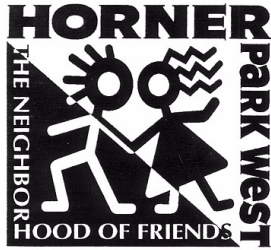


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HPWNA Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:34 PM
In attendance: Gretchen Helmreich, John Friedmann, Libby Karier, Mark Mullen, Erin Engstrom
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 8, 2014 Meeting – Approved with one spelling correction.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$1,636.95 as of 1/31/2014; there are no outstanding payments.
4. Meetings Attended
 - a. CAPS – Beat 1724
There are lots of reports of auto thefts and vandalism; lots of break-ins; and there apparently is someone who breaks into garages by ramming a vehicle into the bay door until it breaks.
There were complaints regarding the traffic around Bateman (particularly during the afternoon pickup times) but that probably was due to snow issues. No recent complaints.
And there are two scams going on in the area: one is the ComEd energy scam (the people who say they're from ComEd are not) and a man (Harold the coat guy) who goes around soliciting cold-weather coats and other clothing and cash. He really wants the cash; he is not collecting for a charity.
Next CAPS Beat 1724 meeting is Tuesday, 4/8/2014.
 - b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)
This first meeting, on Jan. 30, was a brain-storming session. At the next meeting (slated for Feb. 27, 7pm, at Horner Park Fieldhouse) there will be formation of committees and chairs. Discussed were traffic flow issues; extending CTA routes to link up key parks and neighborhoods; extending bike lanes; and planning for traffic rerouting and alerts during significant events (e.g, parades).
 - c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)
IDNR got the permit for the riverbank project; fences are to go up at the end of February.
The Dog Friendly Area is going ahead with fundraising. HPAC is waiting for a clear outline of the estimated costs before deciding whether to contribute.
HPWNA sent a letter in support of changing / eliminating the bus stop that is always vandalized.
The Farmers Market got the go-ahead.
The dates for the Ravenswood Manor 100th anniversary events are June 27-28.



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Independence Park might be getting rid of its fitness equipment. If so, Horner Park might acquire some of it.

There will be a Movie in the Park this summer; The Wizard of Oz.

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer will be in the park May 30-June 1.

d. Bateman LSC (none since last HPWNA mtg)

e. SSA #60 (Special Service Area)

The first meeting was held; officers were elected. The next meeting is Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. at the NRC offices (3403 W. Lawrence, #201). At this meeting they will be approving the budget; the meeting is open to the public.

f. NRC (North River Commission)

The membership meeting was last week. They reviewed and discussed the goals for 2014; neighborhood civics also listed their goals. The next meeting will be March 4 at 7 p.m. at the NRC offices (3403 W. Lawrence, #201).

5. Committees

a. Communication

The neighborhood newsletter's inaugural edition had positive feedback. We will continue doing it.

b. Social

i. TGIF 2014 – First Fridays

April 4 is slated to be the first TGIF of 2014.

ii. Summer Kickoff Party – June 21st

The summer kick-off will be 3-6 p.m. on June 21. We are interested in holding it at LeaderBar again. We opted not to go with the bracelet option; but will see if we can get some sort of deal on food.

iii. Neighborhood Block Party – August 3rd, 17th, or 24th?

We need to pick a block and set a date before April 1 (when groups can start reserving the Jumping Jacks); perhaps after the March canvass when we see what sort of response we get from the various blocks.

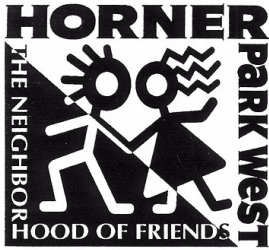
iv. Holiday Party – December 7th or 14th

Possible dates for the Christmas Party are Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. No further discussion on that.

c. Beautification

i. Winter Clean Ups – Grate Parties

With the prediction of temperatures in the 40s and rain next week, we really want to get a grate clean-up scheduled. Libby will do an inventory of the corners most needing cleaning and will pass it on to Mark and Gretchen. The corner of Francisco and Berteau will be the meeting place. Mark will post a notice of it to Wiggiio and to FaceBook.



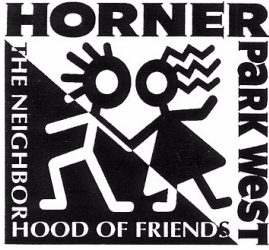
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- ii. Spring Clean Ups – Second Saturdays (starting 3/8 or 4/12)
There will be a cleanup on March 8 (weather permitting); we'll start with Sacramento again, meeting at the north (Montrose) end. Mark will post on Wiggo and FaceBook.
 - d. Economic Development (Zoning and Business Initiatives)
Gretchen did an inventory of businesses and office space on Montrose from the river to Sacramento. 95 addresses; 69 are commercial sites; 15 are unoccupied or for lease. Several are not ID'd.
The next step is to call (where we have the phone number) the owner or lessee to find out the square footage and the price per square foot or the rent.
The third step then would be to contact businesses and invite them to check out the neighborhood.
Vision Board: Gretchen is reaching out through Mary Brush (and maybe Mark/Mary M.) to find an architecture student who will create (for free) a drawing of what the neighborhood could look like. Once we find the person, the board will meet with them.
 - e. Spring General Meeting – May 21st
Gretchen has reached out to several restaurants (Fina Estampa, Grand Tour, Tano's Pizza) to see if they'd be willing to provide food for the meeting. Other suggestions are Patino's (Richmond and Irving Park), and Breakroom. We also want to invite the tailor on Montrose, as well as the frame shop farther west and the popcorn shop west of Kimball.
We decided to focus on green initiatives. John F. will do a presentation on flood water abatement; we will invite Tom LaPorte to speak again on Meter Save and rain barrels; and we will look into finding a landscaper to speak on rain gardens. (Libby will call around to find a landscape company).
6. Forward Progress
 - a. Coalition of Area Associations
There is an informal coalition among the leadership of area civics. So far, it is working well.
 7. Old Business
 - a. Bike Path– Irving Park to Belmont
Nothing to report.
 8. New Business



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a. Community Meetings

Given the number of meetings that are attended monthly, Gretchen asked for help in covering them all. Mark M. said he would go to CAPS; Libby and John are going to TAC; John and Gretchen are attending HPAC and NRC; Gretchen will attend the LSC. Given the time of the SSA meetings (5 p.m.) it is difficult to find someone to attend those.

9. Adjourn – 8:50 PM

Next meeting is March 12, 2014.