

HPWNA Board Meeting – Dec. 10, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order -- 7:35 p.m.

In attendance: Jonathan Sweeney; Gretchen Helmreich; Mark Jones; Libby Karier; Mark Mullen; Erin Engstrom; Kathryn Pensack

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Nov. 12, 2014, meeting approved with 2 amendments.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Nov. 30: \$1,018.26

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: none

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

i. There will be a new CAPS coordinator starting in January – Mike Anderson.

ii. The police have been monitoring reports of an unlicensed auto-repair business in the 3300 block of West Montrose. Made several stops, but no evidence of the business. Will keep it under watch.

ii. The city is working with El Gallo Bravo on Kedzie. This is the business at which the security guard shot and killed a person a few months back. There also were unlicensed liquor sales and other violations of their license on the premises. The owners and city officials met for a remediation conference, at which 6 suggestions were made (no more private parties with alcohol; to call – and keep a log of those calls – to 911; etc.)

iii. There were no updates on the sexual assault in the 4400 block of North Sacramento; no updates on the reports of shots being fired near Whipple & Wilson.

iv. The armed robberies that were occurring in the 4400 blocks between Sacramento and Kedzie appear to be unrelated, except for the ones that targeted the pizza delivery drivers.

v. There is a new website for the CPD, and a new FaceBook page for the 17th District CAPS.

vi. Good news and bad news for CAPS – Beat 1724 – in 2015. The good news is that we now will meet every month, instead of every other month. The bad news is that the meetings no longer will be at the Field House. They'll be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the 17th District station, 4650 N.

Pulaski, and also will be held in conjunction with Beats 1722 and 1723, a so-called 'sector' meeting. The meetings will start at 6:30 p.m

vi. Next CAPS meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the 17th District Station.

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

i. There was no meeting in November or December.

ii. **The next meeting is Jan. 22**

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

John Friedmann attended but was not present to provide a report.

d. Bateman LSC

The opening for the principal's position is now posted, so resumes should be coming in starting in the new year.

e. NRC (North River Commission)

i. November's meeting was a members meeting; officer slate was elected.

John and Gretchen are both serving as board members again.

5. Committees

a. Social

i. TGIF is in winter hiatus but several neighbors are planning to do ad-hoc social events in January and February.

ii. Gretchen posted an electronic Google doc for the post-mortem on the summer block party.

iii. Holiday party – deemed a success. A good turnout without flyering. Libby will write the thank you to Templestowe's owners.

b. Beautification

Organized cleanups also on hiatus for the winter. People are urged to keep the grates cleaned before the snow flies and there will be ad hoc grate-clearing parties once we get ice and snow.

c. Forward Progress/Economic Development

i. No update on the vision board.

ii. Beograd Café applied for a packaged goods license (allowing them to sell beer). Board members did not have a problem with that going through.

d. Communication

i. We need to keep activity up during the winter months. Erin said she would visit the new vet at California and Montrose and put up a posting about it.

ii. Website. Erin and Libby got trained on how to do updates

iii. There was discussion about making the 'newest neighbor' part of the newsletter open to pets as well as babies.

iv. Erin offered to take over Twitter and Hootsuite, etc. to get automated feeds among all the different sites (Wiggio/FaceBook/Twitter) to keep them more active.

6. Old Business

- i. Aldermanic candidate forum: Three of 4 candidates have committed to attending. It will be held in the last week of January, with a location still to be decided. A moderator for the forum also has been signed.
- ii. 2940 W. Irving Park. There was some response from the alderman's office; Dana said the developer was trying to meet directly with the neighbors again. Gretchen asked Dana to keep us informed.

7. New Business

- i. 2015 Goals. We reviewed the 2014 goals and had accomplished many of them. The idea is to reshape them for 2015 to 'further' improve what we started.
- ii. We want to discuss in January creating a 2015 membership drive.

8. Adjourn -- 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Jan. 14, 2014