



# Hollywood-North Park Community Association

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Meeting Minutes September 15, 7:30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room, Johnson Center, North Park University

- I. Welcome - Carmen Rodriguez
- II. Roll Call - Board Members Present Carmen Sierra Rodriguez, Jewel Klein, Penny Sullivan, Paul De Nui, Susan Casey, Anne Klosinski, Jane Freeman, Judy Simpson, Don Vitullo, Jack Smith, John Hunter, Laura Donaghy
- V. Introduction of guests (Mike Quigley, Rep from Laurinos office)
- VI. Congressional District, State and Ward Updates

Congressman Quigley

On Appropriations committee,

Subcommittee Transportation and Housing for the whole country. This could benefit us in terms of CTA, Metra, etc. Switching stations need to be upgraded. These are all things that he can help with. Current drive is to improve infrastructure. Illinois roads are currently the worst in the country.

O'hare Airport - Currently viewed as the economic engine for the region. His take on the noise perspective? The O'hare Modernization Project (OMP) was poorly implemented. O'hare has become LESS efficient over time. Proposed solution is more runways. He is currently requesting that the FAA have to prove to us that the proposed solutions will work. Air traffic controllers are FOR the diagonal runways because they aid in efficiency, noise distribution and enable landings in rough weather. At least ONE of the diagonals will remain open for the next few years. Ginger Evans is open to admitting that OMP has problems. The terminals are inefficient. There is talk of WESTERN access to O'hare but it] might not be economically feasible. OMP needs to be tweaked to be more efficient. They are going forward with plans to reallocated FAIR distribution of runways. He believes that the noise standard should have been set much lower in the first place. There is funding to do a study to get that number reduced overall. Nationally, diagonal runways have been problematic, but NEVER at O'hare. Good News? Rauner signed the law that allows Ohare to Keep 10 runways! Quigley does see real improvements with the new commissioner. Push for study on FAIR allocation. Under the East West flow configuration instead of going out over the lake and doing a SLOW return, they are banking LOW over the city. Springfield is pushing on that issue to insure the planes stop banking so low over the city.

Jason Hernandez ( new staffer from Laurinos office.)

Requested questions

Condition of neighborhood streets is poor. Fancy walkways are great, but when will they be repaired?

Aldermans office tries to survey to see what streets are of a concern. Streets in poor condition are added to the D.O.T hot list. If you have a street that is of particular concern, feel free to contact him directly. Pot holes can be reported to 311, there are phone apps available OR you can report them to the aldermans office. The Aldermans office DOES NOT follow up to insure that these potholes have been filled.

Construction on Bryn Mawr Between Kimball and Kedzie - Contact him to see what is going on.

Why doesn't the 5200 block of St Louis get plowed?

City will not plow a neighborhood street until the snow stops falling and main arteries are plowed. Jason agreed to follow up with department of streets and sanitation to determine what the issue is with the 5200 block

311 Question - How often are the books cleared?

In theory, a question or request should not disappear from the books until it has been resolved.

How is the Hollywood / North Park Community alerted to zoning changes?

Historically, Laurinos' office alerted the association of any zoning changes in the community. HNPCA then scheduled a meeting with the Aldermans office and neighbors directly effected by zoning changes to discuss. HNPCA is no longer notified of these zoning changes. Jason is unfamiliar with the current communication process but has agreed to follow up on it. Zoning on the Bryn Mawr strip is particularly of concern. There are new businesses that would like to come into the are but cannot, because of zoning.

What can the aldermans office do to help us with economic development along Bryn Mawr?

Aldermans office is supportive of businesses that fit in with the surrounding community. Attracting new businesses helps drive local economy. Goal is to creat conditions conducive to a healthy commercial corridor.

Empty Bryn Mawr Store Fronts - Do they have a tax benefit for the owners? Taxes are based on revenue for the store front only. When blighted properties are identified, AO (aldermans office) tries to work with owners to bring them up to code. They do everything they can to bring properties into compliance. Building owners end up in building court and it takes a LONG time to resolve things.

Contact information for Jason Hernandez (Marge Laurinos new representative)

[Jason.hernandez@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Jason.hernandez@cityofchicago.org)

Alderman Oconnors office did not respond to request for discussion  
D'amicos rep could not attend.

III. Approval of Minutes - Carmen Sierra Rodriguez minutes approved

IV. Treasures Report (Jewel Klein)

5855.53 in Money Market Account

As of yesterday 5467.66 in the checking account of which \$2,384 are moneys being held for Friends of Peterson park.

Pleased to advise that Friends of Peterson elementary had money left over from the fire which they have donated to HNPCA. \$176.19 to deposit

\$40 worth of membership collected at Korean Fest

1 membership collected tonight (\$50 in total for tonight)

Paid membership is down, have not received a new payment in 4 months.

Good News? We now have HNPCA WINDOW stickers Thank You to Don Vitullo!

VIII. New Business

A. Bryn Mawr and Foster Dry Zones, Kedzie Zoning Hearing

Stagnation in our neighborhood is partially driven by restrictions imposed by schools and preschools. Moratorium on alcohol on Foster - DO we still want that? No, we would be ok with a wine bar on Foster. We would have to get it on the ballot to lift that ban. Need a petition, signatures have to be gathered at a specific time in the cycle when there are municipal elections coming up.

Doug Nystrom suggests that a group from HNPCA go downtown to ask for help on getting this taken care of. Business Affairs and Consumer Protection handles these things.

Two issues in play regarding the church on Kedzie. They have been operating as a B32 and it is not, it is a church. They moved into that space because it had been a church before. Has been running in that space for 10 years. Church has not received ANY complaints from HNPCA. We believe the Alderwoman misunderstood the request and decided to file a complaint about the church.

Motion to write a letter in support of the church receiving the religious variance so Aldermans office will drop the complaint.

Motion passes.

Carmen will draft and send electronically for approval.

B. Current Crime Concerns

Uptick in crime in the neighborhood

Don Vitullo printed up flyers for both HNPCA membership and to advertise the burglary prevention seminar.

We need to authorize an expenditure for additional copying and printing of the flyer that Don created. Don will coordinate with Jewel.

IX. Community Issue Updates

- A. FAIR - No update
- B. NEIU - Mike Dizon - Mike Dizon - Jewel Box concert on Friday at NEIU  
Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off this week for the rest of the month. Will be hosting first ever block party on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, interior parking lot, family friendly, community is invited. Northwest Chicago film series is on Wednesday evening. Follow up with Mike Dizon to get details on these events.
- C. CAPS - John Hunter Mayflower church, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 o'clock. This month it will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2 beats that meet there. 1711 is north of Bryn Brawr 1712 is south of Bryn Mawr.
- D. Peterson Elementary Update - International Night is Friday October 23 from 5:30 to 8pm. Like 'Friends Of Peterson' on Facebook to get more details.

Don requests money for stickers 153.22.

Motion to adjourn @9:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Donaghy  
Secretary