that the entire Midway Plaisance will be affected by a garage at its head; so too will the entire Park System of Jackson, Washington, and Midway Parks be affected by the severing of the Midway at its head. Given that the South Park System is the only intact Olmsted Park System outside of the State of New York, this is a significant negative effect on several individual parks on the National Register of Historic Places as well as an entire historically significant park system.

Best wishes,

Dear Mr. Fuller,

1) Our organization Save The Midway formally requests that, for the Section 106 review of the federal undertaking "Obama Presidential Center Mobility Improvements to Support the South Lakefront Framework Plan," the entire Midway Plaisance, not just a segment, be included within the Area of Potential Effect. The Midway Plaisance Park is a unified park in original design, in management by the Chicago Park District, and in function in the community; and a major change to one part of the Midway Plaisance such as is proposed in the South Lakefront Framework Plan can have a major adverse effect on the integrity of the entire park.

2) Likewise, we formally request that for this Section 106 review, Washington Park be included within the Area of Potential Effect. Olmsted designed Jackson Park, the Midway Plaisance and Washington Park as a single park system; and the 1999 South Lakefront Framework Plan, which is being updated, emphasizes the importance of integrating Jackson Park and Washington Park through planning and development, especially in page 2, Section 2, "Guiding Principles— Principle 1: Strengthen interrelationships (between the parks)", and in other Guiding Principles in Section 2, and in the General Recommendations in Section 3. A major change to one part of this park system can have a major adverse effect on the integrity of this entire park system.

3) While hearings and reviews have occurred and are moving forward for the South Lakefront Framework Plan, this plan does not include the Midway Plaisance, which has its own Midway Plaisance 2000 Framework Plan and which should be included in the review process. We hope that just as there has been public comment meetings and reviews over the last several months over the revisions to South Lakefront Framework Plan that a similar process will occur with the Midway Plaisance 2000 Framework Plan.