

**Minutes
Wicker Park Committee
Membership Meeting
May 2, 2007
Location: Wicker Park Fieldhouse**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polish Museum of America is holding a celebration for Polish Constitution Day on May 3 at 12p in Wicker Park.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Topic: I want I need

Discussion: The issue of the request for historic lighting on the side streets was brought up in this regular part of the meeting.

E. Coorens brought up that the Landmark Coalition has not done anything yet on this topic. There are other areas in the city that have the historic lighting that could be followed.

Action: WPC to followup with Alderman Flores.

IV. PROGRAM

A. PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Topic: 1324 N. MORMON

Discussion: The contractor presented this project-it is a vacant triangular lot for a single family home-2 ½ story brick with cedar siding garage. The project is requesting a zoning change because the lot is not a typical city lot-zoning change from RS3-RT4. C. Norris discussed that the WP P&D committee recommends the zoning change. In addition, this project has a restrictive covenant.

Action: WPC members voted for the project's zoning request: 14 YES 4 NO 0 ABSTAIN

B. Topic: 1st Ward Recycling Pilot Program

Discussion: Jonathan Ernst from 1st Ward Streets and Sanitation reviewed the new recycling pilot program for the 1st ward to begin May 21, 2007. Blue carts will be replacing the blue bag recycling program. All recyclables will be put in the blue carts. He distributed a magnet on how the blue cart recycling works. The blue carts will be picked up separately than the garbage carts. This is a pilot program involving several wards in the city. Call 311 for more blue or black carts. If not in the 1st ward, 1150 North Branch is a drop off recycling center. If interested in being a Recycling Block Captain call 312-744-5702 to sign up.

Action: Call 311 or www.bluecartschicago.org with any questions.

C. Topic: Dancing into Summer and the Survey

Discussion: Rebecca Wright and Andrew Wozniak discussed ways that WPC is trying to generate revenue for the purpose of giving it back to support the community. They discussed the results of the WPC activity survey- activities rated highest to get revenue from were: 1) food event; 2) silent auction; 3) dance classes; 4) pet show; and activities rated highest for contribution value were: 1) logo WP items; 2) historical project; and tie for 3) preservation-legal defense fund and 3) community center. Any ideas are welcomed.

Action: In following this plan, **ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE CLASSES with official Arthur Murray teachers**, will be offered beginning on Sunday June 3 at 3pm. Location to be announced. For the first class, all members will dance free. Following classes will be offered at time frames and discounts depending on participation from the first class. Sign up for membership that day! Singles or couples! Watch for details!

D. Topic: Preservation Celebration

E. Coorens presented a slide show on the history of how community members worked together to get Wicker Park on the National Register for Historic Places. This group was spearheaded by Joe Ducibella and the slide show depicted his continued efforts for this goal. His work showed his spirit, energy and resourcefulness in trying to reach this goal. Tonight the WPC celebrated his work with a certificate presentation to Joe Ducibella for the historic landmarked community that we today enjoy!

Adjournment time: 9:00pm

IV. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR

Next WPC membership meeting is June 6, 2007. Watch for location.

Pat Linnerud
Secretary