

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, June 11, 2018

Attending: Athene Carras, Brinda Gupta, Mina Marien, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Jim Peters, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Joe Valentin, Lisa Washburn, Scott Wheeler

Not present: Matt Lachey, Lorin Liberson, Victoria Wiedel

Visitors: Robin Armour, Tony Armour, John Brix, Jan Carlson, Darryl DePriest, Maureen Egan, Cynthia Mueller, Gary Smith, Gail Wolf, Cindy Zucker

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes Betsy Jeffries was added as additional visitor, then May meeting minutes were approved.

Erica Reardon from Congressman Quigley's office offered assistance to the neighborhood

Treasurer's Report, Suzy:

- Another \$200 was collected for Membership
- \$1,000 was paid for HPAC's summer concert series. RMIA is sponsoring Horner Park Jazz Band on Friday, June 22
- Suzy will move another \$1,000 from Paypal to Chase
- Garage Sale collected \$1,660, \$35 was spent on WGN advertising
- Suzy & Athene will work on an audit committee and Suzy will become familiar with QuickBooks

Treasurer's report was approved

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Parks: Mina said they met on Saturday and 2 proposals were selected to present to the Board in July. She wondered how a decision would be made in that they are 2 similar ideas with separate executions. Both would cost more than \$7,500.

- 1) 2-year project: \$14,000-15,000
- 2) The RMIA would pay for the design and then subcontract and/or recruit volunteers. Not sure what the cost would be

Deb Robinett contacted Alderman Mell and her office will contact Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. They will remove 2 trees and Deb wants to see if they will help with grading. They will also be asked about trees that are impacting a neighbor's fence.

Suzy will reach out to someone on the Board of MWRD. Grading will be a big issue in that where water can be moved to impacts grading requirements. Work won't be done this year.

Safety: Joe & Suzy attended Beat 1724 CAPS meeting. There was 5 or 6 people total in attendance. They discussed gang problems and car thefts.

There've been attempted break-ins at Manor & Leland. A description of the person was shared on social media. An armed robbery that occurred on Campbell happened after the meeting, so wasn't discussed. Cook County Towing has a *Cease & Desist* order on them, but they are still picking up vehicles.

Zoning: Will schedule a date to meet.

Transportation: Due to the Wilson Avenue Bridge work, there were cars & buses in the alley! Better signage is needed. Beginning Wednesday (6/20), the bridge will be closed at all times until July 23rd. There is no date yet for the water main work under the tracks on Manor. Bette would like to see repaving of Sacramento completed before the work on Manor begins because of concern over emergency vehicles using Sacramento while Manor is closed.

Membership: Suzy said there were 2 more members. Around 180 households are members.

Communications: the newsletter was delivered last week. Apparently, the 2900 block of Leland did not receive theirs.

Athene pinned the Google Site link on the RMIA Facebook page for more comments on the Historic Landmark District.

Social: Friday, June 22nd RMIA is sponsoring the Horner Park Jazz Band concert in Manor Park Saturday, June 30th is the 4th of July Bicycle Parade. The Wilson Avenue Bridge will be closed which should help with traffic. Volunteers are needed.

Nominating Committee: Mina said they will meet in July. There is a notice in the newsletter.

Audit Committee: Suzy/Athene will check with David Turrentine & Associates located in Ravenswood Gardens and used to be where the piano studio is.

Historic Landmark District: appreciation was given to Mina for creating the Google Site. The doc will be updated regularly

- Feedback on the website – users need to click on the ‘3 lines’ to open the docs. Sometimes these lines don’t show up and instead the menu appears– it depends on the size of the screen and whether you are Mac or PC.
- So far 8 block meetings have been held with 62 households represented. There are 4 meetings this week and 2 scheduled for next week. 21 blocks are accounted for with 2 more needing meetings. So far, 7:1 are in favor of the Landmark District Designation. People who are unable to attend their block meeting may attend any of them. The schedule is on the Google Site.
- Someone who had lived in the Alta Vista Terrace Historic District said costs can be incurred due to materials used.
- Suzy inquired about the average amount of time for a review (she wants to exclude reviews for interiors because they pass right through)
- The Zoning Committee would create design guidelines (Step 5) along with the Landmarks Commission staff. These guidelines would be available for review prior to the Community Meeting (Step 7). Guidelines from the Historic Bungalow Association may be used as a starting point.
- It was reiterated that permit review begins only after the Commission has voted that the neighborhood warrants Landmark consideration (Step 4)
- Visitors wanted clarification of the process. The Designation Process is available on the Google Site, The RMIA website and is handed out at each block meeting.
- Every property owner will have a vote (Step 8). Condos will only have one vote per building to be submitted by the Condo Association.
- Jim proposed an additional July Board meeting.

New Business: John Friedman will probably not be looking into old statues housed by the city of Chicago to be installed at Buffalo Park. This will be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, **July 9**, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park Field House.

Submitted by Kathy Monk