

WTNA General Meeting 1.23.16

Approved Minutes

Location: Euro Furniture

Secretary: Tiffany Keane (temporary)

Opening: Many thanks to Euro Furniture for providing space and seating free of charge. In attendance was Leslie from Congressman Mike Quigley's office (IL's 5th District)

- Congressman Quigley likes to attend community meetings, preferring 1:1 discussions with his constituency
- Anyone can schedule an appointment w/ the Congressman
- WTNA boundaries are situated across congressional districts
 - Boundaries can be found on website for IL state elections board
 - Website also includes information about state reps, senators, etc.
- Congressman Quigley's office services include liaising with federal agencies:
 - Help w/ passport issues and problems encountered overseas
 - Help w/ mail issues (e.g., delivery delays, carrier changes, etc.)
 - Help w/ IRS issues (e.g., contesting)
 - Help w/ military, veteran, social security services
 - Facilitate tours
- Two offices: Milwaukee + Montrose (primary) and Belmont + Sheffield (satellite)

Elections: Inaugural Board Election: 19 members cast anonymous ballots; unanimous approval of the 5 board members. There was a question about why so many officer positions, particularly with two secretary positions. The desire for an odd number of officers was advisable and secretary roles are demanding so split the duties between two offices.

Newly elected WTNA Board Members are: Liz Tomka (President), Tiffany Keane (Vice President), Kyle O'Connor (Treasurer), Karen Imrisek (Corresponding Secretary), Georgia Burke (Recording Secretary)

Planning & Development:

There will be a forum w/ Alderman Maldonado: two topics on the agenda – (1) proposed development on 2000 block of Race and (2) cottages on 2100 block of Erie. Some things to consider in planning: logistics dependent on Maldonado's availability; aiming for February date, keeping in mind his recent personal losses. We will share proposed development on 2000 block of Race: discussion about re-zoning smaller-than-standard lots to accommodate standard size home/structure. Also a discussion on the cottages on 2100 block of Erie: concern over replacement of affordable cottages with larger structures and higher-priced homes

Cleo's late night liquor license: registered voters w/in 500 feet of Cleo's should have been notified. Regardless of resident address, anyone provide input through Alderman Moreno's office and/or Chicago Grand Neighbors Association (CGNA). CGNA and Moreno have discussed, with a wide variety of opinions expressed. Additional information about the process can be obtained from liquor commission and/or Alderman Moreno's office

Safety: CAPS meeting: next meeting at Smith Park field house on Wednesday, March 2

Communication: Proposed phone/email tree to connect and inform. Content is to be determined (e.g., weather watch, street improvements, crime notifications, etc.)

Next steps:

- WTNA to send email for members to opt into a phone/email tree
- Topics for future WTNA mtgs
- The board is planning to schedule WTNA meetings one year out for each calendar year and apprise our elected representatives of our meeting calendar.
- Handouts to involve people not on email/facebook/etc.