

**MINUTES  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WICKER PARK COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2006  
7:00PM  
PRITZKER SCHOOL**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

**I. PRESERVATION@ DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION**

**A. Topic:** Address: 2147 West Evergreen

Applicant: MCM developer

Proposal: New buildings- 2- 8 unit buildings-request for 16<sup>th</sup> unit

**Discussion:** John Hanna architect and Sylvia Michaels representative for J Banks attorney did a photo presentation of the proposal for 2 8 unit buildings on a currently vacant 2 lots 50x150 ft at 2147 W Evergreen. They were requesting a variance for a 16<sup>th</sup> unit-they are 500 sq feet short for the 16<sup>th</sup> unit. They discussed that the buildings met the 38 ft height per zoning; brick; and 16 parking garage with alley access. It was discussed that they have been meeting with the P&D committee and have made the changes requested by the committee ie making both buildings different; dressed up the front of the buildings; and buildings were set back per new zoning ordinance. Members brought up issues: one parking space per unit makes parking hard for neighborhood; garden apts to be legal regarding window wells; completion date to be 6/2007; and these drawings are 100% better than initial proposal. A. Fash informed members that this project has a restrictive covenant which means that what we see is what we get.

**Action:** The general membership vote on written ballot was:

**18 For the project as presented**

**4 Against the project as presented**

**0 Abstentions**

**B. Topic:** Address: 2057 West Potomac

Applicant: Mark Sutherland

Proposal: Repair of façade and windows

**Discussion:** M. Sutherland described that the apartment building at this address needs a removal and replacement of façade which is deteriorating. The engineering drawings have been given to P&D committee. He also addressed that the windows need replacement. He reported that the preliminary plans have been approved by the Landmarks committee. Issues raised by members were: type of window (wood or aluminum clad resembling current framing); building will be retained as rental; and replicate of old ornamental designs will be done on façade and windows as close as possible. E. Coorens did also discuss that all these projects are placed on restrictive covenant which gives some power to

decisions of the membership.

**Action: The general membership vote on written ballot was:**

**21 For the project as presented**

**1 Against the project as presented**

**0 Abstentions**

## **II. MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**A.** Minutes of the April 5, 2006 were approved.

**B.** Introductions:

1. E. Coorens introduced Dr. Reese, principal of Pritzker School and thanked her for having the WPC membership meeting here. Dr. Reese reported that she was at the January WPC and as a result her students benefited from the project on Art is Ageless.
2. E. Coorens introduced Nannette Alleman, Head Librarian at the new Bucktown/Wicker Park Library. The library is tentatively scheduled for 7/06 and the library may be a possibility for a meeting location. Members should watch for grand opening date.

**C. Standing Committee Reports**

### **1. Membership & Marketing**

**a. Topic:** WP Garden Sale at Fertile Garden

**Discussion:** L. Clary announced that members should pick up a flyer from Fertile Gardens. This nursery is giving Wicker Park a special week -May 8-14- if you say you are a friend of Wicker Park the nursery will donate 10% of what you buy to Wicker Park Garden.

**Action:** Members should stop by Fertile Garden the week of May 8-14 for this year's plantings.

**b. Topic:** Wicker Park summer events-need for volunteers

**Discussion:** L. Clary reported that there will be a need for volunteers to help with the summer events in the park-classical brunch, garden walks, Antique sale, etc. Flyers will be out with info on volunteering.

**Action:** Members should consider volunteering. Watch for flyers or contact L. Clary.

**D. New Business**

**Topic:** Wicker Park Committee Goals

**Discussion:** E. Coorens distributed a handout on WPC 2006 Goals. She requested all members to review and give feedback on goals and programming that they feel will be important to the community.

**Action:** WPC members to review goals and provide feedback to the board on these and future programming.

## **E. PROGRAM: PRESERVATION IN WICKER PARK AND YOU**

A slide show "Wicker Park Then and Now" repeated prior to the beginning of the program.

E. Coorens started the program off with a slide presentation on "What Was it like in 1973?" The panel then began their presentation;

Jim Peters-Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois

Formerly with Chicago Landmarks Commission  
George Matwyszyn-Ukrainian Village  
Christina Morris-National Trust for Historic Preservation

Presentations included photos on new construction, rehab, yards and specific areas in Wicker Park not yet designated as landmark. All presenters gave important information for the community, but specifically highlighted that a strong neighborhood plan can make a difference in retaining the neighborhood that the residents want. Emphasis was placed on making a strong community force that defines the criteria of “our” neighborhood in working with developers.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR**

**Next WPC meeting is June 7, 2006** with scheduled PROGRAM: Police Commander Avila of 14<sup>th</sup> District. Location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Pat Linnerud  
Secretary, WPC