

HPWNA Board Meeting – March 11, 2015
Minutes

1. Call to Order -- 7:36 p.m.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Feb. 11, 2015, meeting approved with 2 amendments

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Jan . 31: \$1,018.34

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: none

Payment of \$10 was made to Secretary of State to maintain our state registration.

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

i. No updated; no one made the meeting

ii. Next CAPS meeting is Wednesday, March 18, at the 17th District Station.

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

i. No update. No one attended the meeting.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

i. The fence at the southeast corner of the park – around the oak savannah – has been fixed.

ii. The council has been nominated as an outstanding park council.

d. Bateman LSC

i. The 'state of the school' address was Feb. 11. It now is available online at the school website (<http://www.batemanschool.org/>).

ii. There are many small fundraisers being conducted. Notices of what's going on can be found on the website and by following the school on Facebook.

e. NRC (North River Commission)

i. Their big environmental meeting will be in April.

f. Other neighborhood meetings

i. PEAP is starting to plan their summer party schedule. One of their ideas is a "break the fast" party to mark the end of Ramadan.

5. Committees

a. Social

- i. Roller Derby. A small group attended, but a good time was had by all. Consensus was that people would be happy to do it again next year.
- ii. TGIF. Because the first Friday in April is Easter weekend and the start of the Chicago Public Schools spring break – and because usually April is an indoor gathering – it was decided to push the first TGIF of 2015 back to May.
- iii. Summer Kick-off Party. The board agreed that Leader Bar and its patio works well; likely date is June 20. Erin said she would work with Gretchen on the party.
- iv. Block Party. This will be left for the new board to pick a block and date.

b. Beautification

First cleanup in 2015 will be April 18. Street and direction of work still to be decided.

c. Forward Progress/Economic Development

- i. HQ – Howard Quintero opened on Kedzie, between Belle Plaine and Berteau.
- ii. Windy City Playhouse's season starts this month.

d. Communication

- i. Calendar needs to be updated.
- ii. Newsletter. Libby is retiring from the board, so will only be doing the newsletters through April. Gretchen said she would cover for May and June; Erin, July and August; Mark M., September; Jonathan, October. We are going to try adding a feature on HPWNA Pets.

e. Spring Meeting

- i. Date is May 20; Gretchen booked the room.
- ii. Title will be "Growth Spurt". We are sticking with the topic of economic development. We have one panel discussion. So far, Erin has contacted Breakroom and the new vet. Still to be contacted are Angelo's; Dovetail; Ravenswood Manor Child Care Center; Fountainhead; Templestowe; Windy City Theater and we will invite the alderman, once we know what's happening with the recall/challenge.
- iii. the election slate is: President, Erin Engstrom; Vice President, Mark Mullen; Vice President, Gretchen Helmreich; secretary, John Friedmann or Mark Jones; treasurer, John Friedmann or Mark Jones. Member at large, Jonathan Sweeney. Nominated as new members at large (we still need to see if they will accept) are: Jen Duncan; Molly Maier; Edwin Gania; Emily Mitchell; Kerry Sayers Doucet; and Gregg Jaffe
- iii. Tentative agenda would be: Opening remarks/president's annual review by Gretchen; treasurer's report by Libby; election, Jonathan will handle; show and discuss the vision boards, Mark Jones will handle; and then start the panel discussion. Erin volunteered to draft some preliminary questions that will be asked

6. Old Business

- i. No update on the Sacramento/Montrose strip mall

7. New Business

none.

8. Adjourn -- 8:37 p.m.

Next meeting: April 15, 2015, at Breakroom