

HPWNA Board Meeting -- Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order -- 7:33 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Jones, Jose Ronchetta, Erin Engstrom, Gretchen Helmreich, Libby Karier, Jason Sperling.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Feb. 11, 2014, meeting, approved with no amendments.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Feb. 28, 2014: \$1, 637.01:

Outstanding deposits: \$10 to Secretary of State for civic registration

Outstanding payments: none

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724
no meeting

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

i. The second meeting was held Feb. 27. The name was changed slightly — to 'Action' from 'Advisory' — and members voted on priorities for this year (derived from the brainstorming initiatives from the first meeting). The result: bike and pedestrian safety issues. Education and outreach will be addressed as well. The next meeting will be March 27 at the field house at 7 p.m.

ii. Traffic planning on parade Sundays was not one of the issues set as a priority, but Gretchen and Carol Maher of PEAP met with CDOT about creating a traffic plan for those days. It was agreed there should be a plan and the alderman should be getting it by April.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

i. The council is fundraising for the summer concert series. One way it is doing so is seeking ads for the playbill that gets distributed at the concerts. it's \$40 for a quarter page. a motion was made and the board voted to approve purchasing a quarter page ad in the flyer.

ii. The Farmers Market website is live. Work was progressing on getting the application and paperwork complete before committee members were to attend the Good Food Festival at UIC the weekend of March 15 to contact with vendors for the market.

d. Bateman LSC

No meeting

e. NRC (North River Commission)

The new website is live, with a focus on communication. The website now is up to date, reorganized with loads of information that's easy to find, and the FaceBook page also is up to date.

f. SPECIAL SERVICES AREA #60

The meeting on March 12 was held to approve the contract. CleanSlate — which provides paid jobs in neighborhood beautification to people who have difficulty finding employment; because the SSA does not have a large budget this year, the focus is on sidewalk litter cleanup. If all goes as planned, CleanSlate workers should be on the street by April 1.

5. Committees

a. Social

- i. April 4 is slated to be the first TGIF of 2014
- ii. The summer kick-off will be at Leader bar, 3-6 p.m. on June 21. We still have to reach out to Leader.
- lii. Block party: the city's Jumping Jack program might be cancelled, but the decision was made to go ahead and pick a date and block anyway to get moving on this. We will reach out to the 4100 block of Richmond to host this year; the 4300 block will be the backup host.

b. Beautification

- i. March 8 cleanup was cancelled due to weather; the next regularly scheduled cleanup is April 12. Given how dirty everything looked when we had the brief melt in late February, we probably will call a random day cleanup as well.
- ii. Earth Day Cleanup at Horner Park. A motion was made and approved that HPWNA be the sponsor of the cleanup.

c. Economic development

Vision Board: We still are looking for someone to do a vision board so we have something to show potential businesses. Mark J. said he would ask some people about doing it.

d. General meeting

- i. We don't have many definite acceptances on food providers; it might be too soon for them to commit, so we will circle back closer to the date. It was decided not to have local businesses make presentations; rather there will be a table where they can put business cards/flyers and, if they want, they can greet neighbors
- ii. Libby said she had gotten Julia Bunn of the Spirited Gardener in Andersonville to

talk about native plants, rain gardens and other sustainable backyard initiatives. We still need someone who can talk about rebates for broad green home improvements (energy efficiency rebates, solar, etc.)

iii. SLATE OF CANDIDATES: Gretchen is running for re-election as president; Erin is up for first v.p., which will include treasurer's duties; John, second v.p.; Libby, secretary. Members at large will be Mark Jones, Mark Mullen and Jose Ronchetta.

e. Communication

i. Efforts will be made to use wiggio more so people realize they can use it; it's not 'from the board' only.

ii. Update should be ready to go live next month.

8. Adjourn -- 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting: April 9, 2014