

## Horner Park West Neighborhood Association

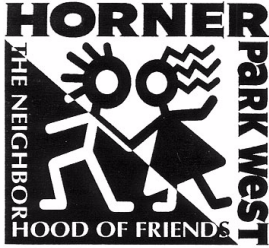
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HPWNA Board Meeting – Wednesday June 19, 2013  
*(Rescheduled from Wednesday, June 12, 2013)*  
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:04 PM  
In attendance: Gretchen Helmreich, John Friedmann, Libby Karier, Bill Ystrom, Mark Mullen, Jose Ronchetta.
2. Approval of Minutes – No minutes from the May 8, 2013 Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report  
Balance: \$1,270.58  
Deposits in May: \$62.00  
Interest earned: \$0.05  
Bills outstanding: to Bill and Gretchen for printing and party costs

BOARD: A motion was made, seconded and the vote approved making Jose Ronchetta a Board Member at Large.

4. Meetings Attended
  - a. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward Advisory Council  
It is being reorganized; the agenda will now be set by the council -- represented by Jon Markel and Gretchen Helmreich – not the alderman's office.
  - b. CAPS  
It was a very small meeting; Sgt. Munin was on vacation, so Officer Parks conducted it.  
She presented a hand-out on how to identify general tagging from gang marks. There is a presentation that she is supposed to be e-mailing to attendees; as yet we haven't received it. (In general, gang signs are more symbol oriented; tagging would be more elaborate, using words, colors, etc.) Mark mentioned the ChicagoWorks app to report graffiti; said it works well.  
There has been a series of strong-arm robberies in the beat, but it doesn't appear to be the work of one group. Scattered locations and different descriptions. More crimes of opportunity, and mostly focused on iPhones.  
The victim from the shooting in late May in the 4900 block of Whipple was identified as a gang member. His girlfriend, who survived the shooting, is not cooperating with the investigation.  
Also, during the meeting, the never-ending garage sale in the alley between Francisco and Richmond(?) was brought to Officer Parks' attention; she said that she would have it looked into.



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c. NRC

John said the May meeting focused on fundraising efforts and trying to set up a mechanism by which the board can communicate on key issues in between regular meetings (particularly in the summer when it usually does not meet).

He suggested the NRC become a fiduciary agent for the Emerald Ash Borer efforts; he said the board appeared to be on board with that idea.

d. HPAC

There was no update on the river bank project. John volunteered to write a letter on behalf of HPWNA supporting the project.

Emerald Ash Borer. There was an inventory of the ash trees in the park There are 55 ash trees, two of which are considered too damaged to treat. The cost for the treatable trees is and estimated \$4,334. The company, Arborjet, donated 2 liters of the treatment, reducing the cost by \$1,200. A motion was made, seconded and approved that HPWNA contribute \$150 to the Horner Park ash tree treatment fund. John also submitted a draft letter that will be sent to the alderman in support of the treatment and stating our donation. (Letter is printed in full at the end of the minutes).

e. Bateman LSC

Gretchen reported CPS cut \$740,000 from the school's budget for the coming year. Also, in previous years all of the funds from the cell towers atop the building went to Bateman; now they will be shared among several schools. The focus of the LSC is on finding new funding sources for the school.

5. Old Business

a. 25th Anniversary Party – Party Post-mortem

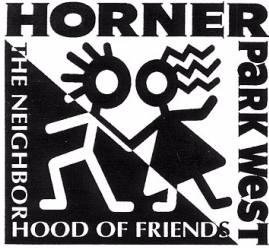
In a word: a success. About 38 people turned out, not including children.

A discussion was held on getting a proper flyer count – various ideas were presented (by doorbell, by doorway; do it now or wait). The decision was to cut the flyer count down to 700 from 900 for the next occasion, and then adjust from there as needed.

Libby will write thank-you notes to the businesses that provided raffle prizes; Gretchen will sign and distribute them

b. NRC Albany Park SSA

Gretchen and Libby attended the last meeting. NRC's paper work was filed; we found out at that last meeting that applications for the oversight council had to be filed one week later (June 21). Also, the council members do not have to be PIN holders in the area. The estimated budget will be \$424,000; they hope to be up and running on Jan.



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- c. Horner Park Changes (USACE, DFA)
    - i. JF – Letter to HPAC, Chicago Park District, Ald. Mell
  6. New Business
    - a. Member Drive
    - b. “Membership” dues vs. Donations

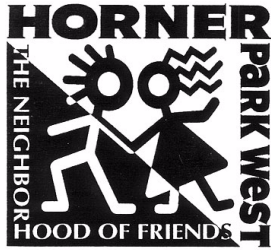
It was motioned, seconded and approved that we drop the membership fee. In its place, we will ask for donations. It was strongly believed that we need to show people what their money goes toward before we ask them to support anything.
    - c. Summer Social Activities

Discussion of other events to keep the momentum from the anniversary party. It was decided to have a neighborhood-wide block party. Jose volunteered his block as the site, so will check with the alderman’s office on the paper work and what is needed as far as getting a bouncy house or fire department appearance. Aug. 3rd is the tentative date; noon to 5 p.m. Mark said he would see about getting the basics for food; we also can have a ‘potluck’ table. Gretchen was going to talk with Montrose Saloon to see if they will donate anything or offer an ‘after party’ special of some sort. Libby mentioned the TGIF that is held in her mom’s neighborhood. Every Friday a different family opens their back yard to a BYO. People in the neighborhood bring their own chairs and their own beverage(s); the hosts provide basic chip/salsa, nothing extravagant. And for about 90 minutes, neighbors gather and talk with each other. For HPWNA the idea is a good one, but the feeling was every weekend might be too much right now, but every other week or once a month would work. We set the first one for July 12 at the Mullen’s home.

The discussion then moved to broader, more casual pick-up types of gatherings – poker games, movies, etc. It was felt Facebook might be too public for some events, and Gretchen mentioned Wiggio – members have to be invited to join, but whoever is a member can post things like a poker game, or the TGIF meeting.
    - d. Beautification

Mark said he is trying to figure out a way to set up a map of the HPWNA area showing the more ‘blighted’ areas. Organizing groups of people to do cleanups once a month or so.
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- f. Emerald Ash Borer  
John wants to do an inventory of the ash trees on private properties in the entire neighborhood. Working from that list, we can flyer, and door-knock, the homes that have the trees and let the owners know about the borer and what is at risk/needs to be done. June 29th there will be a training session on the ash trees, and how to use the app.
7. Adjourn: 7:20 PM