

WTNA Quarterly General Meeting: 3.3.16

Approved Minutes

Location: Ukrainian Cultural Center

Time: 6:30-7:40pm

Attendance: About 50 people

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members present: Liz Tomka (President), Tiffany Keane (Vice President), Kyle O'Connor (Treasurer), Georgia Burke (Recording Secretary)

President:

Introductions of the newly elected board members were made. Introduction of Kathleen Oskandy, Chief of Staff to 26th Ward Alderman Maldonado. Alderman Maldonado was scheduled to attend, but had a last minute conflict. The events of the January meeting were shared. The outreach efforts for the 3/3 meeting were shared. We distributed over 1600 flyers, emailed the WTNA list and posted on social media.

Treasurer:

Kyle has started a budget for remainder of 2016 and next fiscal year. He asked for suggestions on obtaining 5013C status. This may allow a portion of dues to be tax-deductible.

Planning & Development:

Call for volunteers to form Planning and Development Committee with the intent to have a committee up and running soon.

Forum: Cottages on 2100 Block of Erie

The cottages were built in the 1890s and there are nine in a row. 2123 recently sold and 2125 has been under contract for many months. Some of the general concerns were of the preserving the architecture and historical significance of these cottages. Residents of 3 cottages were present and about 6 households from the 2100 block of Erie. Per the alderman's request, an informal vote was taken. People are in favor of making efforts to work with the developer and the new buyers to try to preserve the cottages and of temporarily downzoning the cottages pending future efforts to conserve them.

Forum: Redevelopment of Carpet Warehouse on Race

An attorney representing the developer gave a presentation outlining the eight single family homes they intend to build. The selling point for each will be \$1.3 million. The majority of people are in favor of the development with some additional community agreements. Some ideas discussed include reassurance that the sidewalks, alleys and streets will be paved and improved, landscaping and trees on the parkways, potential monetary donations to Mitchell and Talcott. The attorney is going to draft the community agreement.

Closing Remarks:

Membership sign up encouraged. Thanks to everyone for showing support tonight.