

# WANT General Membership 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting

## Meeting Details

Date: 3/26/2024  
 Time: 7:30pm  
 Location: Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
 Attendance:

Board Members in Attendance	General Membership in Attendance
Karen Hardy Nikki Kuehl Danny Frankel Suzanne Flemens	See Attendance Sheet
Board Members Not in Attendance	Special Guests in Attendance
Kristen Longeran Dorothy Nygren	Andre Vasquez Allison Murphy Anna Rubin

## Meeting Discussion

- **Board member announcement:**
  - We have a new board vacancy – Member At Large. Lowri has moved out of the WEST boundaries, so has resigned her position. Any members interested in finding out more about this vacancy, feel free to contact any board member or email us at [westandersonvilleneighbors2@gmail.com](mailto:westandersonvilleneighbors2@gmail.com)
  - Karen to connect with Kristen Longeran regarding outstanding minutes from 2023 meetings
- **Treasurer’s report:**
  - Current Account Balance: \$5,381
  - Danny is now fully set up as Treasurer.
  - In the process of digitalizing the payment process, specifically focused on Zelle. Will still accept other forms of payment, but preference will be Zelle since Paypal charges a fee for each transaction.
  - We have a new QR code for payments connected directly to our account through Chase using Zelle:
- 2024 dues are now due for all members who have not paid for fiscal year 2024 (Jan-Dec)
  - Household \$40.00
  - Individual \$20.00
  - Senior Household (aged 60+) \$30.00
  - Senior Individual (aged 60+) \$15.00
  - USD Business \$60.00
  - Condo Association \$150.00
- **West Andersonville Gardens report:**
  - Budget was approved –CY2024 Total \$1,450
  - General Expenses \$350.00
  - Ex. Mulch, garden bags, twine/wire, fertilizer, replacement nozzles or hoses, incidental signage etc. as needed.
  - Plant Materials \$400.00
  - Shrubs and ground cover to fill in gaps due to plants lost
  - Special Expenses \$700.00



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Repair the pathway - Including, but not limited to supplemental wood chips and materials to frame in the path (ex: boards, posts, rope, rocks).

- Work dates will be as follows:
  - 4/6 – Garden clean up
  - Path making days:
    - 4/14 – Measure & mark path
    - 4/20 – Mulching the path
    - 4/21 – Rain Date
  - Plant swaps in June & September
  - Clean up before block party & ghostly gardens
- General Calendar Review:
  - We would like to get dates set so we can take advantage of a discount for door hangers and get on people's calendars early.
  - Calendar highlights:
    - 6/15 – Plant Swap
    - 7/20 – Block Club
    - 9/21 – Yard Sale/Plant Swap
      - Based on positive feedback and available resources, Yard Sale will remain in September
      - Also, Edgewater Historical Home Tour in WEAR
    - 10/26 – Ghostly Gardens (Saturday before Halloween)
  - Will add Police Council and CAPS meeting dates to calendar.
  - VP moved to approve calendar; President seconded; Vote proceeded.
  - Calendar is approved.
- Edgewater Historical Society
  - Tree surveys
  - Arbor Day festivities planned on April 26<sup>th</sup> at museum, 5358 N Ashland
- Meeting agenda and minutes discussion:
  - A member raised a concern about not having an agenda or prior meeting minutes before the meeting.
  - The board acknowledged the concern, Secretary not in attendance and agreed that we will do our best to consider this when possible in the future.
- Highlights from Andersonville Chamber Block Clubs Forum:
  - Former Reza's space
    - A dentist to take a portion of the space.
    - A restaurant likely to take the remainder.
  - Taiwanese noodle shop to take Land & Lake space with a soft opening first week in April.
  - Taco Bell to open first week in April.
    - Owner is a franchisee who lives in Naperville
    - Waiting on liquor license
  - Former Gadabout building is under contract and to close on sale soon.
  - Resale vintage to take former Akira space
  - Bramble Theater grand opening in 5545 N Clark on 4/6
  - Chamber will host CPR training for public and businesses.
  - WEAR achieved parking zone ahead of train station opening.
  - Policing announcements from the chamber:
    - Would like neighbors to be more present and pay attention to surroundings when walking around the area
    - More police presence as we head into the summer months, including scarecrowing (the idea that the presence of police should deter people from committing crimes)
  - Upcoming event dates:
    - 3/29 – Dedication of Honorary Elise Mallory Way (Catalpa between Ashland & Clark)
    - 4/30 – [Valborg at The Chicago Waldorf School](#) (described as Swedish Festivus with a bon fire)
    - 5/11 – [Wine Walk](#)

- 5/15 – [2024 Andersonville Farmer Market](#) opens
  - 6/7-6/9 – [Midsommarfest](#)
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Midsommarfest:
    - Will need beer tent volunteers.
    - A portion of proceeds per volunteer will go to WANT!
  - Yard Sale:
    - Need Yard Sale Coordinator(s)
  - Ghostly Garden:
    - Volunteers will be needed for set-up, take down, and hosting activities during
  - New Membership Committee:
    - Need volunteers to join the committee
- Anna Rubin spoke representing [Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability – District Council 020](#)
  - The Commission and District Councils will bring police officers and Chicago residents together to plan, prioritize, and build mutual trust; strengthen the police accountability system; give Chicagoans a meaningful new role in oversight; and explore and advance alternative effective approaches to public safety.
  - For more information contact Anna at [Anna.Rubin@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Anna.Rubin@cityofchicago.org)
  - Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month
    - Next meeting 4/8 – 6pm at Budlong Woods Library
    - Following meeting will be held 5/13
    - Click for [Full calendar](#)

## Special Meeting with Alder Andre Vasquez and Allison Murphy ([40<sup>th</sup> Ward](#))

- Reminded everyone to sign up for the [newsletter](#)
- Arterial Resurfacing Project
- Berwyn Traffic Light and pedestrian crossing
  - Timing and details not at hand, Allison Murphy to forward details to WANT when available
- Upzoning Fat Chris' property for non-conformance/correction
- **Rezoning process and debrief on 5400 N Ashland zoning change outcome**
  - Please contact office if City of Chicago zoning process requirements not met around mailed notifications or public posting of notice on the property

Minutes by Nikki Kuehl for absence of Secretary Kristen Longeran