

Mid-North Association
Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2010

In Attendance:

Nada Riley
David Chernoff
Margot Fenech
Marco LaCava
Ed Burnes
Melissa Macek
Barry NewDelman
Hillary Thieling

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Items Discussed

Committees:

Planning, Zoning and Traffic – David Chernoff

- David Chernoff sent a letter to Vi Daley in opposition to the current Redevelopment plan for the Lincoln Park Hospital. This letter was posted on the Mid-North website.
- Former owners of the Hospital Business (Merit LP) had a loss of over 3 million during 2008.
- No changes to the original plan have been communicated by the developer

Budget and Finance – Melissa Macek

- Melissa Macek will meet with all of the committees at a future date to set budgets for the year.

Schools and Institutions – Nada Riley

- The green house has been delivered but weather is holding up construction. It is anticipated that it will take 1 month to construct.
- Lincoln Park Hospital - Both Mid-North and Vi Daley have blogs where individuals can post comments on the proposed Lincoln Park Hospital Redevelopment.
- Children's Memorial Hospital – Individuals can access their news by going to the Children's Memorial website
- Francis Parker – The class of 2008 has placed an honorary sign on Circle Drive.
- Lincoln Park High School – The school is looking for a new principal to replace the current principal who is retiring at the end of June. The selection committee has been formed and they are looking for input via a questionnaire.
- St. Vincent DePaul – They are getting ready for their fundraiser on February 27th at the Chicago Hilton Towers.

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Membership – Margot Fenech

- There are currently 208 members vs 285 in 2009
- Margot will send out reminders to renew memberships which aren't due until March 1st.

Fundraising – Nada Riley for Harriet NewDelman

- Working towards Summerfest. A contract has been drawn up and reviewed by David Chernoff. The dates for Summerfest are June 26th and 27th. The board passed a motion to approve the contract.

Community Safety – Barry NewDelman

- CAPs meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at DePaul
- Infrastructure requests can be sent to Nada and Barry on behalf of Mid-North to be funneled to Vi Daley's office.

Parks and Environment – Ed Burnes

- The purposed of this committee is to connect better with the existing local parks including the South and North Ponds and the Underpass on Fullerton which might be getting a mural.

Old Business:

- LPH, Letter to Vi Daley, Fest, Mosaic – These subjects were touched upon earlier
- Annual Meeting – Held on January 20, 2010, current board members were elected, grants were given, and members were thanked for their support

New Business:

- Pre-Summerfest Party – Currently looking for a venue to host the Pre-Summerfest Party. The previous host was the owner of Kelsey's. This party should take place sometime in March or April. The goal of the party is to have people sign up to volunteer at Summerfest. We need 75 to 80 people per day to volunteer.
- Board Members disclosures of potential conflicts of interest – Ed Burnes raised this item as new business. Board members need to express conflicts of interest. David will draft a document to be considered in a future meeting
- Mid-North Documentation – It was asked who keeps the documentation. Sue Saunders keeps the minutes. It was motioned by Ed Burnes to post the corrected minutes on the website. Melissa Macek seconded the motion. There were 7 votes in favor and 4 abstentions and the motion was passed.
- Mid-North Membership Lists – It was asked who keeps the membership lists. Marco LaCava maintains the list when dues are received and gives the updated information to the Membership Chair. A discussion followed on who should have access to those documents in order to meet privacy issues.
- Mid-North Bank Records – The bank records are kept by the Treasurer and can be seen by Board Members at anytime.
- Mid-North Document Retention – All documents are kept as long as possible.

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New Business (continued)

- Mid-North Meeting Times – It was motioned by Ed Burnes to start the meeting at 6:30 pm and David Chernoff seconded. All present members were in favor.
- Website – The website will be updated more frequently. There will also be a monthly newsletter that will be posted on the website as well as emailed.
- Clark Street SSA – There had not been a meeting since Mid-North's last meeting. Vi Daley had not recently heard anything from the owner with multiple vacancies

Public Participation

- Mid-North Agendas – It was asked if there is a way to publish the agenda of the Mid North meetings in advance. It was motioned by Ed Burnes to publish the agenda in advance and Melissa Macek seconded the motion. There were 8 votes in favor with 3 abstentions. The motion was passed.
- The underpass in Lincoln Park was raised as a potential area needing improvement as well as new lighting. Ed Burnes will look into this matter and potentially add it to the list sent to Vi Daley.
- Ed Burnes mentioned that the owners of Lincoln Park Hospital are closing the garage and the renters have been given notice.

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