

MINUTES

Ravinia Neighbors Association Board Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2008

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. under the RNA tent set up at the entrance to the parking lot of the Ravinia train station, where the RNA was participating as a sponsor of the Highland Park Earth Festival. Present were Nan Harris, Lynne Jungman, Don Miller, Doug Purington, Jeff Stern, Eve Tarm, Ken Temkin and Dave Wigodner.

II Ken Temkin provided the Treasurer's Report, which showed \$4,290.35 in the RNA's checking account and a CD valued at \$5,064.19 as of May 2.

III. In his membership report, Doug Purington said he sent out an email last Saturday to remind those who needed to renew their memberships this year and encourage those who had not renewed in the past year to do so. He said he had received seven or eight new memberships from the Earth Festival mailing that was sent out and that additional new members had signed up at the event itself.

IV. A vote was taken from the members present regarding the ratification of term extensions for the President and Publicity Director, all present voting in favor.

V. In her Newsletter update, Lynne Jungman said everyone had a copy of the new Spring 2008 edition in their hands so there was nothing more to report.

VI. Regarding the Ravinia Business District, Eve Tarm reported that the new Italian Restaurant, *Trattoria Valle D'Itria*, was now open at 581 Roger Williams. According to Purington, it has good service, good food and good prices. Tarm said another restaurant, *Abigail's American Bistro*, was scheduled to open at 493 Roger Williams (corner of St. Johns) this summer, and that Ravinia Plumbing, long a fixture at 595 Roger Williams, was preparing to move to larger facilities along the Skokie Highway corridor. Purington said the manager of the former White Hen store that was taken over by 7-11 in Ravinia planned to open a new deli soon on St. Johns in Braeside, and would have a long-term lease. Dave Wigodner and Nan Harris discussed plans for a new bank and another building on the site of the former Timbers Charhouse Restaurant on Skokie Highway. Purington said a Planning Commission meeting was scheduled on that issue for Tuesday, May 6, and urged members to attend.

VII. Regarding the Ravinia train station, Jeff Stern said there was nothing new to report but that he still expected the city to provide screening to hide the vending machines outside so they don't distract from the station's historic look.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.