

Meeting Minutes

Location: Anemone Creative, 5483 N. Northwest Hwy.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendance: 24 (22 members)

1. Welcome

Ryan Richter, JPF President, kicked off the meeting and welcomed the group. Notable was the fact that all who attended except for our guest speaker and 1 other were all paid members of JPF. Jessica Smith, owner of Anemone Creative added her welcome and spoke about the space with her hope that the floral design studio will become “a neighborhood place for artistic thinkers.” The building has been owned by her great aunt for the past 50 years and she is looking to reinvent the former office space.

2. Guest Speaker: Jane Grover, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

This was the second time Jane Grover had spoken at a JPF meeting, introducing the mission of CMAP at our general meeting last June. Tonight she conducted an interactive survey as part of the 2050 comprehensive regional plan asking the group for what they saw as priorities concerning five possible futures:

- Changed Climate
- Walkable Communities
- Innovative Transportation
- Transformed Economy
- Constrained Resources

Detailed information can be found at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050/futures>

The presentation was very well received with a lot of good discussion among the participants.

3. Finance and Membership Update

Robb Van Hook, JPF Treasurer, reported that our recent Pub Crawl netted \$1760 for JPF as well as over \$1000 for Chicago Canine Rescue. JPF has \$3010 in the bank. Paid membership numbers 155.

4. JPF Committee Updates

Since we were running late, Committee Updates were abbreviated to only include:

Participatory Budgeting—Ryan emphasized the importance of getting as many people involved in the 45th Ward participatory budgeting process as possible to determine how to spend \$1.3M the Alderman receives for capital improvements throughout the ward. Five neighborhood assemblies will be held beginning Thursday, May 4 asking residents for their ideas on how to spend those funds.

- May 4, 6:00PM—7:30PM, St. John’s Episcopal, 3857 N. Kostner
- May 6, 11AM—12:30PM, Jefferson Park Library, 5363 W. Lawrence
- May 8, 6:00PM—7:30PM, Hitch Elementary, 5625 N. McVicker
- May 9, 6:00PM—7:30PM, Eden UCC, 5051 W. Gunnison
- May 11, 6:00PM—7:30PM, Filament Theater, 4041 N. Milwaukee

Spring Cleanup—JPF volunteers will be cleaning up around the transit center this Saturday morning, 4/22. Will meet by the statue at 9AM. All tools will be provided except gloves.

5. Adjourn

6. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18. Time: 7pm. Location: TBD