

JEFFERSON PARK FORWARD



General Meeting Notes:

Thursday, May 19, 2016 7:00 PM

The Windsor Tavern

Attendees:

30 Attendees Present

1. Long and Argyle Update

- a. Overview of project, recap of meeting

2. Committee Updates

- a. Bylaws - almost done hopefully July
- b. Community Development - PB45 voting how to improve turnout – advertising, translation. Yelp Drive for businesses (2 week focus) leading up to Jeff Fest, Fringe Fest fundraiser May 19. Book club.
- c. Fundraising & Service – Food drive every general meeting in support of Joined Hands Food Pantry
- d. Livability & Attractiveness – discussion of potential dog park in Jefferson Park, plantings at the post office, Wilson Park plantings May 26.
- e. Social – planning for a picnic this summer, brunch at Galvins, Sip and Paint event or bowling

3. Guest Speaker, Leah Levinger, Chicago Housing Initiative

- What is Affordable Housing? Affordable for median income for the 6 country region area. Medium income family of 4 - \$74,800. Low Income = 50-80% of AMI \$37,405 - \$59,850
- Subsidized Housing up to \$60k majority is \$22K range. Tenants pay 30% of income for rent – sliding scale.
- Must work 20 hours or in school full time and special exemption (disabled, elderly)
- Deny – felonies, sex offender, drug offences (dealing/manufacturing)
- Limits on number of people – 2 people per bedroom (adults and children).
- Section 8 least oversight – voucher program.
- This neighborhood – set aside section
- Landlords responsible for screening and can reject – credit, housekeeping
- New program – project based voucher (market based rents, shared risk)
- Oversight and monitoring – Governed by tenant/landlord law
- Affordable Requirements Ordinance (ARO) – requires 20% affordable for the median income of area. Mandatory in new developments near transit. 10% of units must be affordable.

- Project Based Voucher can be layered upon ARO program. It is dependent on the owner. Not in developer forefront. Not marketed.
- Section 8 – tenant and landlord unknown to each other (voucher program)
- Project Based Voucher – prescreens landlords – to lesson discrimination (geared towards larger buildings)

4. Guest Business Owner: Chris Stoddard, Cosmic Bikes

- a. Happy to be in Jefferson Park, huge welcome and business thanks to promotion from JPF.
- b. Getting new windows and sign to brighten up curb appeal
- c. Merchandise coming in soon, more and more every week. Service department running.
- d. Wants to do classes, partner with the community (JPF!)