

## MINUTES

Ravinia Neighbors Association General Meeting  
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Jens Jensen Park.
- II. Present were Amy Lohmolder Davies, Ray DeLong, Michael Harding, Peggy Laemle, Don Miller, Doug Purington, Harold Rafson, Alvin Richman, Jeff Stern, Eve Tarm, Ken Temkin, David Wigodner and others from the general public.
- III. Josh Bloom and Kennedy Smith of the Community Land Use and Economic (CLUE) Group outlined their plans for conducting a Market Analysis to determine the types of businesses deemed desirable for the Ravinia Business District and what area residents were looking for. Bloom said the study would include input from Ravinia Festival staff and would result in a final report in four to five months. Kennedy said their work would also determine what uses might come from the facilities that were available in the district, and that it was possible that only a few options would be viable. She pointed out that there wasn't any one thing that might revitalize the area, and that their report would suggest roles for everyone to play.
- IV. Carolyn Hersch, of Highland Park's Office of Economic Development, reviewed the City Council's 2005 approval of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to replace aging infrastructure and revitalize Ravinia. She also elaborated on the process that led to the city's Request for Proposals (RFP) in December, 2008 for a Market Analysis, which brought about the selection of the CLUE Group to do the work.
- V. The re-election of all current RNA Board officers was proposed and approved by voice vote of all members in attendance.
- VI. Treasurer Ken Temkin said RNA had \$5,998.00 in its account, and that there had been \$600 in expenses since his last report, mainly for mailing and the Spring 2009 newsletter.
- VII. Regarding membership, Doug Purington said he had received \$1,000 in checks during the current membership drive, and that mailings would go out soon for renewals.
- VIII. In the Business District report, it was noted that Abigail's Restaurant on Roger Williams Avenue had been written up in Chicago Magazine.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

