

Minutes of the EPIC Executive Committee Meeting

July 8, 2014

Present were: President, Nancy Lewis; Vice President Robert Solomon; Recording Secretary, Elyse DeVries; Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Pierce; Treasurer, Willard Duncan

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Lewis at 6:30pm.

The first item on the agenda was an update from EPIC Treasurer, Willard Duncan indicating that finances are sound. EPIC Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Pierce, then gave an update on this year's Neighborhood Garage Sale, held on Saturday, June 7th. The 20th annual sale proved to be a record-breaking year in terms of the both the number of sellers and the number of sponsors. 6 block clubs and the Edgewater Beach Apartments participated in the event. 31 EPIC households signed up as sellers for the event.

Marilyn Pierce also reported to the Executive Committee that she had completed the updates needed for the website and had passed those changes over to EPIC member Clare Lake who has agreed to take over as webmaster once he receives training from former EPIC member Michael Bergman.

Marilyn also updated the Executive Committee on a zoning change and special use permit request for the vacant retail space that formerly housed the temporary L.A. Fitness Sales office. A hair salon has been proposed for this space which would require a special use permit because of its proximity to the salon on Thorndale and Glamour Nails at 5941 N. Broadway. The business owner will schedule a meeting with the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, EPIC Block Club members and the Edgewater Development Corporation to present the proposal.

EPIC Vice President, Bob Solomon gave an update on the request to change the "No Turn on Red" sign on the Elmdale and Broadway stoplight to a "No Turn on Red 7am-7pm". 48th Ward Chief of Staff, Dan Luna indicated that Alderman Harry Osterman had not signed-off on the proposal because of a concern about the number of child patrons of the Edgewater Public Library who may be present at the intersection.

The sixth item on the agenda was to discuss the planning and scheduling for the EPIC Block Party. The committee proposed that the EPIC Annual Block Party will be held Saturday, September 13th, 2014 on Magnolia Ave. between Thorndale Ave. and Elmdale Ave. from 11:00am to 3:00pm (with Bethany Lutheran Church to be available in case of rain). Before confirming the date, Vice President Bob Solomon will check with Bethany Lutheran Church to ensure that the church will be available in case of rain.

All committee members agreed to help set-up the Block Party at 10:00am.

Once the proposed date for the Block Party has been confirmed, Marilyn Pierce will send an email to the membership announcing the Block Party and asking for an additional pop-up canopy from members and volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Marilyn Pierce also agreed to

get No Parking Signs from the Alderman's office and turn in the application for the block party to the Alderman's office. Willard Duncan will coordinate the purchase of drinks and ice.

Treasurer Willard Duncan proposed going back to full-page flyers for EPIC events and the motion was approved. Bob Solomon will design and print a flyer for the Block Party to be distributed through block captains. The committee confirmed that hot dogs, and drinks would be provided and that members would be asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Bob Solomon agreed to check-in with EPIC member Bob Kaplan who historically has generously provided a grill, some tables and a canopy for the Block Party to see if the proposed date will work for him. Marilyn Pierce indicated that she has a grill that could be used, in the event that Bob Kaplan was not available for the proposed weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.