



Wicker Park Committee

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 7:00pm

Held at 2033 W. North Ave
Chicago, IL 60647

I. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance in person were: Kyle Sneed, Leah Root, Alma Weiser, Dave Walcoff, Kyle Copeland, George Menninger, and Kristin DeGroff. Also in attendance was Julia Clites.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. Administrative/Updates

Mr. Menninger reviewed the WPC bank account information, and advised that a budget would be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Sneed reviewed an upcoming fundraiser for Alderman LaSpata. He further discussed the current location of the WPC membership meetings, as held at the Wicker Park Fieldhouse. Board members discussed the location in detail, and agreed that the centrality of the fieldhouse made it an optimal meeting location.

III. 2020 Board Discussion

Mr. Sneed reviewed the expectations for Board members for the current membership cycle. Board members discussed their specific roles and responsibilities for the WPC. Board members held extensive discussion on potential topics for discussion throughout 2020, as well as events to be hosted by the Committee.

Mr. Sneed advised that Mr. Jeff Orr had not been in attendance at any recent meetings. Mr. Copeland made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Menninger as follows:

RESOLVED, to remove Jeff Orr from WPC Board membership, effective immediately, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sneed further reviewed three proposed subcommittees for community engagement, events, and technology. Mr. Copeland made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Walcoff as follows:

RESOLVED, the creation of WPC subcommittees, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2020 WPC Priorities and Membership Feedback

Mr. Sneed reviewed the commentary received from WPC members at the January membership meeting regarding potential goals and areas of focus for the Committee in 2020. Board members held extensive discussion on the top areas, and agreed on the following top five:

- Wicker Park Fest (community involvement/transparency)
- Wicker Park (fieldhouse/dog park/playground updates)
- Affordable Commercial Space and Commercial Vacancies
- Accessibility and Overcrowding on Blue Line
- Relationship with Alderman LaSpata (working to accomplish needs of WP residents)

The Board agreed to bring the proposed goals to the next membership meeting for consideration, and that communications would be sent to the area aldermen for dissemination.

Board members held further discussion on additional goals for the Board, including hosting events within the neighborhood, as well as recruitment for overall WPC membership.

All business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.