

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, September 10, 2018

Board Members Attending: Athene Carras, Brinda Gupta, Mina Marien, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Jim Peters, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Joe Valentin

Incoming Board Members: Tony Armour, Beth Lynch, Gary Smith

Not present: Lisa Washburn, Victoria Wiedel, Scott Wheeler

Visitors: Erik Hernandez-Neighborspace, Erica Reardon-Congressman Quigley's office, Darinka D'Alessio, Nick D'Alessio, Maggie D'Alessio, Robin Armour, John Brix, Betty Roggenkamp, Suzanne Ness

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

Minutes: Bette asked that the July minutes include percentages reflecting the Block Meeting attendance. The minutes were approved with this change to the July minutes.

Parks: Mina discussed plans for LaPointe Park and has continued to connect with resources.

- \$6,500 is not enough to do what needs to be done
- Mina and the committee want to work with Ted Wolff. Ted will work with Christy Webber who gave an itemized proposal that includes grading.
- The garden beds will not be replaced at this time.
- Attention will be paid to the seed blend used.
- Ted's plan will be piecemeal, but will cost less. Brinda mentioned fundraising.
- Erik from Neighborspace said they find volunteers for projects like this.
- Mina asked the board for approval to pay Ted \$1,000 and to get started working with Neighborspace.
- The Board approved the request.

Zoning:

- The 15-member Zoning Committee had their first meeting in August. The next meeting will be on October 2 or 10.
- The developer for a single family home in the 2800 block of Eastwood is asking for zoning variances. The Zoning Committee is opposed to the request for variation in the back of the building and gave their comments to the alderman's office. The neighbors did not approve the variance request, so it went to the Zoning Board of Appeal – which is why the alderman is involved. It was requested that the RMIA side with the neighbors.
- 2712 Montrose, where the Filipino grocery is located, is proposed to be torn down and replaced with a 6-unit building. The Zoning Committee will meet with the neighbors who live behind the property.
- There was notice given that 4530 North Richmond is going to be torn down.
- Members of the Zoning Committee will be posted on the RMIA website and in the e-newsletter so neighbors know who the members are.

Transportation:

- Bette contact contractors about concrete in front of Manor Cleaners.

- CTA has not commented on the repair of the mosaic at the Francisco stop.
- There is now news on the Greenway.

Social:

- The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th in the basement meeting room at Horner Park. This meeting takes the place of the October Board meeting.
- There will be a panel of people from neighboring Landmark Districts: The Villa, Logan Square, Wicker Park, & Jackson Park Highlands. They will be asked how they engaged their neighbors and there will be a set of questions so people will know what's being covered. There will then be some time for questions from attendees.
- It was suggested that a representative from the Landmark Commission be invited.

Safety:

- **Beat 1713:** The commander had been training in Boston for a few weeks.
- Haven't heard anything about Cook County Towing yet. They are still showing up at accidents. They tow to a private location. They are located at Milwaukee & Keeler and Alderman Arena is after them.
- Shared success stories:
- Police cannot enforce tinted window rule in Chicago. (The limit was 20% and police don't have the tool to measure tint)
- For fireworks complaints police have to call bomb & arson squad. It takes about 2 hours!
- The next **Beat 1713 CAPS meeting is September 25 at 7:00 at the Magnussen Center of North Park University.** We need neighbors to attend
- **Beat 1724:** officers shared success stories.
- On September 29th there will be
- The next **Beat 1724 CAPS meeting is Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 at Horner Park.**

Communications:

- Fall newsletter has been delivered.
- The History Station is up in Manor Park!

Community Relations:

- There's a dedication for the Horner Park Riverfront Saturday, September 15th.
- Alan will be the liaison for a 33rd ward aldermanic forum.

Nominating:

- Lorin, Matt, and Scott are stepping down from the Board.
- There are 8 new Board members: Tony Armour, Tom Eul, Patrick Johnson, Michael Leff, Beth Lynch, Deborah Robinett, Gary Smith, Matt VanderZee.
- We need a Treasurer!

Membership:

- Membership letter will be going out.
- There have been a number of sales in the neighborhood, so the list needs to be updated.

Audit:

- There have been no Audit Committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be the **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 9th**, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park Field House on the lower level.

Submitted by Kathy Monk