

**NOVEMBER 7, 2007  
WICKER PARK COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- A. E. Coorens, President called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and welcomed all present.
- B. Minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting were approved.
- C. **Treasury Report** : As of October 30, 2007 the financial balance \$17438.76.

**II. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Topic: Antique & Junque Sale October 13, 2007**

**Discussion:** R. Wright reported that the sale was a success in that there was good feedback from both vendors and buyers. Many vendors were interested in attending next year and many requested that it be a biannual event. This is important because now there is a list of vendors for future events. New things were tried and worked out-having both the option of home and school setup(Pritzker School); WPC table to sell donations(amounted to \$440); and donations that were not sold were given to charity. A. Wright reported that the costs incurred came from truck rental to pick up donations; advertising; and the fact that the corporate sponsor that agreed to be the sponsor for the event backed out at the last minute. He reported that it was a net loss of \$600. There was a consensus that the event was a success in terms of bringing back a sense of community among people and the WP Logo was visible in the community.

**Action:** WPC congratulated R. Wright and A. Wozniak on a successful sale and thanks were given to all that volunteered on the sale. The Antique & Junque Sale continue to be a WPC event.

**B. PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Project: 1448 N Milwaukee**

**Discussion:** C. Norris introduced this project, along with architect/owner. This is a new building on a current vacant lot in the Landmark District; no zoning issues involved; zoning if for business and the proposed building is for all commercial; no residential tenants. Proposed picture was available for review. WPC P&D approved project. Project is still to be reviewed by Landmarks.

**Action: Membership vote:**

**YES: 17 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 0**

**2. Project: 1739-45 N Milwaukee for a zoning change**

**Discussion:** C. Norris introduced this project and owner as an important building for WP. It is one of the zoned manufacturing buildings. It seems a trend now that developers are buying these buildings and then try to get them rezoned to B zoning. This then changes the prior intent of this buildings in the area. The WPC P&D approved this project because this building is not being torn down; it is restoration building (green brick currently an issue); and owner has done a signed covenant. Zoning request from M1 to B2-3 for having commercial on 1<sup>st</sup> floor; and residential on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. This project brought out much discussion on the the future role of manufacturing in WP. C. Norris discussed that each one of these zoned manufacturing buildings that come before P&D will be scrutinized for future use.

**Action: Membership vote:**

**YES: 16 NO: 2 ABSTAIN: 2**

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Topic: Review of the Year**

**Discussion:** E. Coorens distributed an handout WPC Review of 2006-2007 highlighting the mission of WPC and the achievements of WPC this year in meeting this mission-such as monthly meetings with focused programming; P&D activities; financial support of community groups; and social events for the community.

**Action:** WPC to review handout. Any comments contact E. Coorens.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Topic: WPC BOARD ELECTIONS 2007-2008**

**Discussion:** E. Coorens, President, thanked the current WPC board members for a successful year. The new candidates for the next year introduced themselves. The ballot was:

**President-Elaine Coorens**

**Joe Lake** nominated from the floor  
**Vice President-Bill Murray**  
**Treasurer- Ed Tamminga**  
**Secretary- Pat Linnerud**  
**Director- Geri Baginski**  
**Communications- Brandon Antoniewicz**  
**Community Relations-Sheila Cruz**  
**Cultural Affairs(2)- Rebecca Wright**  
**Andrew Wozniak**  
**Membership & Marketing- Greg Liegel**  
**Preservation & Development- Craig Norris**

**Action:** Elections were done by written ballot. Elaine Coorens won for President-17 to 5. All above candidates were voted in for their positions. WPC congratulated all new board members.

**B. Topic: I want I need**

**Discussion:** A flyer was distributed to alert residents of WP and Bucktown on the need to be aware of the uses of currently vacant buildings-the flyer shows 1861 N Milwaukee being brought to the zoning committee for the establishment of a liquor store-the flyer shows that drugs, crime result from the use of this property for the purpose of a liquor store.

**Action:** Flyer asks to write or call the Business Affairs and Licensing.

**C. Topic: Upcoming Events**

**Discussion:** E. Coorens reported that the December WPC meeting will be a social event held on December 12, location to be announced. It will be a Christmas bazaar-included will be arts and crafts for sale for your holiday shopping. If you know of any vendors that might be interested, contact E. Coorens. Also on December 30, 2007, the St. Paul Church will be closing. The Near Northwest Arts Center will turn it into a Performing Arts Center. There will be a celebration of the church's history in WP with its Norwegian origins. Invite anyone of Norwegian background, old residents of WP, past members of the Church ... to share in the celebration.

**Action:** Watch for more info on both events.

**V. PROGRAM**

**Topic: ALL THINGS GREEN**

**Presenter: Joyce Coffee, Chicago Dept of Environment**

J. Coffee used an audiovisual and handouts to describe a variety of efforts by the city to improve the environment. Programs discussed were:

Chicago Conservation Corps-training for environmental ambassadors to neighborhoods; has a program for school children

Greencorps Chicago-resources for gardening projects; ex offenders work force for gardens

Waste Management-Blue carts; block captains for recycling; hazardous waste centers; city is giving out composters

Rain Gardens/Rain Barrel Programs-relates to water/energy conservation; classes

Air and Energy Solutions-weatherization kits available; I-GO car

Plant a Tree-call 311 for free tree  
Contact city website for more info on all above program

**Presenters: Christy Webber, owner/developer green building**

**Roger Post, Christy Webber Landscapes**

With slides, Christy and Roger described the history of Christy Webber Landscapes and their journey in purchasing land from the city to develop and build their Green Building. This building won the US Green Council Platinum Award. Solar panels, water cisterns, special green pavers, native plants are all green techniques used in this building.

Contact Christy Webber Landscapes to see the building.

Adjournment time: 9:00pm

## **V. MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR**

**Next WPC membership meeting is December 12, 2007. Location to be announced.**

Pat Linnerud  
Secretary

