

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, April 9, 2018

Attending: Athene Carras, Brinda Gupta, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Joe Valentin, Lisa Washburn, Scott Wheeler, Victoria Wiedel

Not present: Matt Lachey, Lorin Liberson, Mina Marien, Jim Peters

Visitors: John Brix, John Friedman, Michael Leff, Gary Smith, Gail Wolff, Betty Roggenkamp, Maureen Egan, Betsy Jeffries,

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes March meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report, Suzy:

- There is over \$7,000 in Membership
- \$2,500 was paid for Landmarks Report
- Moved \$5,000 from Paypal to Chase
- Garage Sale donations are coming in
- Newsletter printing costs are going down – smaller newsletter due to cleaned up advertising

Treasurer's report was approved

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Zoning:

Athene said emails are coming in regarding the Landmark study. So far there are 21 emails – 18 in favor and 3 against.

Bette said some neighbors still do not understand what the Landmark designation means and recommended block meetings similar to one's that took place in the Old Town neighborhood. A few visitors quoted Terry in that the more discussion and time given to the process, the smoother it will go.

Some volunteered to host block meetings where the designations' limits and benefits will be presented for discussion. Gary Smith wrote a paragraph he shared with the board.

Hosts of meetings would take notes and gather information or ask comments to be sent to the designated Landmark email address.

It was agreed that consistency in the invitation and presentation was necessary. Hopefully, a zoning committee rep or other knowledgeable person can be present at the meetings. Meetings should be scheduled by June. John F recommended extra consideration be given to Gems of the Manor when inviting homeowners. Owners of condo and apartment building should be contacted.

Following the block meetings, another neighborhood meeting will be scheduled.

4400 Francisco: Suzy T
4400 Richmond: Gary S
2800 Eastwood: John F

2900 Eastwood: Kathy M
2900 Leland: Gail W

2800 Leland: Athene C
2800 Giddings: Michael L

Safety: Joe attended Beat 1724 CAPS meeting and Kathy Beat 1713. Both complained of low attendance and little to no representation from the Manor. Joe asked for neighbors to attend.

Kathy reported the CAPS officer said beats might be combined, but they would be the '10's' meaning most likely beats 1711, 1712, and our 1713.

Officers could not comment on the shootings and truck fire that occurred on Eastwood and Wilson respectively because it's an ongoing investigation involving Cook County Towing. They did confirm that a person of interest does live at 3019 W. Eastwood in a building his father purchased in 2016.

Parks: Lorin is scheduling a meeting . Two Manor landscape architects have declined involvement in LaPointe Park. An RFP is being obtained from an outside designer.

Transportation: No updates.

Membership: No updates.

Communications: Victoria promoted the Landmark Commission Report on Facebook. Commenting functionality is not activated on the RMIA website due to inundation of Internet Bots. Victoria suggested putting the block meeting locations in the minutes as they are also posted publicly.

New Business: John Friedman asked permission to look into old statues housed by the city of Chicago to, potentially, be installed at Buffalo Park. The Board approved John's preliminary exploratory research.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, **May 14**, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park Field House.

Submitted by Kathy Monk