

**Minutes**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Wicker Park Committee**  
**Wednesday April 5, 2006**  
**7:00 pm**  
**St. Paul's Church**

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by E. Coorens. She introduced Irene Jones Minister of St. Paul's Church and thanked her for hosting the meeting. As members came to the meeting at 7:00pm, they were able to partake of a generous food buffet from local restaurants-Silver Cloud, Alliance Bakery, Piece, Olivia's Market, Las Palmas, Cooking Fools, Solomon Cookies and Adobe Grill.

**II. MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A. Minutes of the March 1, 2006 membership meeting were approved.

**B. Standing Committee Reports**

**1. Communications**

a. **Topic:** Newsletter

**Discussion:** T. Varndell and G. Baginski discussed the calendar/newsletter that was distributed. They discussed their ideas of expanding the newsletter with membership input-articles, letters, questions, columns on a one time basis or regular appearing columnists,articles, etc. Topics can vary from informative to fun ideas of what to do in the neighborhood, etc.

**Action:** Anyone interested in contributing can contact T. Varndell at [Varndell@AOL.com](mailto:Varndell@AOL.com).

**2. Community Relations**

**Topic:** Crime/CAPS

**Discussion:** J. Lake described the recent gun shot incident occurring in the Wicker Park playground. He announced that there would be a CAPS meeting April 12, 2006 at 7p in the Wicker Park fieldhouse to discuss this issue and other crime/security issues in the park.

At this time, he introduced C. Johnson from M. Flores office. Mr. Johnson reported that he wanted to come to this meeting to encourage attendance at the CAPS meeting because the alderman, police officers and park district officials will be present for this discussion and any other security issues.

**Action:** The community is encouraged to attend the CAPS meeting April 12, 2006 at the Wicker Park Fieldhouse.

**3. Cultural Affairs**

a. **Topic:** Antique@Junque Sale

**Discussion:** E. Tamminga reported that this sale is in the planning process. The date for this is tentatively in August. The committee is planning to expand activities and will be looking for volunteers to work the sale,

to help with publicity ie passing out flyers, etc.

**Action:** If interested in volunteering, contact Ed Tamminga by phone(in phone book) or [emtamminga@earthlink.net](mailto:emtamminga@earthlink.net).

b. **Topic:** Bloomingdale Trail

**Discussion:** E. Tamminga described plans for Bloomingdale Trail-the old Railroad track along Bloomingdale –to be a bike riding/walking trail.

**Action:** E. Tamminga will keep committee updated on plans for this trail.

c. **Topic:** Trash cans

**Discussion:** E. Tamminga discussed that there were 30 black wrought iron trash cans available for purchase. These are trash cans that can be mounted on fences that are engraved with “Provided by WPC”. They were custom made for WPC to be useful for community trash cans to prevent trash being thrown on the ground. If purchased, R. Barrett will handle permits and mounting. Cost is \$50. Discussion brought up that some people found them to be very useful and others discussed that they were better used as flower pots because of the dog wastes placed in them.

**Action:** If interested in purchase, contact E. Tamminga.

**4. Membership@Marketing**

**Topic:** Member numbers

**Discussion:** L. Clary reported that from January to spring there were 84 members and with late renewals the count is 90. He is in the process of tracking data. He is also in the process of developing WPC ad for the brochure being used at the garden socials as a marketing tool for membership recruitment.

**Action:** L. Clary will update at next meeting.

**5. Preservation @ Development**

**Topic:** Projects

**Discussion:** A. Fash reported that currently there are 4 projects that the committee is tracking. He reports that his committee is interested in their work and are working hard.

**Action:** A. Fash will update at next meeting.

**6. Treasurer**

a. **Topic:** Funds

**Discussion:** C. Norris reported that WPC has \$19,500 in National City Bank.

**Action:** Ongoing report at next meeting.

b. **Topic:** Preservation of Milwaukee Avenue

**Discussion:** C. Norris discussed that he would like the WPC to start the work on preserving Milwaukee Avenue, from Division Street to North Avenue as a landmark district. He informed the committee that there are 30 orange rated buildings in this specific area. An orange rating means that a building possesses potentially significant architectural or historical features. He requested that WPC support the sending of a letter Alderman Flores to start this process.

Issues discussed were that this involves a long term process of meetings with building owners; city council involvement; and hopefully a

moratorium to prevent further teardowns during this process.

**Action: The general membership vote was:  
Motion by J. Lake. Second by E. Tamminga. WPC  
SUPPORTS SENDING A LETTER TO ALDERMAN TO  
DESIGNATE MILWAUKEE AVE BETWEEN DIVISION AND  
NORTH AVENUE AS A LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**20 for the motion**

**1 against the motion**

**0 abstain**

### **III. New Business**

#### **a. Topic: WPC Membership Roster**

**Discussion:** E. Coorens discussed the issue that members have requested from WPC phone numbers of members. It was discussed at the WP Board and it was decided to ask membership if they would want the membership roster available to members. Availability of e mail addresses was discussed and decided that members could request their e mail addresses not to be included in the published roster.

**Action: The general membership vote was:**

**Motion by A. Fash . Second by R. Tilley. Roster of WPC membership would be published and available for WPC members.**

**19 for the motion**

**2 against the motion**

**0 abstain**

#### **b. Topic: Shoppin' and Dinin' in da Hood!**

**Discussion:** E. Coorens began the night's presentation with a slide presentation of Wicker Park's local restaurants, grocery stores, dress shops, furniture stores, etc in the 1800s and currently now in the neighborhood.

Current businesses highlighted were:

- \*Olivia's Market 2014 W Wabansia
- \*The Goddess and Grocer 1646 N Damen
- \*Alliance Bakery @ Café 1736 W Division
- \* Red Hen Bread 1623 N Milwaukee
- \*Cold Comfort Deli 2211 W North Ave
- \*Silver Moon 1755 W North Ave
- \*Store B 1472 N Milwaukee
- \*Findables 1643 N Milwaukee owner David James Ginople presented
- \*Habit 1951 W Division
- \*Jade 1557 N Milwaukee
- \*G Boutique 2131 N Damen owner presented
- \*Eye Want 1543 N Milwaukee owner presented
- \*Him 1543 N Milwaukee
- \*Porte Rouge 1911 W Division
- \*Asrai Garden 1935 W North Ave
- \*House of Two Urns 1239 Greenview Bed@Breakfast
- \*Wicker Park Inn 1329 N Wicker Park Ave

- \*Las Palmas 1835 W North Ave
- \*Solomon Cookies 2238 N Elston
- \* Cooking Fools 1916 W North Ave
- \*Adobe Grill 2000 West Division
- \*Club Lucky 1824 W Wabansia
- \*Silver Cloud
- \*Piece 1927 W North Ave

**Action:** Members were encouraged to visit these businesses and tell them you heard about them at the WPC and you appreciated their participation in the meeting and the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. **Next Meeting is May 3, 2006** at Pritzker School with a special topic-Preservation in Wicker Park-an expert panel on historic preservation past and present in this district.

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