

HPWNA Board Meeting -- May 14, 2014  
Minutes

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Gretchen Helmreich, John Friedmann, Erin Engstrom, Libby Karier

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 9, 2014: approved with amendments

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Balance as of April 30, 2014: \$1,642.12

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: \$40 for the ad in the HPAC summer concert series program

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

No meeting since HPWNA's last meeting. Gretchen said she would be sending pictures of the gang graffiti at Montrose and Manor to the 17<sup>th</sup> District; she also is keeping tabs on the permanent garage sale in the alley between Francisco and Richmond.

b. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

No one attended the April meeting. The next one is May 29.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

i. The board approved going in with Welles Park to sponsor the Circus in the Park program.

ii. It also approved giving \$15,000 in funding to the dog friendly area for 2014;

iii. the River Day cleanup this past weekend and it was a success.

iv. HPAC has 2 openings on its board and is taking nominations for the positions.

d. Bateman LSC

i. The budgets for the next year have been approved

ii. there is a new recess program at Bateman

iii. the work plan for the next year has been approved

iv. Bateman will get air-conditioning installed this summer and it will be ready to go when classes start next fall.

e. NRC (North River Commission)

- i. Northeastern Ill. Univ. students presented their findings on the flood abatement program in Albany Park. It was a good program.
- ii. The education coordinator is leaving; that position now needs to be filled. They are looking for nominations to the board.
- iii. The NRC also is asking for member civics to pay up their dues; minimum is \$50.

f. SSA

The budget for 2015, the first full-blown budget for the SSA, is due to the city in June

5. Committees

a. Social

- i. TGIF, thanks to John and Janet for hosting the May meeting. Jose and Bethany are up for June 6. The TGIF in July would fall on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, so the decision was made to push it back a week to July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Summer kick-off party is all set for June 21 at Leader Bar, from 3-6 p.m. We need to start thinking about raffle prizes.

b. Beautification

The May cleanup had a great cleanup crew; a strong turnout. The next one is June 14, on Francisco, heading from Montrose to Irving Park and July 12 will be Mozart, starting at Irving Park and heading to Montrose.

c. Economic Development

no updates

d. Communication

- i. Erin has presented a mock-up on Word Press for the new website and will go over it with Gretchen. The goal is that by mid-June it should be up and running. Erin suggested we consider upgrading from the basic Word Press functionality to get more use out of the website.
- ii. We have started getting some community input on the Wiggio site, neighbors using it as a chat/information board.
- iii. We'll delay the May newsletter one week so it goes out after the spring meeting and can contain a summary of that meeting. Gretchen will get the template up before then, so other sections can be filled in before the holiday weekend kicks in. We will be doing 2 e-mail blasts for the meeting flyer. Items to go into the newsletter include: the party (and e-mail contests); garage sale how-to ... permit, etc.; gang awareness (and do not post it on FB); and keeping eyes open on hot spots in the neighborhood (gangs, trash, buildings, etc.)

e. Spring meeting

discussed what is needed for the meeting and meeting structure/agenda.  
Thank-you letters will be sent to the speakers

6. Old Business

No update on bike path (under Irving Park bridge into park)

7. New Business

i. The house at the southeast corner of Berteau and Richmond has been torn down. There are no permits posted on the site, but 2 people checked with the alderman's office and there are permits on file for a single-family home to be built.

ii. there is a gang graffiti problem behind McFetridge, as well as drug paraphernalia being found, etc.

8. Adjourned