

## Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, March 12, 2018

**Attending:** Athene Carras, Mina Marien, Kathy Monk, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Scott Wheeler, Victoria Wiedel

Terry Tatum, presenter, and Maren Robinson, resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Minutes** from Feb. 12 meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Athene reported that Suzy is successfully moving funds out of PayPal account.
- The team continues to work on setting up QuickBooks.
- Athene will try to renegotiate the fee from Italian Gardens for landscaping maintenance at Wilson/Manor intersection.
- Just over \$6,600 in memberships are in. The target this year is \$7,500.

**Presentation: Local Landmark Designation** (Terry Tatum, Architectural Historian and Retired Director of Research, City of Chicago, Landmarks)

- Terry was contracted by RMIA to conduct research on the process and potential for Ravenswood Manor to be designated with landmark status. The neighborhood is already listed on the National Register.
- He is preparing a report, which will be provided soon to Board members and can be posted on the RMIA website.
- He reviewed the Criteria for Designation followed by the City and provided a handout. In his opinion, the neighborhood meets three out of the seven criteria:
  - Critical part of city's heritage
  - Important architecture
  - Distinctive theme
    - At least two criteria must be met in order for the City to consider landmark status
- Terry next reviewed the process laid out by municipal code; there are eight official steps plus other "unofficial" steps; he estimates completing the process would take about a year.
- For the April 2 semi-annual meeting presentation, Terry will prepare a brief PowerPoint presentation and cover answers to frequently asked questions (e.g., property value impact, permits, adding a dormer/floor/rear addition, changing windows).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Safety:** Kathy, Joe and Athene described concerns about recent incidents near the Sacramento/Eastwood intersection. Members discussed recommendations from the past including the importance of attending CAPS meetings and reporting suspicious activity to the police. There is a community safety meeting with CPD on March 19 and all were encouraged to attend. Those who do attend indicated they will share what they hear with other Board members.

**Parks:** Mina said they are waiting for proposals from landscape architects for LaPointe Park. Maren is a community gardener who talked about the need to continue offering plots to

residents who do not have yards where they can garden and the importance of keeping the lines of communication open. Bette met with a GRO representative to learn about their recommendations; she gave her notes to Lorin.

**Transportation:** Bette attended the last TAC meeting where she asked for an update on the timing for the water main work, but did not receive a clear answer. She will follow up with Matt from the alderman's office. She learned CDOT is responsible for clearing snow from bridges (and their sidewalks).

**Membership:** Craig said there were no updates.

**Communications:** Athene reported that the next issue of the newsletter is at the printer and delivery is scheduled to begin the week of March 19; Victoria will post it on the website and publicize it on Facebook. Bette suggested John O'Connell be provided with pages from the newsletter (and other announcements) so they can be posted on the bulletin board in Manor Park.

**New Business:** Athene talked to Matt Lachey who is considering resigning or a leave of absence from the Board due to schedule conflicts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The next Board meeting takes place April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park Field House.

Submitted by Victoria Wiedel/Kathy Monk