

HPWNA Board Meeting – April 15, 2015
Minutes

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

In attendance: Jonathan Sweeney; Gretchen Helmreich; Mark Mullen; Libby Karier; Erin Engstrom; Mark Jones; John Friedmann; Molly Maier; Edwin Gania; Emily Mitchell; Aaron Heineman; Jason Sperling.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 11, 2015, meeting approved with 1 amendment

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of March 31: \$1,018.37

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: none

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

i. Gretchen attended the March 18 meeting. (The April meeting was the same night as our postponed board meeting.) The sector meetings – in which 3 adjoining beats were grouped – are being split up. The meeting for our beat, 1724, is being moved back to Horner Park Fieldhouse, and will be held the third Wednesday of every other month (odd months) at 6:30 p.m.

ii. Civic members are coming together to discuss what to do about a prominent gang member who is living in the area. There has been an increase in tagging and other gang activity related to his being in the area. The first meeting of that task force was last week (week of April 8).

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

i. No update. No one attended the meeting and the minutes have not yet been posted. Active Transportation Alliance launched a project called Go Albany Park, an educational campaign to help Albany Park residents walk, bike and use transit more often.

ii. The planned Divvy bike-sharing station at Montrose & California has been moved to the bus stop at 2700 W. from in front of the senior housing.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

i. Won an award as one of the top park councils. The award brings with it a \$500 check from the Chicago Park Foundation.

ii. The dog Easter egg hunt was cancelled because of the canine flu outbreak.

iii. June 20 there will be a night in the park. It will start with salsa dancing and then a movie will be shown. There might be multicultural events in the park leading up to the movie. It was suggested HPWNA hold a neighborhood picnic. A

motion was made and approved; Libby and John will lead the effort; John said he would check with Tom at the park about reserving a picnic area.

iv. The farmers market starts June 6.

v. Herbicide is being applied along the riverbank this month. There will then be more plantings, including new trees.

d. Bateman LSC: no update

e. NRC (North River Commission)

i. The environmental meeting was held in conjunction with Ald. Laurino's meeting on the Albany Park tunnel project. Completion is still two years away. The design phase is underway; bids will be put out this fall. There is a project with Northeastern University to work on getting the neighborhood residents to divert their downspouts from the sewer system.

f. Other neighborhood meetings

i. SSA. Mark attended. Said there were 14 projects approved for the façade improvement funding grants.

5. Committees

i. Spring General Meeting. The slate is set:

President – Erin Engstrom

1st VP – Gretchen Helmreich

2nd VP - Mark Mullen

Secretary - Mark Jones

Treasurer – John Friedmann

Board members at large:

Jonathan Sweeney

Jen Duncan

Molly Maier

Edwin Gania

Emily Mitchell

Kerry Sayers Doucet

Gregg Jaffe

The tentative agenda was approved: Call to order and opening remarks, annual review (Gretchen); treasurer's report (Libby); elections (Jonathan); development panel (Gretchen will handle the introductions, Mark Jones will do the vision boards and then Erin will lead the panel discussion.) meeting will adjourn, leaving time for the business owners and attendees to mingle.

Confirmed businesses participating in the economic development panel are: Dovetail Studios; Breakroom Brewery; Ravenswood Animal Hospital; and D'Aprile Properties. Still waiting for confirmation on Templestowe, Angelo's,

Windy City Playhouse and Fountainhead. Erin presented sample questions that will be asked of the panelists.

The tentative date for distributing the flyer will be the weekend of May 16. Social media soundbites will start going out soon.

Mark passed around rough samples of the vision boards that he will present.

Aaron Heineman offered his firm's equipment to help with modeling/presentation of the boards. It was decided Mark's presentation will be electronic, but there will be hard copies of the boards up for people to view afterward.

b. Social

i. TGIF. The schedule is filled up except for July; the first will be May 1.

ii. Summer kick-off party will be at Leader Bar on June 13 (moved up a week because of the movie night in the park)

iii. As mentioned in the HPAC section, it was suggested HPWNA have a neighborhood picnic in the park in conjunction with the movie night. Libby and John are working on this.

b. Beautification

i. First cleanup in 2015 will be April 18 on Sacramento.

c. Forward Progress/Economic Development

i. HQ – Howard Quintero opened on Kedzie, between Belle Plaine and Berteau. We need to send a welcome note.

ii. Burgers & Barley Pop has changed its name again. It now is Mojo Grill.

d. Communication

i. Gretchen is setting up a schedule for posting of recurring items, so the posting to Facebook and Wiggio is not as ad hoc as it currently is.

6. Old Business

i. The first hearing on the Sacramento/Montrose strip mall was slated for April 16.

ii. Apparently the developer of the properties on Irving Park is still trying to negotiate with the homeowners to obtain their properties.

8. Adjourn -- 8:34 p.m.

Next meeting: (should be May 13, 2015 – will we be meeting, just one week before the general meeting?) at Horner Park Fieldhouse