



**Indian Woods Community Association
Community Meeting
Tuesday – June 21, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Edgebrook VRC**

I. President Walsh Called the Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Members

Present:

Donald W. Walsh
Joyce Hutchinson
Jonathan Sladek
Wayne Pryzby
Michael C. Kendall
Patrick J. McCann

Absent:

Tom Gillespie
Jim Oehler

III. Meeting Minutes Reported

- a. Secretary Sladek read 1-18-2011 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Tim H. Mr Hutchinson seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

IV. President's Report:

- a. Vision of the association needs to be revised. Snowplowing will likely not happen next year due to numerous community member complaints and the lack of funding. We are looking to focus on a more family oriented events and causes and civic activities.
- b. Colleti's would like to add an outdoor eating area at Central and Elston. Motion to support Colleti's request by Tim. Mr Hutchinson seconded the motion. No objections were voiced.
- c. Possible 'key club' at 5327 N Central is developing. IWCA board is looking into the matter with Chicago police department. Numerous residents voiced concern about other illicit activities at the establishment. Call 911 with all concerns.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bank balance: \$984.69
- b. There are no pending expenditures at this time.
- c. 25% of households have paid their dues for 2011.
- d. Motion to approve minutes by Tim. Mr Hutchinson seconded the motion. Treasurer's report approved.

VI. Vote on new by-laws

- a. By-laws have been posted on the website for review since the last community meeting.
- b. Motion to approve revised by-laws by Mary Smythe. Tim seconded the motion. All in favor. By-laws approved.

VII. Guest speaker State Senator John G Mulroe - 10th District

- a. 59 senators in Illinois (118 state representatives - Joe Lyons is ours)
- b. Senator Mulroe discussed the State's budget and spending for 2010 and 2011. A handout given to the group summarizes the actions taken to reduce the annual budget.
- c. Education reform is paramount in the Senator's mind.
- d. Workers compensation reform was a monumental achievement according to businesses.
- e. Future public employee pensions will be reduced and capped.
- f. Gaming Bill is in the works to keep Illinois gambling money in the State.
- g. A redistricting is in process due to the 2010 Census - the 10th district will be growing to the West.
- h. Senator Mulroe discusses numerous bills he has worked on, with several aiding senior citizens.

VIII. Guest speaker 45th Ward Alderman John Arena

- a. 4754 N Milwaukee is the new office. Giddings and Milwaukee intersection. Coin Bank has offered evening parking for the Ward office.
- b. Arena's assistant, Carla will be our neighborhood contact. Call her with any questions. 773-286-4545
- c. Economic development of our area was discussed as an important factor in the growth of Jefferson Park area.
- d. IWCA Board question: How can you address police task force redeployment to other areas and tackle the new crime issues near Central and Elston? Arena: Does not believe in the use of redeployment, respects the new police superintendent and is working with the Mayor to help get the 16th district police staff back to our area.
- e. IWCA Board question: How can you get companies such as Michael reality to take care of their properties? Arena: Ward office can elevate issues if you provide them with the 311 reference number.
- f. IWCA Board question: CTA bus barn fence is in dire need of repair. Previous Alderman had stated that the fence would be fixed. Is there still a opportunity to rebuild this fence? Can we keep the buses away from the fence? Arena: Looking into the matter with the CTA management and will visit the site at different times of day and night to observe the operations.
- g. IWCA Board question: What do we do with foreclosed homes that are being neglected? Arena: Identify specific addresses and Ward office will track down owner and request update be done per state/city laws. There is a city program to help citizens facings foreclosure. If the home is vacated/abandoned, there are also City programs to help renovate it and get back on the market. Contact the Ward office if you or someone you needs assistance.
- h. Ward45.org website is being developed. This will provide up to date information and activities for the Ward and eventually will have email updates.
- i. IWCA residents Ray Hillstrom and Mary Smythe request recycling dumpster to be placed nearby - perhaps at VRC.
- j. IWCA resident Mary Smythe requests that Rosedale be repaved between Luna and Indian Rd. Arena's office is reviewing these requests and wants to do as much work as possible. The budget negotiations has not been set yet.
- k. Alderman to talk with Mariano's Fresh Market (Roundys) supermarket about development of lot adjacent to DMV. Excited to have this potential retailer coming to the area.

IX. New Business

- a. Mary Smythe presented her July 16 free garden walk to the group. All are welcome to attend.
- b. Mary Smythe discussed things in the area that were needing attention:
 - i. cutting the lawns at foreclosed homes - the board did this last weekend.
 - ii. repairing split rail fences along Indian Rd - the board to look into this.
 - iii. deteriorating buildings outside of our community limits - the board suggests that anyone can call 311 with complaints. Be sure to request a reference

number from 311 so you can follow up with your complaint with the Alderman's office.

- X. Next General Membership Meetings per By-Laws:
 - a. September 20, 2011

- XI. Adjourn 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

(s) Secretary Jonathan Sladek

Jonathan Sladek – IWCA Secretary

SUBMITTED: June 21, 2011

APPROVED: