



Wicker Park Committee
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Introductions and Welcome

Mr. Sneed welcomed the public and began the meeting at 7:12 p.m. At least 40 members of the Wicker Park Committee and public were present.

New Business

Mr. Sneed reminded the public of upcoming events, including the Annual Boopalooza Event, to be held on October 26, 2019 in Wicker Park. He also reviewed an upcoming 1st Ward Night, hosted by Alderman LaSpata on October 10, 2019. Additionally, Mr. Sneed provided a brief update on the upcoming Wicker Park Committee Board member nominations for 2020, to be held at an upcoming meeting.

Wicker Park Business Spotlight

The Committee welcomed a representative of Club Pilates, a recently opened pilates studio on Milwaukee Ave. The representative reviewed the amenities available at the studio, and invited the public to attend for a free class.

Conversation with Fritz Kaegi, Cook County Assessor

The Committee welcomed Mr. Kaegi to the meeting. Mr. Kaegi provided an in-depth review of the current office reforms being implemented for property assessments within the county. He advised of the efforts being made to increase transparency within the assessor's office, and reviewed new features on the county's website. He further reviewed new legislation, HB 833, which was passed to amend the property tax code.

Mr. Kaegi further provided a review of the property tax assessment process for commercial and residential properties. Additionally, he discussed SB 1379, a data modernization bill, and requested that community members contact their state representatives to support the proposed legislation.

Community members discussed specific property tax information with Mr. Kaegi in detail.

Conversation with Alderman LaSpata

The Committee welcomed Alderman LaSpata to the meeting, who provided an update on the legalization of recreational marijuana in the state of Illinois. Alderman LaSpata reviewed specific zoning proposals regarding marijuana dispensaries within the city of Chicago, and advised of the number of dispensary permits to be granted as of January 2020. He further advised that he has not yet signed any letters of support regarding applications for dispensary permits.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:34 p.m.