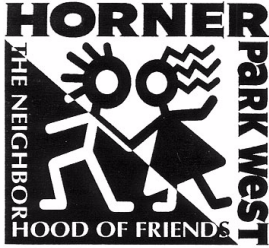


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HPWNA Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2014 Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:34 PM
In attendance: Gretchen Helmreich, John Friedmann, Libby Karier, Mark Jones
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 11, 2013 Meeting – Approved with one spelling correction.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$1,689.34; there is a pending reimbursement of \$52.36.
4. Meetings Attended
 - a. CAPS – Beat 1724 (none since last HPWNA mtg)
No meeting since last HPWNA board meeting.
Next CAPS Beat 1724 meeting is Tuesday, 2/11/2014.
 - b. NRC
No meeting since last HPWNA board meeting. The next NRC meeting will be Jan. 14. Its first order of business is the SSA; it's January, so the SSA should be up and running by now. Also, there will be a vote on whether to support the FAIR coalition's initiative to stop or shift the new flight lines to the O'Hare runways.
 - c. HPAC
There is a move to get the BUS STOP at 2750 W. Montrose either removed or changed to a JCDecaux stop. It is getting vandalized frequently.
RIVERFRONT PROJECT: the IL DNR issued its report, basically saying it has no problem with the project, it looks as if permits will be issued and the fencing should be up next month. The IL DNR has promised that before the herbicide is applied, residents will be notified. But Ald. Pawar had a meeting with Lisa Madigan (as a private resident), other residents of the east bank and some IL DNR reps as well. Apparently there still is a strong effort to stop/slow the project because of the reported black heron nesting site, despite several reports to the opposite. This latest effort apparently was to get the project delayed until spring to see if any birds are in the nest.
DOG PARK: Ald. Mell has indicated she is likely to support the project. Gretchen said she suggested the Alderman request the fundraising minimum for the project be raised from the Park District norm because this project is so much bigger than previous dog parks.
 - d. Bateman LSC
The school officially lost \$750,000 from its budget for the year. Dr. Baccellieri, the principal, gave the state of the school address; it is available online at the school website and on HPWNA's Facebook page. Bateman is on target for its 2012-2014 goals. LSC elections will be this spring.



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e. Others

i. TRIP (The Residents of Irving Park)

Both the principals of Bateman and Patrick Henry schools attended the TRIP meeting to update neighbors on the progress of the schools and to encourage them to take a fresh look at neighborhood schools in Chicago.

5. Committees

a. Communication

Recommendation to form a new committee to spearhead communications. Libby reported she had not created the template for the 'news to know' monthly update discussed last month, but will have a rough draft out this weekend.

i. Website

Erin was not at the meeting, but progress was promised by April.

b. Social

i. 2013 Holiday Party – Debrief/postmortem

Holiday party was declared a success. About 50 people total were there at some time during the party hours.

ii. Party schedule 2014 (June, August, December)

Summer party – where to hold it? June 21 was picked as a tentative date, and there was no objection to having it at the Leader Bar patio again, if we can.

Block party – we still have not decided whether to move it to the 4100 block of Richmond, or leave it at 4300 Richmond, or move it to a block of Francisco or Mozart.

c. Beautification

i. Winter Clean Ups – Grate Parties

The bus stop issue (2750 W. Montrose, noted above) was raised; and we again discussed what we could do as a winter project; sewer grates seems to be the most likely.

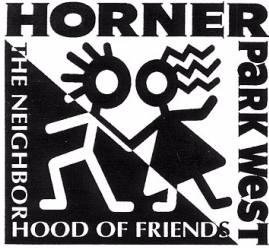
ii. Spring Clean Ups – Second Saturdays

No updates as Mark was not at the meeting.

d. Spring General Meeting – Proposed date = May 21st

The banquet room is booked for May 21. If we invite people to bring food, on the list are: Smalls, Breakroom, Pitchfork; Gretchen said she will try Fina Estampa, although they have been difficult to contact in the past; we questioned if Grand Tour will be open by then. Also we're going to invite the new tailor, Perez Tailor, who has his shop on Montrose near Francisco. Green initiatives is also still on the list. Committee (Gretchen, John, Libby, Erin) needs to meet.

i. Neighborhood food



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- ii. New businesses
- iii. Green Initiatives

6. Forward Progress

a. Zoning and Business Initiatives

With the strip mall going in at Sacramento/Montrose and a potential business moving out of near sites on Montrose, we soon will have lots of empty storefronts. We discussed types of businesses we would like:

Coffee shop; pilates/yoga; gym; bike shop; canoe/kayak rental

There is still the concern about how the Alderman is going about notifying neighborhood groups about requests for zoning/new business development. It was suggested that the Alderman could organize a meeting with representatives from all the civic groups in the ward, allowing the civic leaders to work together to formalize a plan in agreement with the Alderman.

b. (Tentative) Coalition of Area Associations

On hold.

7. Old Business

a. Bike Path– Irving Park to Belmont

Discussion of the status of the bike path and underpass plans. Mark offered to get a copy of the plans for us.

8. New Business

a. FAIR Coalition – O'Hare Flight Paths

Discussion on whether HPWNA would encourage or discourage the NRC to participate with the FAIR coalition's initiative.

9. Adjourn – 9:33 PM

Next meeting is February 12, 2014.