

W.A.N.T. General Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2013

- I. Introduction
- II. Budget
 - A. Budget is where we projected it to be.
 - B. In 2013 we made an effort to invest in the organization.
 - 1. Motion to approve budget.
 - a) Motion approved (none opposed).
- III. Revisions to bylaws
 - A. Proposed change
 - 1. Changes are basically as presented at the last meeting.
 - 2. Changes to the calendar for board elections and budget.
 - a) Board elections in September
 - b) Budget goes into effect in January
 - 3. Approval of bylaw revisions
 - a) Motion to approve changes to bylaws.
 - b) Motion seconded.
 - c) Motion approved by vote (none opposed).
- IV. Land Use and Zoning Report
 - A. A request for special use and zoning for a business operating in a two-flat on Ashland was withdrawn.
 - B. A question was asked about zoning restrictions based on height or size because of a property on Gregory.
 - 1. The height limit is 30 ft. Based on RS3 zoning (previously RS4).
 - 2. A request was made to investigate the property at 1619 Gregory
 - 3. A request was also made to investigate an occupied foreclosure at 1620 Gregory.
 - C. A questions was asked about construction at 5434 N. Clark.
 - 1. Construction is waiting on better weather.
 - 2. Land Use and Zoning has looked at the property.
 - D. A question was asked about 5441 N. Ashland having no permits.
 - 1. The property will be investigated.
 - E. A question was asked about Edgewater Medical Center being sold for single family housing.
 - 1. The property has not been sold.
 - 2. The single family housing is only a proposal being made.
 - 3. A question about medical waste was raised.
 - a) The site will have to meet requirement and involve environmental mediation.
 - F. A question was raised about whether we would be notified about the train station at Peterson and Ravenswood.
 - 1. WANT has been involved in this discussion.
- V. Trumbull Elementary
 - A. There is not much news to report.
 - 1. The last news report indicated that CPS plans to reuse the building.
- VI. The Garden
 - A. As the Garden ages it requires more expense to care for and repair.
 - 1. We budgeted \$500 for this next year.
 - 2. We will be recharging the path.
 - a) This happens every other year at the end of April.
 - b) The Garden committee requests any available help for this project.
 - B. We will be cleaning the area between the fence and the Metra tracks.
 - 1. We were granted permission to do this.
 - 2. We also received a \$500 donation toward the effort.
- VII. Rogers Park Montessori traffic report
 - A. President Fick met with the Alderman, the school, Bomanville representatives and a representative from CDOT.
 - 1. Any left turns are deemed to be unsafe and not an option.
 - 2. They proposed a 2:30–4:00 p.m. parking ban on Ravenswood. Between Balmoral and Catalpa.

- a) This is not optimal based on what our organization wants.
 - b) Pauline's was contacted about it.
- B. Discussion and questions were raised.
- C. Debby's Pope proposed that suggest they park on Wolcott and then be released onto Bryn Mawr then onto Ravenswood toward the school, eliminating waiting on Ravenswood without causing left turns.
 - 1. Motion to recommend this proposal.
 - 2. Motion seconded.
 - 3. Motion approved by vote (none opposed).
- VIII. Expansion of Passages Charter School
 - A. A proposal has been south but not approved.
 - B. The Alderman has not expressed a preference,
 - C. They have a letter of support from St. Gregory's Priest based on
 - 1. Potential improvement of the neighborhood.
 - 2. Benefit to the immigrant community.
 - 3. Belief that traffic problem has improved.
 - D. The vote will be held in January
 - E. Alderman Osterman does not support the expansion.
 - F. Senn High School also does not support the expansion.
 - G. Comments and discussion was held.
 - H. President Fick said that WANT needs to have a position on this issue based on our neighborhood values.
 - 1. Passages would affect current neighborhood high schools.
 - 2. Traffic problems in that area would be exacerbated.
 - I. A vote was held for WANT members only.
 - 1. The membership voted to oppose the expansion and write a letter explaining WANT's position.
 - a) There were two abstentions.
 - b) There were no votes in support of the expansion.
- IX. Other business
 - A. Everyone was wished happy holidays.