

North Mayfair Improvement Association Meeting Record for Community Meeting December 6th, 2023

7 PM, Gompers Field House, East Meeting Room

Attendees:

Jim O'Reilly
Marisa Goldberg
Belinda O'Kelly
Jim Kelley
Kelly Bache
Kurt Paradis
Matt Braun

7:00 PM Welcome and Introductions to Existing and New Board Candidates

7:15 PM

Alderman Nugent Updates were presented:

Weber Spur

Alderman Nugent is working with the Department of Planning and Development and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to restart the conversation about the Weber Spur. As a part of phase one, a community meeting will be held. While CDOT has not yet set a date for the meeting, we anticipate it will be this winter and will be sure to let the association know.

North Branch Trail Connection

CODT is also working to find ways to connect the North Branch Trail to Gompers, Eugene Field Park, and beyond. Again, this plan is not finalized, but I wanted to share that conversations are in the works to increase connectivity.

Migrants

The 17th Police District Station has been decompressed (folks have been moved to shelters). Per the Mayor's Office, once a station is decompressed, it will not be reopened to house new arrivals.

Our office is collecting toiletries and sanitation items for new arrivals at both shelters here in the 39th Ward. If you would like to donate any items, please drop them off at the office.

Overnight Parking Ban

The City's winter overnight parking ban started last week. The ban is in effect from December 1, 2023, through April 1, 2024, to ensure the Department of Streets and Sanitation crews can quickly salt and plow the streets during a winter storm. In the 39th Ward, parking on main

streets like Foster, Elston, and Lawrence is prohibited when more than 2 inches of snow has fallen.

Treasurers Report [Belinda] – Report attached

CAPS Update [Jim K] – Nothing to Report

Parks/NRC Update [Jim O] – Discussed upcoming plans for Weber Spur, bike paths, and Update on NRC activities.

Membership Update [Belinda/Kurt] – Review of membership numbers, currently 140 active, renewals are in process for 2024

7:30 PM Open Call, Review and Confirmation of the election slate:

2024 New Elected Board:

- **President - Belinda O'Kelly**
- **Secretary - Sam Kruse**
- **Treasurer - Kelly Bache**
- **VP Police/Community Affairs - Jim Kelley**
- **VP Parks - Jim O'Reilly**
- **Committee Chair - Kurt Paradis**
- **Communications - Open**
- **Membership – Open**

Marisa Goldberg indicated she could help out with open positions/Improver – scope to be confirmed.

7:45 PM Open floor to discuss any community concerns, limited follow up discussion

8:00 PM topics shifted back to board transitions

1. Transition of bank accounts, remove old board members and add new treasurer.
 - a. Also discuss changing the bank based on previous experience.
 - b. Note we will need official election results to add the treasurer.
2. Review and discuss modification of the Bylaws – process.
3. Review Improver status and address.
4. Identify messaging needs and responsibilities to post items in the interim. Do we have any needs? New calendar on website?
5. Identify potential committee chairs for next year's events.
6. Remember that the garage sale signs and 4th of July items are in Belinda's garage and Marisa has the North Mayscare signs.
7. Discuss jointit/stripe/website host recurring items and decide if we want to change anything.
8. Update location and share for keeping NMIA files – Completed by Kurt, needs to be sent to new board.
9. Update password/critical info document for board.

It was decided that the board should have a call around 1/15/2023 to get a start on transitions and planning for 2024.

8:00 PM – 8:30 PM Social

8:30 PM Adjourn

Tentative 2024 Calendar, to be confirmed by new board:

Winter Soup and Bread

TBD with Palmer

Board Meeting

Wed Feb 7

Spring Community Meeting

Wed March 20

Spring Happy Hour

Wed May 15

Board Meeting

May May 8

Garage Sale/Plant Swap

June 1st

Summer Community Meeting

Wed June 19th

4th of July Parade

July 4th

Board Meeting

Wed August 7th

Fall Community Meeting

Wed September 18th

Fall Happy Hour

Wed October 9th

Board Meeting

Wed November 6th

Thanksgiving Food Drive

November TBD

Winter Community Meeting (Elections)

Wed December 4th

Proposed Committee List:

- Garage Sale and Plant Swap
- 4th of July Parade
- Pollinator Gardens
- North Mayscare Halloween
- Soup and Bread
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Migrant/Encampments response + Mutual Aid
- LGBTQIA+ Acceptance