

Minutes

Location: Fannie's Café, 5044 W. Montrose Avenue

Time: 7:00 PM

1. Welcome—JPF President Ryan Richter welcomed everyone. Attendance numbered approximately 25.
2. Guest Speaker: Illinois State Senator John Mulroe talked about legislation he has sponsored that has been signed into law and highlighted 2 bills in particular: SB317 which should decrease the risk of premature births, and HB763 supporting Maryville Children's Healthcare Center. He also spoke of FY18 State budget considerations.
3. Treasurer's Report – Robb Van Hook, JPF Treasurer reported that we have \$4995.01 in the bank.
4. Membership—Robb also reported we now have 172 paid members.
5. JPF Working Committee Updates
 - a. Community Development
 - i. Will be resuming salons later this fall/winter. On November 9 a group of urban planners and architects from the American Planning Association will be coming to Jefferson Park to participate in a walking tour of our TOD building sites followed by a happy hour at Rex Tavern. Ryan Richter will lead the tour. All are welcome to join us. Event is posted on our FB page.
 - ii. January general meeting will be held at Eden UCC. Brad Gregorka from Alderman Ameya Pawar's office (47th Ward) will speak about the Lawrence Avenue Road Diet, how the community reacted and adapted.
 - iii. Popeye's Alley is progressing. JPF supported funding an additional concept design. CDOT has agreed to close the alley to cars and make it accessible to people only. More to come.
 - iv. CD Committee meets 2d Monday of each month at 7pm, Eden UCC. Please come join us.
 - b. Livability & Attractiveness
 - i. Holiday Sparkle will take place on 12/7 at the Jefferson Park Transit Center.
 - ii. Second lending library newspaper box is being painted by the Boy Scouts the first week in November.
 - c. Marketing

- i. Developed a benefit package for business member of JPF. Dues will be 2 tiered, \$20/year for non-profits and \$50/year for regular businesses. Will take effect on November 1. Businesses have reacted positively to the benefit package and it should become an effective recruitment tool.
 - ii. Developing a survey to go out to regular members to get ideas of what they would like to see from JPF.
 - iii. Don't let your membership lapse. Reminder emails will be sent as renewal time approaches. Members can check their status/need to renew by logging into their accounts on our website.
 - d. Social
 - i. Developing plans for members only holiday party to take place in January.
 - ii. Also working on 2018 pub crawl, another members only event.
6. Business Items
 - a. Participatory Budgeting – Leslie Perkins, Communications & Outreach Liaison, Alderman John Arena's office spoke about the 15 projects on the PB-45 ballot and the various ways to vote.
 - b. Jefferson Park Master Plan Community Meeting Update—Ryan talked about the 10/16 meeting. Residents were surveyed as to the types of businesses they would like to see in Jefferson Park. The consultant will next design some solutions and provide a complete report of their recommendations late winter/spring 2018.
 - c. JPF and Resolutions: How JPF decides to support projects—Ryan explained that the Board discusses whether to take a position on a project/issue as individual situations arise. The Board's policy has been to stay out of development issues because of their divisive nature. We supported bumpouts on Central after 2 year old Noah Katz was fatally struck by a van making a left turn on Central at Giddings about a year ago. If any JPF member has strong feelings that we as an organization should take a position on an issue, he/she should contact the Board and the Board will review it.
7. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16
Time: 7pm.
Location: Copernicus Center
8. Adjourn

Social event to follow at Babe's on Milwaukee – 4416 N. Milwaukee Ave.