

## Wicker Park Committee

General Membership Meeting Wicker Park Lutheran Church, basement, March 2, 2005

Alvin Joyner, president, presided. There was plenty of pizza to go around.

**Guest Speaker:** Andrew Fisher of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois was invited to discuss the council's 29 year-old Preservation Easements Program, which legislators may soon take measures to disallow. He urged owners of historic homes to take advantage while they still can of the significant income-tax deduction incentives to which easement donation would entitle them. He took questions and presented a brief overview. Andrew Fisher can be reached at 312-922-1742 ext. 227, and more information can be found at <http://www.landmarks.org>

**Preservation and Development:** Aracely reported that the Landmarks Commission will review the Association House's playground development project at their April meeting. This meeting, which is open to the public, will be held Thursday April 7 at 3pm at Landmark's office at 33 N. LaSalle, Suite 1600.

Char Sandstrom asked if anyone had an update on the Bickerdike project planned for the 2000 block of west Division. Last she'd heard they'd requested a variance. In the meantime, workers have been seen clearing the property.

**Cultural Affairs:** With Gina's advice, Mark has a much better idea of what needs to be done in preparation for the Antique and Junk sale. He passed around a sign-up list for volunteers and announced that there would be a planning meeting that weekend.

**Miscellaneous:** Susan Fontana from the Wicker Park Garden Club announced that on April 23 there will be an Earth Day "clean up" event in Wicker Park, and she suggested that the Wicker Park Committee put up a booth there. On April 16, the garden club will present lectures on sustainable living, composting and more. More information can be found at [www.wpgarden.org](http://www.wpgarden.org)

Susan had more suggestions for the committee, eg., that we relocate our meetings to the Wicker Park field house and that we put announcements in the Booster.

**More miscellaneous business:** it was announced that on March 3 there would be a 6:30 pm meeting at the field house to get community feedback on the dog park proposed for the corner of Leavitt and Wabansia.

Someone reported that the Bucktown community organization has taken down the Wicker Park historical signs located north of North Avenue.

There was lots of pizza left over.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hunt, secretary