

## West Andersonville Neighbors Together

### Minutes of the December 12, 2017 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm. Members present were Karen Hardy, Julie Nelson, Deborah Pope, Trista Schultz and Miguel Trujillo.

There were 11 people in attendance.

Minutes. It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting, with one correction. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Update from Meeting with the Alderman

Trumbull – Svigos appears to be in negotiations with the Waldorf School. It appears that Waldorf will purchase the property from Svigos. There will be no significant amount of busing; there is no traffic study yet. There are complaints about traffic at Passages Charter School on Bryn Mawr Ave. Jim Anderson would like to participate in a meeting with staff from Asian Human Services, the owners of the charter school.

Edgewater Medical Center – Demolition will continue, weather permitting. It is expected to be completed by the end of summer. The area where the park will be built will be used as the staging for the construction. Therefore, the park will be built later.

The facade at Ravenswood Ave. and Rosehill Drive will be a single-family house. Condos will be built in the rest of the now-vacant lot. There will be no retail at that location; there will be a significant amount of empty space.

Rodent Abatement - The alderman indicated that 163 requests for abatement were made in October and 160 in November. Alderman O'Connor will request abatement for the area bounded by Bryn Mawr, Clark, Foster and Ravenswood.

Water Drainage/Street Flooding – The alderman requested to be informed of which particular intersections had the problem. It was indicated that the problem existed at 5406 N Ashland, 5555 N Clark, as well as corners of Paulina/Balmoral, Paulina/Gregory and Paulina/Bryn Mawr. Debby requested that WANT be notified via email.

Garbage Cans – The alderman indicated that there was a back-up on ordering garbage cans, but they are now available.

Metra Station – The station will open by the end of 2018. The alderman is in discussions with the neighborhoods north and south of Peterson Avenue to zone parking. There will be parking south of the WEAR Garden. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 18.

#### Land Use and Zoning Committee

Neumann Center– There is a proposal to make the property all residential, but the alderman prefers commercial use. There will be another proposal, which would make the property all commercial. Both

proposals are dense, ranging from 56 to 100 units. The asking price is \$6 million. Presently, the property is zoned M1-1, which does not allow for residential use. None of the proposals involves demolition. There is an 8-foot high basement, which may be used for parking.

Dorothy pointed out that we do not have to choose one of these proposals; we have the ability to not support any of the proposals.

New Construction at 5354 N Paulina - Two single-family homes are being built at the corner of Paulina and Balmoral.

Steve brought up that lots of work is being done at 5347 N Ashland, in the empty lot and the adjacent building.

Treasurer's Report – The present account balance is \$8850. There is an additional \$866.71 in PayPal that has not yet been transferred to the bank account. The grand total is \$9716.51.

We have a preliminary budget for 2018. There is not too much difference from the previous year. A proposal was made to include ads on the Yard Sale map in order to increase funds.

Ghostly Garden Report - Trista reported that the Ghostly Garden took place the Saturday before Halloween, there was a decent turnout, with a good number of volunteers, although we could use more. Collected donations were close to the amount spent on supplies. Julie talked about the possibility of changing the hours. We will seek input.

Old Business – None

New Business – Marty from the Edgewater Historical Society talked about the Home Tours being in Andersonville this year for the first time since 2007. Seven or eight homes north of Balmoral will be featured on September 16, 2018. Debby suggested that WANT do an ad for the book. Marty is asking the organization to send an email to its members about this.

Debby would like to have a spring meeting and social of all the neighborhood organizations in the area, WEAR, EARC, BCO and WANT, and perhaps have the alderman in attendance. Members of the audience were in agreement.

Bridget recommended that signs continue to be posted throughout the neighborhood to inform people about the meetings.

Dorothy suggested to have all the meeting dates for the year listed on the website. The new website should be ready by mid-January.

Adjournment – Karen motioned to adjourn. Miguel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.