

Wicker Park Committee Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – 7:00pm Held at 2018 W. North Ave Chicago, IL 60647

I. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance in person were: Kyle Sneed, Leah Root, Teddy Varndell, Ed Tamminga, Jason Ticus, Kristin DeGroff, and Connor Young.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. Wicker Park Fest

Board members discussed potential communications with the Chamber of Commerce regarding transparency of the Fest's budget and revenue. Mr. Sneed advised that he would send a letter to Pamela Maass on behalf of the Board. Discussion was held on potential fundraisers for WPC at the fest, including the sale of t-shirts.

III. TIF Illumination Event

Mr. Sneed reviewed a potential event to be held for Wicker Park residents regarding local TIFs. He advised that Tom Tresser would be present later in the meeting to address questions regarding the event.

[Mr. Tresser joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.]

IV. Preservation & Development

Mr. Tamminga reviewed the liquor license for Target on Division. Board members advised of their support of the license. He further reviewed the plan for the former Double Door Tavern, which will reopen as a Yeti store in the coming months. He advised that Yeti representatives would be returning to the WPC with a Plan of Operation. Lastly, Mr. Tamminga reviewed the proposed rezoning for 1300 N. Milwaukee, for an intended liquor license.

V. Membership Meetings/Future Events

The Board discussed items of note for the May membership meeting, including a Business Spotlight and meeting with the owners of a forthcoming hotel in the neighborhood.

VI. TIF Illumination Event, Part II

Mr. Tresser introduced himself to the Board, and reviewed his work with TIF grant research in the city of Chicago. He discussed a potential event with Wicker Park residents, to focus on TIFs affecting the immediate neighborhood. Board members discussed the details of a proposed event with Mr. Tresser, to be held in the fall months.

All business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.