

JEFFERSON PARK FORWARD



General Meeting
August 17, 2017

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Treasurer's Report
- ▶ JPF Committee Reports
- ▶ JPF Elections
- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Guest Speaker: Anne Cauley, Chicago Fringe Festival
- ▶ Other Business
- ▶ Adjourn



Treasurer's Report

- ▶ Robb Van Hook, JPF Treasurer
- ▶ Finance Update
- ▶ Membership



JPF Committee Reports

- ▶ Community Development Committee
 - ▶ Chair, Susanna Ernst
- ▶ Fundraising & Services Committee
 - ▶ Chair, Sam Wertime
- ▶ Livability & Attractiveness Committee
 - ▶ Co-Chairs, Doug Grom & Marie MacDonald
- ▶ Marketing Committee
 - ▶ Chair, Andrea Mitchell
- ▶ Social Committee
 - ▶ Chair, Rolando Rodriguez



Elections

- ▶ Five JPF Board of Director seats are up for election:
 - ▶ Vice-President (Rolando Rodriguez)
 - ▶ Secretary (Marie MacDonald)
 - ▶ Three (3) at-large Director seats (Jenny Conlon, Susanna Ernst, Doug Grom)
- ▶ Directors serve two-year terms
- ▶ Full Disclosure: Directors Susanna Ernst and Jenny Conlon will not be seeking re-election



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

- ▶ **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

- ▶ **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

- ▶ **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.”



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 - How to Vote

- ▶ Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in September. The date for this year's meeting is **Thursday, September 20**.
- ▶ Only current Regular Members, who have been members for at least two months (60 days), are eligible to vote.
- ▶ Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting. You must be present to vote.
- ▶ Proxy votes are not allowed.



Elections - Ballot

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

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Chicago Fringe Festival - 8/30/17 - 9/10/17
- ▶ JPF First Friday Happy Hour - 9/8/17
- ▶ Parking Day - 9/15/17
- ▶ JPF Annual Meeting - 9/20/17
- ▶ October First Friday & Homebrew Competition - 10/6/17
 - ▶ Home brewers can sign up at:
<http://www.jeffersonparkforward.org/request-for-volunteers-first-friday/>



Guest Speakers

- ▶ Anne Cauley, Executive Director, Chicago Fringe Festival



Other Business



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