

## Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2019

**Board Members Attending:** Tom Eul, Brinda Gupta, Patrick Johnson, Michael Leff, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Craig Pierson, , Deb Robinett, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Matt VanderZee, Lisa Washburn

**Not present:** Tony Armour, Athene Carras, Mina Marien, Jim Peters, Gary Smith, Joe Valentin, Victoria Wiedel

**Guests:** Cynthia Mueller, Erica Reardon

**Suzy called meeting to order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** March & April minutes were approved

### Treasurer's Report (Craig):

- . RMIA memberships are \$1,075 above the monetary goal of \$7,500.
- . Garage Sale donations are at \$1,550 with \$617 in costs.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Communications** (Jim sent an email):

- Summer newsletter articles are due May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Stories for newsletter are:
  - Summer Events (HPAC Concerts, Bike Parade, Garden Walk)
  - Parkway Tree Plantings
  - Semi Annual Meeting Report (LaPointe Park, Design Guidelines)
  - Calendar of Events (RMIA, HPAC, CAPS meetings, etc.)
- Other ideas were photos from the Manor Instagram account, GoFundMe for LaPointe Park
- A distribution volunteer is needed.

#### **Parks** (Deb):

##### LaPointe Park Update

- \$2,000 has been raised through the GoFundMe page.
- Work will take place May 20, 21, and 22. Deb will be out of town, but Athene will be around.
- There will be stripping, grading, and seeding with the seeds covered with mats. The area will also be fenced.
- There will be sprinklers with timers.
- Will meet with Christy Webber and Ted Wolff on Wednesday.
- Benches will be installed during *phase 2* of the project. The LaPointe family and Laura Weber will sponsor 2 benches.
- Native seed will need to be fenced this year and possibly next year until it's established.
- Decorative grasses will be planted at the corners right away.

##### Tree Planting Update

- Deb set a July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. She needs to let Openlands know by August 1.
- There were already 4 calls from interested neighbors.
- Deb has door hangers that Lorin Liberson used – Lorin got a good response from these.
- There is concern about planting trees where stumps have recently been ground out. Deb will check with Openlands.

### Update on Holiday Lights

- Patrick said a park district electrician is needed for lights in Manor Park. The next step is meeting and brainstorming in Manor Park – Brinda & Suzy will join in.
- A contact in Lincoln Square gave Patrick the website for the lights they used.
- The costs right now are unknown.

### Zoning (Matt):

- The Landmarks Commission hasn't gotten back to him yet. They are working on the Pilsen historic landmark proposal.
- He wants to meet to come up with questions before presenting to the Landmark Commission.
- He asked about looking into and getting the cost for replacing the concrete piers at the entrance to the neighborhood.
- Gary sent a report:
  1. Request-Could anyone that is on the Zoning committee please respond and let me know they are members. Please give me all contact info for you that I need. I really don't do Facebook, and I haven't registered each of you properly in my personal system. I promise each of you I will try to be better in terms of monthly communication and meetings as needed.
  2. Landmark - I am still hoping to have a meeting set with the city to go over our questions by mid-June. I have one call into the city some time ago, and the person we will be meeting with asked us to put off our request for just a little while, as she was under intense pressure to complete the Pilsen application. It is the biggest and most comprehensive of any she has had. (I will try to contact her again today, and let you know if I am able to reach her.) Once the date is set, I expect the subcommittee to meet at least 2 or 3 times to formalize the questions we will be presenting, and to formally designate the representatives from the Manor to attend the meeting. I am hoping the subcommittee meeting will be open to all that wish to attend, although there may be severe limits on the active input by nonmembers of the subcommittee without going thru a member to present their points. I have an idea as to how we should then next proceed, that I would like to present and flesh out to the Zoning Committee first. Therefore, to all Zoning members, please see #1 above.

### Transportation: (Bette)

- There are a couple of signs that are down.
- Mosaic: From Gary - asked Allyson for her number a number of times. She won't give it out. There seems to be nothing we can do. I am going to call Alejandro (CTA) and try to push him to call Ellen Harvey (mosaic artist). I don't hold out a lot of hope any longer. I think the CTA is going to "talk" until it's too late.
- There was discussion of preserving a portion of the mosaic in the station or to continue to patch it. Bette & Erica will try to get a meeting with CTA.

### Safety (Kathy, Suzy):

#### Crime statistics:

- Only 1 'shots fired' in the previous 28 days, shootings down 45%, robberies down 70%
- Technology is helping tremendously:  
**Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSC)** - combines intelligence gathering by field personnel with quantitative data analytics, providing real-time situational awareness and enhances response times and crime-prevention efforts. Officers are equipped with Android

devices linked to the district SDSC directly instead of using police scanners. There are 85 cameras in the district with analysis 24 hours a day. Keywords can even be used with cameras to search recordings. Can communicate with other districts.

- Suzy said 20-30% of the cameras are not working.
- Police cars are equipped with (license) plate trackers.
- Goal for the summer is to prevent crimes rather than react to them. Bike officers will saturate the district over the summer.
- Shot Spotter is being used on the south and west sides. It can detect within meters where a shot is fired. \$200,000/year to maintain.
- Suzy said at Beat 1724 meeting they said the district already has a Shot Spotter.
- Nest and Ring doorbell camera footage can be sent to the CAPS email address.
- Commander Pontecore meets with officers every day and utilizes technology and statistics. He has changed the strategy of how to combat crime by redirecting resources when crime is in . . . or predicted to be in a certain area.
- He is having shoulder surgery in April & will be out for 6 weeks. Will continue *Coffee With the Commander* and will try to schedule an evening. Captain Hoffman will be filling in and might do an evening.
- Won't combine beats 1713 & 1724 until next year. Headquarters are strict and will need to approve this. Horner Park as the meeting location still looks good.

**Membership (Craig):**

- 188 households are now members.
- He will confirm status of membership cards with Mina.

**Community Relations: (Patrick):**

- Not much to report from North River Commission meeting. There was no flooding this spring in Albany Park thanks to the construction and flood abatement in River Park.

**Social (Brinda/Suzy):**

- Garage Sale is this Sunday.
- Will ask police to guide traffic on Wilson & Manor.
- Suzy said the challenge is there is a new alderman coming in and a new head of Streets & Sanitation with regards to the bulk pick up after the sale.

**New Business:**

- Michael wondered how we should welcome new alderman Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez. She should be invited to social events beginning with Manor Bash. Her chief of staff is Chris Poulos.
- Matt is concerned that striping on crosswalks is worn out. He thinks it's a safety issue.
- Summit Industries had previously agreed to limited access to the parking lot – strictly through the alley off Manor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, June 10, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Horner Park Field House.

Submitted by Kathy Monk