

February 26, 2008

## **ROGERS PARK BUILDERS GROUP**

### **Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 26, 2008**

#### **ATTENDEES**

**DIRECTORS:** Marty Max, President, Mike Glasser, Mark Neil, Carla Price, Connie Abels, Gregory Altman, Paul Abraham, Mary Bao, John Brauc, John Burk, George Cyrus, Dave Gassmann, Al Goldberg, Doug Imber, Estella Kiser, Laurene Huffman, Angella Maurello, Dan Starzyk, Dan Sullivan, Mike Wallk.

**ADVISORS:** Terry Sacks, Mary Jane Sacks

**GUESTS:** Scott Alamar, Mike Doody, Jay Johnson.

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Marty Max welcomed all the attendees and thanked Mike Glasser for conducting the January Trends in Real Estate meeting which drew a record-breaking 80 people. In addition, four of the attendees were moved to become members and several others indicated that they may join in the future.

The minutes were then approved as previously submitted. Marty advised that he had been in touch with Harry Osterman and had noted that one of his buildings on the West Side had been broken into and all the copper material and electric wires had been stolen. Rep. Osterman had then advised that based on their conversation, he is sponsoring a bill which provides that anyone who purchases scrap metal knowing that it is stolen is committing a class D misdemeanor for the first offense and a class C misdemeanor for the second offense. Marty also reminded members that dues are due for all who have not yet paid same.

Marty then called on Estella Kiser to brief members on what is happening with the Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance. Estella advised that the group is currently formulating its stance on various issues such as the new regulations on porches and has spoken to the aldermen involved on various regulations which are unfair and create problems for builders and landlords. They are also deciding on their stance with regard to effecting changes in the landlord-tenant ordinance so as to obtain more positive feedback for the landlords and in general better publicity. They are also discussing their stance with regard to various violations which can involve court appearances.

Marty stated that the first part of the meeting will focus on Scott Alamar and Mike Doody and their proposal to develop a new website for the Builders Group, copies of which had been distributed to those attending. The second part of the meeting would be devoted to the experience of Jay Johnson, a former Builders Group director, in regards to the tragic fire which took the lives of several members of a family who lived in one of his buildings.

Marty thanked Doug Imber and Gregory Altman for serving as hosts for the delicious dinner which all had enjoyed before the meeting had begun.

Marty then turned the meeting over to Mike Doody of Page Arts Development, who explained that his firm plans to complete the new website for RPBG by the end of March.

Next, Doody's associate, Scott Alamar, the project manager, noted that the goals included membership increase, a listing of upcoming events, digital newsletter archives and distribution of community information. He also commented on the content which includes background on Rogers Park history, on the Builders Group, notable achievements, some recent Rogers Park developments and achievements, and a description of what makes Rogers Park a good place in which to invest. The site has been designed so that banner ads can be added and time has been allocated for corrections and new material to bring the website up to date.

The last part of the meeting was devoted to Jay Johnson who presented the background of the events leading up to the tragic fire which broke out in a building that he owns and which took the lives of several members of one family

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.