

**NECA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – meeting notes
October 1, 2024**

Present at the meeting: Jeannette O'Brien, David Amundson, Lynda Peters, Jody Haile, Wendy Snyder, Mary Cuny

1. Call to order (by Interim-President David)

2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes (Lynda)

Motion to accept prior minutes by Lynda, seconded by Roslyn Steinburg, passed.

3. Report from Treasurer (Jody)

- Dues for Donuts, our annual fundraiser, is October 12th.
- We have \$7,471 in the account, but really \$2,971 because \$4,500 is on reserve for this year's snowplow contract with A& E, whom we used last year. We need to raise about \$6,000 to cover the rest of the contract and the year's operating costs.

4. Report about communications (Wendy)

- Shout out to Brian Nadig for the paper's NECA coverage.
- Reminder that we use the NECA website, email and NextDoor to communicate.
- Request to spread info about NECA by word-of-mouth to encourage others to join.

5. Report from Committees, as appropriate

None.

6. Unfinished business

None

7. New Business

- Vote on new President Jeannette O'Brien – all in favor
- Vote on new Board members Erin Gardner and Frank Vulich – all in favor

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lynda, seconded by David, passed.

Wendy introduced the guest speakers: CPD 16th District Commander Robert Vanna and Alderman Jim Gardiner.

Commander Vanna:

- Reviewed for us his time and assignments with CPD over the years.
- He is working on getting his officers more engaged (example: follow up with those who make a report).
- He is working on getting his officers to address those things that impact our community, whether by someone inside or outside the community.
- He hopes everyone notices there is more CPD visibility in our neighborhood these days.
- Reminded everyone to call 911 to log a request for CPD. Calling the Alderman's office or posting about it on NextDoor doesn't create a log of the request (data) and Com. Vanna will not learn about it.
- The City's Inspector General's Office website hosts data about CPD calls for service but more data will better inform staffing and decision-making.

Alderman Gardiner:

- In response to questions about crime cameras, the Alderman shared that there are no ShotSpotter cameras in the 16th District (which covers 26 square miles) but there are some POD cameras though not in Edgebrook.
- A License Plate Reader (LPR) camera was installed at Devon & Caldwell in May 2024. It cost \$27,000 and the Alderman wants another one for Central & Devon.
- Reminder: car burglaries are still ongoing, so passed along a reminder to lock up.
- His office does lots of outreach to veterans. Every other month he hosts an individual who talks to whomever shows up.
- The annual aldermanic menu fund is \$1.5M. He can no longer purchase LPR cameras with it. He has focused on improvements to Wildwood and Edgebrook over the last two years, with \$2.2M of the \$3M funds he receives (75%) spent there.
- He is aware of the on-going complaints about speeding cars on Caldwell and the danger to pedestrians trying to access Bunker Hill Forest Preserve.
- When it came to votes to continue the city's Shot Spotter contract, he was one of 33 who voted in favor, though the Mayor vetoed it.

- Reminder: the shared cost sidewalk program will have its annual sign up in early January. If you're interested, contact his office so they can sign you up on the one day that needs to occur.