

**Minutes
Wicker Park Committee
Membership Meeting
February 7, 2007
Location: Bucktown Wicker Park Library**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- A. Minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved.
- B. E. Coorens, President WPC introduced the current WPC board members.

II. OLD BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Around the Coyote: Feb 9-11; Volunteers call 773-342-6777 or online at:
aroundthecoyote.org/support/winter2007_volunteer.asp
- 2. Alvin Joyner's Memorial donation recommendation:
Howard Brown Health Center
4025 N. Sheridan Rd
Chicago, IL 60613

Uncompensated Care Fund(Contact: Mike Horak, Chief Dev.Off)

B. Topic: Bylaws Revision Discussion and vote

Discussion: E. Coorens opened the discussion for a vote on the revised bylaws distributed at the January membership meeting. K. Moran, chairperson of bylaws committee, asked for any questions. T. Varndell discussed that he thought the way the bylaws were written regarding voting and membership classes, that business owners were favored over home owners. He proposed that the bylaws be written for one membership, one vote or eliminate the business class. Other members discussed that business owners should be members as being stakeholders in the community. K. Moran felt that the business class is not an alteration from past bylaws and should not affect the vote today. Options to the vote today included: vote

on part of the bylaws, exclude some; or accept bylaws as approved. Motion was made by R. Tilley, second by J. Peterson to vote on bylaws as proposed.

Action: Vote was taken by written ballot to accept or not accept the revised bylaws for Wicker Park Committee. Results:

9 Accept the revised bylaws

3 Against the revised bylaws

II. NEW BUSINESS

Topic: I want I need

Discussion: No takers this meeting.

Action: Followup at next meeting.

III. PROGRAM

TOPIC: MAYORAL CANDIDATES:

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK DOROTHY BROWN

BILL "DOCK" WALLS II

ALDERMAN FLORES-REPORT ON 1ST WARD

DISCUSSION:

Alderman Flores gave his overview of the 1st ward:

- focus on education in Wicker Park –planning a WP Public School Fair; encourage participation on LS Council;
- infrastructure repair of Milwaukee corridor
- money invested into Wicker Park park
- WPC should develop a liason with SSA for economy, arts
- working antigraffiti program
- development of park on Leavitt/Wabansia
- one of 7 wards in new recycling program
- green business/green corridor/Milwaukee Ave planning
- landmark status-possible for March-on Milwaukee/Damen/Ashland

Mayoral Candidate: Dorothy Brown gave an overview of her campaign:

- she is an attorney and CPA; elected official in 2000 Circuit Clerk

- vision for Chicago-works for all of us; good government is good ethics
- current use of technology to improve city efficiency and economy
- she is for fair and equitable education, including strengthening LSC, upgrading facilities, annual performance review of teachers, functional core curriculum; housing; economic development-reasonable planning approach, trained workforce, open accountability of TIF; public transportation.
- she believes government is "of the people, for the people and by the people".

Mayoral Candidate: BILL "DOCK" WALLS II

Candidate attended the last 5 minutes of the meeting due to conflicting times with another meeting and travel time. Cookie Hill-co campaign gave overview of candidate's focus:

- increase diversity in police with ward applicants
- public safety
- employment-jobs back to city
- education-partnership with corporations
- homelessness

Reminder to vote February 27, 2007.

Adjournment: 8:55pm

IV. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR

Next WPC membership meeting is March 7, 2007. Location to be announced.

Pat Linnerud
Secretary

