

## **WTNA Quarterly General Meeting: 6.2.16**

### **Approved Minutes**

**Location: Erie Baptist Church**

**Time: 6:35-7:40pm**

**Attendance: 55 people**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Board members present: Liz Tomka (President), Kyle O'Connor (Treasurer), Karen Imrisek (Corresponding Secretary), Georgia Burke (Recording Secretary)

### **President:**

Introductions and review of the agenda.

In the interest of time and because the draft minutes from the January and March meetings were sent to the list 7 days in advance, a request of any changes by those in attendance was made. There were no changes. Karen voted to approve the minutes. Kyle seconded the vote.

### **Treasurer:**

Kyle reviewed the approved budget for 2016. He noted that expenses are higher this year than projected for 2017 because of a few startup costs. He offered anyone interested to reach out to him to discuss details.

### **Planning & Development:**

Liz shared updates on the forum topics from the March meeting. First she clarified that as a board we have no stance on Planning & Development like some of the bordering groups.

- 2100 Block of Race Development: A second draft of the community agreement is now in Alderman Maldonado's hands. There has been no further reach out to WTNA.
- Erie Cottages: The March meeting's informal vote was shared with Alderman Maldonado. There was a meeting with the cottage owners and the Alderman and a vote was taken there to maintain the current zoning of the cottages. Majority of the cottage owners were in favor of no change to the zoning. One of the recently sold cottages has since been demolished.

Liz then introduced JW Glass, a member of the newly formed P&D Committee. He was there as a representative. The committee has met twice and has scheduled every other month meetings going forward on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months, the next meeting will be 7/13/16. They are currently reaching out to other more experienced neighborhood groups for advice and council. He shared an update on a recent development.

- 2327-41 W Erie: These lots are city owned and part of the City Lots for City Living program. The program looks to build affordable single family homes on these lots. All details can be found in the Request For Proposal (RFP). The link to the RFP and the City Lots for City Living program will be sent to the WTNA email list following the meeting. JW encouraged anyone with further thoughts on these lots to reach out to him or the Alderman.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Ms. Nicole H. Milberg, the principal of Mitchell School, one of our neighborhood CPS schools, introduced herself and shared the mission of the school. She invited everyone to their monthly tours. The school also offers a mom and tots group. More information can be found on the

school website [www.mitchellschool.org](http://www.mitchellschool.org). She shared her contact information as well. [nmilberg@cps.edu](mailto:nmilberg@cps.edu). She took questions from those in attendance.

Congressman Mike Quigley, of the 5th District, came to share his resources and thoughts on Washington. His office is there to help with many federal service needs, including passport help. He can also help with any organization or family planning a trip to DC get tours of the White House. He shared his push for improvements to the CTA and public transit and his concerns for improvements to the Homeland Security program. He took questions from those in attendance. Our community advisor for the Congressman's office is Leslie Dimas. She shared her contact information, [Leslie.Dimas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Leslie.Dimas@mail.house.gov) and encourage neighbors to reach out.

Kim Shepherd, the CAPS Facilitator for our entire neighborhood, came to introduce herself and discuss her role. She encouraged attendance at CAPS meetings. They are the first Wednesday of odd numbered months and are held in the Smith Park Field House at 7:00 pm. She brought with her Captain Philip Kwasinski, second in command of the 12th District. He encouraged attendance at the meetings and also for people to share concerns they might not realize are CAPS concerns, like vacant lots and loitering areas. He encouraged residents to "trust your gut" when it comes to calling 911. He shared a transcript from the dispatch of officers for shots fired on May 30th. He took questions from those in attendance. Ms. Shepherd shared our CAPS email [beat1221chicago@gmail.com](mailto:beat1221chicago@gmail.com) and asked for anyone to reach out with questions or concerns.

#### **Event Updates:**

Karen shared the recap on our Neighborhood Clean & Green that was held the 3rd Saturday in April. About 50 volunteers came out and were sent to pick up trash throughout the neighborhood. Bags and supplies were provided by Streets and Sanitation. Pastor Marvin from Erie Baptist Church and Alderman Moreno provided lunch to all of the volunteers. Due to the success we are planning a fall clean up. Date TBD.

A social survey will be sent out soon to determine interest in other events in the neighborhood.

#### **Elections:**

All current dues paying members are asked to vote to "approve the slate as presented" or not. 24 votes were cast. 22 votes to "approve the the slate as presented"; 2 votes invalid.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

CAPS Meeting 7/6 at 7pm at Smith Park Field House  
Joint Neighborhood Garage Sale Tentatively 7/30, more info to come via email  
CAPS Meeting 9/7 at 7pm at Smith Park Field House  
Quarterly WTNA Meeting and Social 9/10 at 10am, Location TBD

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.