



Hollywood North Park Community Association

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HNPCA Membership Meeting - Tuesday June 16 2015 7:00PM

Peterson Elementary School 5510 N. Christiana Chicago IL

MINUTES

Board Members present: Don Vitullo, Jewel Klein, Judie Simpson, Carmen Rodriguez, Lenore Johnson, Jane Friedman, Susan Casey, Laura Donaghy, Penny Sullivan, Jack Smith, Gina Fong
Board Members Absent: Michael Puccini, Anne Klosinski, Al Neumann, Paul DeNeui

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Carmen Rodriguez - 7:00PM
- II. **Motion** to approve Minutes - Passed
- III. Report of the Treasurer - Jewel Klein
5,717.78 in checking account, no dues paid since the last meeting, 5855.33 in Money Market Account, \$100 bill due to North River Commission for membership, **Motion** to approve payment of NRC dues - Passed
- IV. Review of Bryn Mawr Business Directory
Introduction of lassac, owner of the Bryn Mawr/Kimball mobile phone store
- V. Review of Laurino Economic Update
 1. Alderman's office is short-staffed so Economic Development Director John Riordan is less available.
 2. The Small Business Improvement Fund roll-out meeting will be held next week and Carmen Rodriguez will attend on behalf of HNPCA. The SBIF program may be difficult to employ in the Bryn Mawr Business District because of the requirements for up-front expenditure and the limitations on usage.
 3. Curb-to-curb Bryn Mawr resurfacing is still planned and the Alderman's office is working hard with CDOT to schedule and complete.
 4. The Korean-American Chamber of Commerce has faced some challenges with the development of this year's Korean Fest. It is uncertain whether it will proceed, despite the large draw it had in the past.
- VI. Open Discussion Re Business District Issues
 1. HNPCA has previously requested that Alderman's office pursue zoning review of several locations in the business district. Eileen Figel and Don Vitullo agreed to attend training and a September hearing on behalf of HNPCA.
 2. Private clubs are a primary concern in the business district, taking valuable commercial space for unknown purpose, not serving the interests of the broader community, and engaging in activities that may challenge safety and comfort of neighbors. HNPCA wishes to encourage private club owners to maintain clean and presentable storefronts and enhance curb appeal.

3. HNPCA should have a zoning review session to better understand the zoning in our community, its purpose, and how we can work with existing property owners to improve the health of business and mixed-use districts.

4. HNPCA is pleased to have a Divvy station in the neighborhood but hopes the location can be improved. At our request, the Alderman's office is having Divvy review the station location.

5. Business district beautification is a priority for HNPCA members. A list of questions and requests, including benches, planters, trees, tree grates, etc. has been sent to John Riordan at the Alderman's office. Updates will be provided when available.

6. A regular neighborhood business district clean-up is also an idea HNPCA would pursue, with support from the Alderman. Local schools might help with volunteers.

7. Bryn Mawr Business District owners have been informally surveyed at different times by HNPCA and the Alderman's office and lack of parking is a primary concern. HNPCA will approach Peterson School and Northside College Preparatory High School to see if their parking lots could be used in some way to alleviate this concern.

8. Lack of police presence has led some businesses to feel less secure, especially during evening hours. HNPCA will follow-up with the Alderman's office.

9. A 'business orientation' program might be useful for our neighborhood businesses, to teach them about maintaining attractive storefronts, curb appeal, watering plants/trees on the parkway, etc.

10. Additional ideas for Bryn Mawr revitalization include: adding an artists' community, surveying the neighborhood for ideas and learning what we could support, building relationships with owners.

VII. New Business

1. Membership drive has not been executed because we are working on reviewing and updating business and individual membership forms. Jewel and Judie will work on this.

2. CAPS meeting will be July 10th at 7PM at the Mayflower Church. Additional meetings are posted at the CAPS meeting.

3. There will be a Health Fair at Weiss Hospital June 23rd from 12-2PM.

4. Albany Park Neighbors has coordinated a multi-civic organizational meeting with the new 17th District police commander. HNPCA will have a rep present.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

The next meeting of the general membership will be held at Northside College Preparatory High School on July 21st at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Donaghy
Board Member