

HPWNA Board Meeting -- June 11, 2014 meeting
Minutes

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Jonathan Sweeney; Erin Engstrom; John Friedmann; Gretchen Helmreich; Mark Jones; Libby Karier; Mark Mullen

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May 14, 2014, meeting approved with amendments.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of May 31: \$1,642.16

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: \$74.11 for printing flyers and taking out the ad in the Concerts in the Park program

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

i. There was a good turnout, concern over the shooting on St. Louis, in which a 16 year old was killed.

ii. There was a complaint filed over traffic one day at Bateman School, but school is out June 13 so will be a moot point for a while.

iii. Garage sale: The "permanent" garage sale is still going on but has quieted down; police have been going over there and left literature regarding permits, fines, etc.

iv. There is a homeless man who has been hanging out at Kedzie and Montrose. People are encouraged – if he is a danger to himself or others (aggressive toward people, or out in the street) – to call 911. The goal is to have enough calls to get him into a social services program. Right now, if he gets picked up, he's taken to Swedish Covenant, they give him his meds and he's ok for a while, but he isn't being processed frequently enough to get him into a more permanent program.

v. With it being summer, there are several crimes of opportunity happening. Be alert, especially in the alleys. There have been several armed robberies of people who had just pulled into their garages. Handguns are used, but there have been no injuries yet. There's also been a spate of dumpster fires.

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

No update from the meeting, but the alderman had announced 9 Divvy stations will be coming to the ward. The ones in or closest to our neighborhood will be at the

Kedzie Brown Line station; Francisco Brown Line station; Kedzie & Montrose; California & Montrose; Sawyer & Irving Park; and California &

Byron. John F. said he should be able to make most of the TAC meetings this summer; Mark J. said he would be backup.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

- i. The farmers' market will launch July 12, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ii. The concert in the park series (at Ravenswood Manor Park, near the Francisco Brown Line stop) started June 13.
- iii. HPAC is partnering with Welles Park to host the Circus in the Parks program; volunteers will be needed for the shows, Oct. 17-18-19. There will be 5 shows total.
- iv. The riverfront work is continuing. There has been some concern expressed about the steps to the river being too steep. There is a construction delay because a source of water was hit during construction and there needed to be tests to figure out where it was coming from. It is storm water. Also, there will be 10 large (6-8" caliper) trees as part of the project.
- v. HPAC also is seeking people willing to serve on its board

d. Bateman LSC

no update; next meeting is July 2

e. NRC (North River Commission)

no update

f. SSA #60

no update. It is up and running; the cleaner streets are noticeable.

g. Other meetings

- i. A meeting at the 17th District police station in response to the increased gang activity and shootings. It was hosted by Albany Park Neighbors and The Residents of Irving Park. It was decided there should be a series of "positive loitering" activities. CAPS will coordinate among the various civics, so there is little overlap. HPWNA might host one or will participate with the other civics.
- ii. A meeting to discuss the teardown next year of the Western Avenue bridge (over the Belmont/Western/Clybourn intersection).

5. Committees

a. Social

- i. TGIF at Jose and Bethany's was a success; several new people attended. Next one will be July 11. Gretchen might host; Libby and Jonathan both volunteered to be a possible backup. Mara has said she can host in August.
- ii. Summer kickoff party: Confirmed with Leader Bar, it's a go on the patio. We have 2 raffle prizes confirmed (Barrel of Monkeys and Leader Bar). Other requests are in to: High Five Resale; Templestowe pub; Breakroom Brewery; Angelo's Pizza; and Patino's. It is up on Facebook and Wiggio. Flyers are to be distributed the weekend of the 14th/15th and be done by end of day the

16th. There will be an eblast on the party Tuesday; the newsletter will be postponed until Thursday.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that HPWNA will pay up to \$250 for appetizers at the party. Libby will write the thank-yous to whoever donates to the raffle, as well as to Leader.

iii. Block party. All the paperwork is filed. To avoid neighbor confusion, Jonathan said he would approach the people on his block who usually have a block party to let them know the neighborhood party is on the same block.

b. Economic Development

Mark J. and Gretchen will get together for the vision boards.

*There had been a rumor that work had stopped on the strip mall at Sacramento and Montrose because of a lack of funding. Kelly Wang, the leasing agent, said that is not true. The contractor needed poles and wires moved and work is stopped until that is taken care of. There is a prospective tenant for the strip mall: a Dunkin' Donuts.

c. Communication

i. we need more activity on Wiggo to make it a true discussion board. Not just a board-communication vehicle.

ii. Website. It should be live within the coming week and we will announce it in the newsletter (if that comes to pass).

d. Nominations

A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Jonathan, Mark J. and Mark M. as board members at large.

6. Old Business

Spring general meeting post-mortem. A good turnout; lots of new people were there. We need to put a shout-out into the newsletter to Mirabell for coming to the spring meeting and bringing that terrific food.

7. New Business

Monthly board meetings: A motion was made, seconded and approved that every other month we meet not at the fieldhouse but at somewhere fun in the neighborhood.

8. Adjourn -- 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: July 9, 2014