

**Minutes
Wicker Park Committee
Membership Meeting
January 10, 2007
Location: Bucktown Wicker Park Library**

Meeting was called to order at 705pm.

I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- A. Minutes of the December 6, 2006 were approved.
- B. E. Coorens, President WPC introduced the current WPC board members.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURY REPORT

Topic: Financial Report

Discussion: J. Peterson, Treasurer, reported that as to date, there is a cash balance of \$18802.41.

Action: J. Peterson will continue to update records with followup at next meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Topic: WPC future planning

Discussion: J. Peterson, Treasurer and A. Wozniak, Cultural Affairs discussed that the WPC Board is planning to do "fundraising with a purpose". It is looking at supporting specific community groups, projects and/or issues with fundraising activities. Ideas for fundraising activities included theme nights, auctions, development of a WPC 'discount card' for local shops and restaurants, etc. Work would be done to bring the local businesses into the fundraising activities. The end result would hopefully have the WPC giving back to the community and also increasing the WPC membership.

Action: Anyone interested in working on a committee, the newsletter, the Website in 2007, please call or sign up on sheets at the sign in desk.

B. Topic: Preservation Coalition Info

Discussion: E. Coorens distributed a handout on the second meeting- Landmark District Alliance for identifying the key projects of the group.

Action: WPC members to review handout. Any comments, please contact E. Coorens, President WPC.

C. Informational Items

* **Around the Coyote, Feb 8-11**

Volunteers call 773-342-6777, online at aroundthecoyote.org/support/winter2007_volunteer.asp

• **Alvin Joyner's Memorial, Jan 27, 10am**

Church of the Ascension 1133 N La Salle (LaSalle and Elm)
Parking available in the church lot at LaSalle and Maple
Donation recommended: Howard Brown Health Center,
4025 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60613-Uncompensated
Care Fund. (Contact: Mike Horak, Chief Dev. Offcr.)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Topic: Distribution of WPC's Proposed Revised ByLaws

Discussion: E. Coorens reported that the revised WPC bylaws are being

distributed at this meeting for discussion and voting at next meeting.
Changes are in the shaded areas.

Action: Review of revised WPC bylaws to be done at next meeting.

B. Topic: Zoning issue

Project: 1740 West Crystal

Discussion: C. Norris reviewed that the Preservation and Development Committee voted 6-2 to deny rezoning. This involved tearing down a one story building. The rezoning issue was denied based on scale of the proposed structure. Neighbors were at the meeting and expressed their concerns regarding the scale issue.

Action: Members voted on written ballot to deny the request for the rezoning of proposed project at 1740 West Crystal.

C. Topic: I want I need

Discussion: E. Coorens reported that this segment was for anyone looking for something or needing something-free participation.

Action: No needs or wants this meeting.

V. Topic: PROGRAM: 32ND WARD ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

ALDERMAN TED MATLAK

SCOTT WAGUESPACK

CATHERINE ZARYCZNY(ZA-ridge-nee)

Discussion: Each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation. **Synopsis** of each candidate: (please followup with candidates for more details)

CATHERINE ZARYCZNY: She discussed that she lived in this ward all her life. She is currently a trial lawyer. Her purpose of running is to improve sevice complaints in this area and to bring transparency to the alderman's office by engaging all residents in decisions. She says she would like to see all complaints recorded and resolved; to have a needs assessment of the ward done; oversee tax reform; and to prevent further neglect of the public schools. Maintaining cultural and ethnic character is part of historic preservation for her. She would like you to check her website:

z.ward.32@hotmail.com

ALDERMAN TED MATLAK: He discussed that he has been alderman for 9 years, winning 2 elections. He discussed that he grew up at Marshfield/ Altgeld. His past experience is being an accountant. He discussed that the role of the alderman is to be part of the legislative branch of the city-running the city with its laws and budget which poses its challenges. He feels his role in part is to be caretaker and steward for the ward which includes 60,000 residents. He explained in detail the challenges of working with the zoning codes written in 1857; having housing predating 1871; and providing new housing stock. He feels that he works toward saving what is worth saving and that each property has to be looked at for their individual value. He discussed that he looks at each zoning request that comes to his office on an individual basis. He discussed that he brought back \$20million dollars to the ward-library, parking spaces, lighting, North Ave streetscape.

SCOTT WAGUESPACK: He discussed that he lives in the area at Hoyne/Moffat. He feels his experience includes being a lawyer, was in the Peace Corps and currently is a city administrator in Berwyn for the last year. He feels the important aldermanic issues include-education: meetings would be held with parents and administrators; the Tiff law would be used to give back to the schools; and program development to keep the kids off the street. Zoning: he would refer all issues back to the community organizations; work on a system for better notification to residents of zoning issues; has a concern on preserving legacy so residents can participate in what the neighborhood would look like in the next few years. Waste/corruption: restructuring departments to save money to use elsewhere such as in developing senior and youth centers. He would like you to check his website:
www.ScottForChicago.com

Residents asked questions that the candidates responded to. Topics of questions included: replacement city trees; interaction with other alderman; how would you stand up to Mayor Daley when needed; actions in first 60 days after election; downsizing of ward 32; education improvements; tax assessment evaluations; and zoning process.

Adjournment: 850pm

VI. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR

Next WPC membership meeting is February 7, 2007 at the Bucktown Wicker Park Library.

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