

JEFFERSON PARK FORWARD



General Meeting
September 21, 2017

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Treasurer's Report
- ▶ JPF Elections
- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Other Business
- ▶ Adjourn



Treasurer's Report

Robb Van Hook, Treasurer

- ▶ Finance Update
- ▶ Membership



Elections

- ▶ Five JPF Board of Director seats are up for election:
 - ▶ Vice-President
 - ▶ Secretary
 - ▶ Three (3) at-large Director seats
- ▶ Directors serve two-year terms
- ▶ Directors must have previous experience serving on a JPF Working Committee.



Elections - Vice President

- ▶ Rolando Rodriguez is running for re-election for VP.
- ▶ Bio
 - ▶ Rolando has lived in JP for 6 years
 - ▶ Co-Founder, JPF
 - ▶ Chair, JPF Social Committee
 - ▶ Current volunteer at the JP Sunday Market
 - ▶ Serves on the Jeff Fest Planning Committee
- ▶ Statement of Interest
 - ▶ “Along with a group of like minded individuals I helped found this group with the belief that we, as a community, have a hand in making it better and want to see JP achieve its currently dormant potential. I believe that we are responsible for being the change we want to see.”



Elections - Secretary

- ▶ Marie MacDonald is running for re-election for Secretary.
- ▶ Bio
 - ▶ Marie has lived in JP for 5 years
 - ▶ Co-Founder, JPF
 - ▶ Co-Chair, JPF Livability & Attractiveness Committee
- ▶ Statement of Interest
 - ▶ “I, like many other residents, have their life savings invested here, their homes in Jefferson Park. I want a friendly vibrant community where we can go to ice cream shops, coffee shops, sidewalk cafes, parks, theaters, nice bars and restaurants and retail. We want a place that when we invite friends and family we are proud of; and want to share the Jefferson Park experience with them. I have no political affiliations or aspirations. The best adjective people that know me would use to describe me would be pragmatic. My goal is working towards a better Jefferson Park for all.”



Elections - Directors

- ▶ **Doug Grom** is running for an at-large Director seat.
- ▶ **Bio**
 - ▶ Doug has lived in JP for 6 years
 - ▶ Director, JPF
 - ▶ Member, JPF Livability & Attractiveness Committee
 - ▶ Member, JPF Bylaws Committee
 - ▶ Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity
 - ▶ Member, Evans Scholars Leadership Council
- ▶ **Statement of Interest**
 - ▶ “I have served on the JPF Board for approximately fifteen months. There have been many accomplishments since the creation of JPF and I know we can accomplish much more. I want to continue to be a part of that effort. I participated in the drafting of the JPF Bylaws, and I regularly participate on the Livability & Attractiveness Committee. Over the next two years, I want to continue our beautification efforts of Jefferson Park. Jefferson Park is an awesome community and I am encouraged by the work of all JPF members to improve Jefferson Park.”



Elections - Directors

- ▶ **Sam Wertime** is running for an at-large Director seat.
- ▶ Bio
 - ▶ Sam has lived in JP for 10 years
 - ▶ Chair, JPF Fundraising & Services Committee
 - ▶ Member, JPF Bylaws Committee
- ▶ Statement of Interest
 - ▶ “ I fully believe in the vision of Jefferson Park Forward of a vibrant, open-minded community that embraces the arts and smart growth and development. Having lived in Jefferson Park, I can see that change is coming; it is not a question of if, but when. The dynamics and demographics of this neighborhood are changing, and now more than ever, Jefferson Park Forward is needed to guide and foster the inevitable change.”



Elections - Directors

- ▶ **Ozden Esme** is running for an at-large Director seat.
- ▶ Bio
 - ▶ Ozden has lived in JP since 1990
 - ▶ Member, JPF Social Committee
 - ▶ Volunteer with Neighbors for Affordable Housing in Jeff Park
- ▶ Statement of Interest
 - ▶ “My hope for the neighborhood is that JPF will be able to lead the effort in supporting existing and encouraging new economic development, which will spur walkability and engagement with other neighbors and business owners. I am like-minded in the JPF goals of encouraging transit-oriented development, increasing the beauty of our downtown area, and voicing our neighbors concerns with our elected officials. I look forward to supporting the burgeoning arts scene here. Plus, I really like everyone in JPF. It makes me happy to be a part of such a great group of people doing awesome things for our neighborhood.”



Elections - Directors

- ▶ **Bella Ventresca** is running for an at-large Director seat.
- ▶ Bio
 - ▶ Bella has lived in JP for 5 years
 - ▶ Member, JPF Restaurant Crawl planning committee
 - ▶ Traveled the world in the fashion industry and as a Whisky Specialist
- ▶ Statement of Interest
 - ▶ “As a homeowner and member of the Jefferson Park/Portage Park community, I have a vested interest and want what is best for our neighborhood. I plan to live and raise my family in Jefferson Park, and hope that by working with Jefferson Park Forward, I will be able to make a beneficial impact on our beautiful community. I feel that I would make a positive addition to the Jefferson Park forward Board because while I may have slightly more conservative views than some of the other members, I am able to listen, rationalize, and respect other’s opinions about our community and then act in a way that is in the best interest of our neighborhood. As a member of the Jefferson Park Forward Board of Directors, I hope to bring a fresh, alternative view committed to local growth and community improvement.”



Amendment to the JPF Bylaws

- ▶ An amendment to the JPF Bylaws has been proposed and approved by the JPF Board of Directors. The amendment would extend the western Membership Boundary from Austin Avenue to Nagle Avenue.
- ▶ A Bylaws Amendment is approved by a two-thirds vote of all eligible Regular Members present at the Annual Meeting if a Membership Quorum exists at the meeting.



Elections - Ballot

- ▶ Vice-President - Rolando Rodriguez (incumbent)
- ▶ Secretary - Marie MacDonald (incumbent)
- ▶ Directors (choose 3)
 - ▶ Doug Grom (incumbent)
 - ▶ Sam Wertime
 - ▶ Ozden Esme
 - ▶ Bella Ventresca



Upcoming Events

- ▶ October First Friday & Homebrew Competition - 10/6/17
 - ▶ 5:00 PM
 - ▶ Members only event, more info forthcoming
- ▶ Jeff Park Station Area Master Plan: Monday, October 16
 - ▶ 6:00 PM, Copernicus Center
- ▶ Spanish tapas Dinner: Tuesday, October 24
 - ▶ 7:00 PM, Café Marbella
 - ▶ \$50 Members, \$60 non-members; tax & tip included; BYOW
- ▶ PB-45 Voting: Saturday, October 28th
 - ▶ Online voting and pre-week voting also available
- ▶ JPF First Friday: Friday, November 3
 - ▶ 5:00 PM at Galvin's Public House

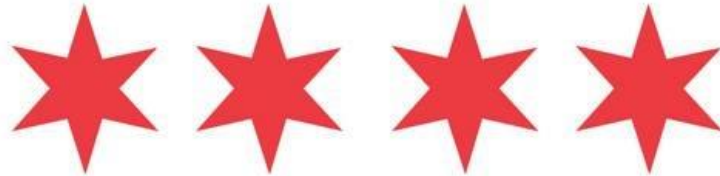


Other Business

- ▶ JPF Livability Committee requests pictures of businesses for our annual beautification award.
- ▶ Parking Day
- ▶ Other?



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