

HPWNA Board Meeting -- Sept. 10, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order -- 7:38 p.m.

In attendance: In attendance were John Friedmann; Gretchen Helmreich; Libby Karier; Mark Mullen; Erin Engstrom; Kathryn Pensack; Glenn Swift.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Aug. 13, 2014, meeting approved with amendments.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Aug. 28, 2014: \$1,527.57

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: payment of \$228.86 to Gretchen for renting the Bouncy House for the neighborhood block party.

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

No CAPS meeting this month. The next one is Oct. 14.

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

*i. Plans presented for buffered bike lanes at the Kedzie/Elston intersection.

ii. Discussion about traffic issues on Manor.

iii. The need for restriping was discussed; given the limited budget, the priority areas will be near schools and parks.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

No meeting in August.

i. The farmers' market was extended through October. The committee is looking to bring in a honey supplier and maple syrup provider.

ii. The Dog Friendly Area committee continues fundraising efforts. The committee needs help in getting volunteers for the shifts at Welles Park's Circus event.

iii. The riverfront committee won a victory: the river path has been widened to three feet from two. The view from the Irving Park bridge gives a good presentation of what it will look like. The "root blocks" are starting to sprout again, so they are working to stop that. Herbicide will be applied soon. There will be a 7-day notice issued. The herbicides will be applied by hand – no sweeping application. Toward the end of each week, the herbicide application schedule will be available for the week following. If you want to be notified, please submit your email address to

hornerparkinfo@usace.army.mil There also will be a controlled burn at the Montrose end done this fall. The actual plants will be put in by late October,

once the herbicide is cleared; the excavations will be done by the end of September.

d. Bateman LSC

- i. The interim principal is Georgia Davos-Vetas, who has been one of the assistant principals. The recruitment schedule for a permanent principal will be discussed at the October LSC meeting.
- ii. There will be an open house Sept. 17 from 5-6 p.m. at the school Neighbors are invited.
- iii. Also, given the number of young families in the neighborhood, Gretchen suggested we have the next HPWNA board meeting at the school, with a private tour for families in the neighborhood immediately before the meeting.

e. NRC (North River Commission)

- i. There will be more sculptures added to the sculpture park on Lawrence. The restaurant crawl was declared a success.
- ii. On Oct. 7, the North River Commission will be holding an education forum. It is surveying area local school councils and schools about issue with funding and other areas. The results of the survey will be the base of the agenda for the Oct. 7 meeting. The location is still to be decided.
- iii. The NRC is searching for a new executive director.

f. Other meetings

- i. The alderman called a meeting of 33rd Ward civics to discuss the application by the Prayer Furnace to be a medical marijuana dispensary. It would be the first in the ward. Concerns revolve around its being a cash-only transaction that could lead to robberies. There will be a more formal ward meeting with presentations, etc.
- ii. PEAP had the alderman attend to give a presentation on her platform for re-election.
- iii. Albany Park Neighbors had presentations from two potential grocery stores, including the Chicago Market Co-op.

5. Committees

a. Social

- i. The October TGIF will be at Jenny and Cory Ryan's on the 4100 block of Mozart for October. It was decided to put the question of continuing it into November out to the broader group, both to gauge interest and to get a host, should people want one.
- ii. Block party. Was deemed a success.
- iii. Holiday party. Potential dates are Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Gretchen will reach out to Templestowe Pub to see if we could have it there.

b. Beautification

The Oct. 11 cleanup will be back to Sacramento.

c. Forward Progress / Economic Development

- i. Vision board. Mark sent a series of photos of Montrose to the board. We need to pick two on which to focus. The next step will be discussed at a committee meeting.
- ii. A veterinary hospital -- Ravenswood Animal Hospital -- opened in the strip mall at Montrose/California.
- iii. A resident of IPENA (directly south of us on the other side of Irving Park) wants to start a children's dance studio.

d. Communication

Website. There is a beta site. Gretchen will be sending out passwords to all the board to get content loaded.

6. Old Business

The letter in support of solar panels on the new Albany Park library is written; Gretchen needs to get the contact info from Kathryn.

7. New Business

- i. There was a discussion of community response to the machete attack at the Kedzie CTA stop. It was decided that it would be better to have a broad CAPS-led discussion, rather than a march.
- ii. Glenn said the price on the Post Office box has gone up to \$61 per year from \$19. He paid for a 6-month renewal, but suggested we then drop it. It was decided we would look into if it is possible to have our mail delivered to the field house.

8. Adjourn -- 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting: Oct. 8, 2014