

**Minutes
Wicker Park Committee
Membership Meeting
October 3, 2007
Location: Bucktown Wicker Park Library**

I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- A.** E. Coorens, President called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and welcomed all present.
- B.** Minutes of the September 12, 2007 meeting were approved.
- C. Treasury Report :** As of August 31, 2007 the financial balance \$17438.76.

II. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Topic: Antique & Junque Sale October 13, 2007

Discussion: A. Wozniak reported that the sale is being advertised in 4 papers, CLTV and metromix. The WPC part of the sale will be held at Pritzker school. Tables are available to rent for \$25; or if selling at your home the fee is \$10. All donated items for the WPC table can be taken as of Thursday October 11 at noon. There will be a WPC membership table at Pritzker. Maps will be handed out that day. Volunteers are needed to help advertise, setup, during sale and tear down.

Action: G. Liegel volunteered to help advertise with addresses/letter to other community organizations. To donate, register for a home sale, or to volunteer call Andrew Wozniak 312-804-9690 or A&J@wickerparkcommittee.org. Watch for flyers!

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Topic: Nominating Committee for November Board Elections

Discussion: C. Norris announced the nominated candidates for the WPC Board from the nominating committee's slate:

President-E. Coorens
Vice President-B. Murray
Secretary- P. Linnerud

Membership-G. Liegel
Communications-S. Cruz
P&Development-C. Norris
Treasurer-E. Tamminga
Director-G. Baginski
Communications-open position

Nominations were asked for from the floor but there were none offered. Nominations can still be added at next month's meeting before the election.

Action: Elections will be done at the November 7, 2007 WPC meeting. Nominations will be open prior to election.

B. Topic: I want I need

Discussion: D. Browning asked for money donation or plant donations for the **PRITZKER SCHOOL LANDSCAPE REDESIGN**(project of the school, community and WP Garden Club to improve landscape around Pritzker School.)

Donation box is available at membership table. It was asked if WPC would be donating to this project. E. Coorens reported that it would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Action: Donations can be made tonight or through the WP Garden Club. WPC Board will review the issue of making a donation to this project from WPC.

IV. PROGRAM

Topic: STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

32nd Ward Streets & Sanitation Superintendent, Pedro Borrero
Phone: 312-744-8618

1st Ward Streets & Sanitation Superintendent, Manny Gonzalez
Phone: 312-744-5523

Both superintendents discussed the role of their department:

- sanitation-garbage pickup
- street sweeping
- snow removal
- other sanitation issues

Pedro Borrero has only been on the job for about one month, but has experience working with Alderman Flores 1st Ward.

The following issues were discussed by superintendents and members. **Superintendents will followup on issues, unless directed to call elsewhere:**

- Construction/development
 - All sites should have a mesh fence, portable john, posted permit, sweeper-hand or machine
 - Standing water should not be left in foundation
 - Construction noise should not start until 8am-before that it is a public disturbance
 - if having any problems, C. Norris(P&D) recommended calling the alderman. The alderman contacts the developer and this method has been pretty successful.
 - Other options, call 911 and a patrol car will be sent when available; or call 311 and ask for a supervisor that does followup
- Rats
 - Call Alderman-complaint will be forwarded to the Rodent Control Department for the city. This department has a schedule of rodent control activity. With complaints, baiting will be requested.
- Alley paving
 - Paving blocks are missing in alley west of Hoyne at North Avenue. C. Norris will forward address to superintendents for followup.
- Garbage services
 - Private garbage services can start pickup at 7am. Call Alderman with problems.
 - Recycling program with blue cans is not yet being expanded due to manpower. If you have overflow, call alderman-superintendents usually have extra trucks on Thursday/Friday to help. Superintendents will forward recommendation to place blue cans in public places.
 - 1320 N Hoyne-9 garbage cans with overflow and rat holes
 - Call Alderman if construction materials are being put into blue recycling cans
 - 2152-54 W Potomac needs garbage lids-call 311
 - Member gave 1st ward a commendation on positive trash pickup

- If bulk trash pickup is needed, call ahead to alderman which helps with planning
- Weeds across from Sabin school after sidewalk construction-on schedule to be taken care of
- Water/sewer problems
 - 1266-1270 N Wolcott-standing water over drain with every rainfall-probably needs additional drain
 - 1549 N Bell has slow drains due to rain blocker
 - Rockwell/Talman was a pilot program for water drainage in which an asphalt alley was changed to cobblestone
- Street cleaning
 - 1300 N Leavitt/1500 N Hoyne-confusion over signs: 1st ward has street cleaning signs and lights; 32nd ward has posted signs on days of cleaning. There are not enough posted signs. Ald Scott is weighing the cost of doing signs like the 1st ward. Recommended to go to aldermen's websites for street cleaning schedules and reminder alerts. Superintendents will followup on signs/schedules.
- Streetscape changes
 - Street congestion in front of Starbucks on North Ave-construction left unfinished; followup to be done with 1st ward Ald
 - Parkway on North/Hoyne-construction planter/curb not completed-safety issue: Trevor in Ald Scott's office will followup
 - Bus sign missing on North/Hoyne-call 32nd ward Ald
 - Parking signs south side of North Avenue not replaced after construction-call 1st and 32nd ward Ald
- Emergency vehicles
 - Noise from idling emergency vehicles at Winston Manor Nursing Home at all hours-member will contact administration of NH
- Historic lighting- J. Anton is working on this project. Report at next meeting.

32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack

Alderman Scott returned this month to discuss the state of the ward since last month his presentation was cut short due to meeting time.

Issues discussed by the Alderman:

- CAPS meeting-13th district has problems with gangs; a march with the mayor at Commercial Park is being held on Saturday if interested in attending
- Volunteer groups working to clean up areas ie Ravenswood
- 1801 Milwaukee-small park opening for National Park Day
- Development issues: new policy guidelines are working; Smithfield-Ashland/Webster will be a planned development to address traffic issues, green type building;
- Education-successful back to school day at Holstein Park; Meeting with administrators to discuss traffic, maintenance
- Voting: Ald Scott reported on his voting to date:
 - Public Arts-voted No-feels community involvement in public arts is needed
 - OPS-voted to appoint new director
 - Office of Compliance-voted yes hoping for decrease waste, fraud
 - Taxes-he is disappointed in county increase; he asked for cuts in other departments;
 - e mail alderman's office regarding opinions on taxes/cuts; TIF-needs revamping for more transparency; property tax issue-he went for veto for more balance among city;
 - Children Museum-land for greenspace

Alderman Scott Waguespack reported that he felt the state of the ward is getting better. He encouraged the WPC membership to call his office with problems so that they can be addressed. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Adjournment time: 9:00pm

V. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR

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

Pat Linnerud
Secretary