

SEMINARY TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION



The STatement

November & December 2009

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHITECTURE:

The fences on the Fullerton properties are in process. An owner or two has chosen not to install.

Rifles for satellite dishes: They must be 8 ft. from the roof edge and maximum height above roof of 6 ft. at the point where it is installed. Must not be visible from a 6ft. high viewing position at mid-alley. May be mounted on a chimney, parapet wall or on a free-standing base.

Zartmans had a home energy audit done, some of which they found surprising but all in all very useful. Lance Greening is in contact with the e-Zing Company that has indicated it would be happy to make a presentation for the association members. If you would be interested and would like to attend that kind of presentation, please contact Lance C lgreening@sbcglobal.net.

Just a heads' up: Emergency ladders or a fire escape may be required by the city for houses applying for building permits.

DEPAUL /COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

The potential closing of the Sheffield post office is a continuing issue. DePaul wants it to stay and has met with Senator Durbin to that end. Representative Quigley is also pursuing the matter. If you care about this, call your representatives or write a letter. Quigley's district office telephone is 773-267-5926. Contact James Yoo, e-mail is james.yoo@mail.house.gov.

The changes in DePaul's IDP/plans passed the Chicago Plan Commission and subsequently the City Council.

The sound barriers have been installed on east side of the elevated tracks.

The powers in charge of CTA renovation report it is on schedule. Elevators and escalators will be operational this month (December). There is a new dog barking ordinance passed by the city council. Details later.

GROUNDS:

Our storm sewers were fixed by the city at no cost to STA. Recycling by the city has eliminated our costs paid to the private firm. A few complaints about the erratic pickup.

DePaul put all alley lights on a light sensor.

The new service for rodent control comes every two weeks. The price is lower, and appears to be working well. If you see a rat, call the city (311) and e-mail the Grounds Chair with that sighting.

PARKING:

Eric Wolff will meet with DePaul regarding snow removal for this year. He continues to work on a solution for the drainage problem in the Belden alley and the Fullerton/Fremont intersection.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Nominees for the Board, two-year terms beginning in January, are: Jon Ekdahl, Mary Russell, Bob Spoerri and Dorothy Wolff. Thanks to outgoing Board members: John Volk, Ron Raedeke, Eric Wolff and Kelly Dettmann. Thank you to them all, and an enormous thanks to John Volk who has headed the Board with superb patience, wisdom and grace. Don't think we could have gotten through all the issues as well without his leadership.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE::

Applause to Hyun Ja for a grand Lighthouse Parade and celebration. Quickly followed by a good annual meeting. The latter was well-attended: 40 persons representing 32 households.

TREASURER:

Wayne Russell predicts that STA will come in a bit under budget. Still some dues outstanding.

At the Annual Meeting, and it bears repeating, John Volk pointed out that Wayne has acted as Assistant Treasurer for about 20 years. That means he keeps the books, attends all meeting and is our "institutional memory." Thank you.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM ALL OVER:

Robert Dettmann won the kids/male division in the Notebaert Museum 5K at the end of October. Having won the same race in 2008, he was the defending champion. He won the 14-and-under division for the Easy Run to Wrigley Field (R, could you have fixed the Cubs a bit while you were there?) this summer and came in second to a 19-year old at the Blackhawk Training Camp 5K this fall. He runs on Sacred Heart's cross-country team in the fall and the track team in the spring. Additionally, he is the anchor on the school's relay team.

Big news from Chalmers Place and the Miners: They were invited to President Obama's first State Dinner last month. And had a magical, exciting, never-to-forget evening. Sat at Jill Biden's table, laughed a lot, recognized a whole lot of people, In the editor's interview, neglected to find out who wore what, including Linda. Such a wonderful story.

And on a nostalgic note, Kelly Mead and her group of sons (Scott, Will and Henry) have left us for up north. Sold the house on Fullerton...Scott reported it was the only house he and the boys had ever known. We are sorry to see them go, Henry and Scott continue to walk STA dogs and say they'll be around the neighborhood. The two younger boys go to Lincoln Park High School. Don't forget us. We won't forget you.

The word from New Hampshire is that the Wheelans miss Chicago, the neighborhood and their friends. The feeling is mutual. It will be good to see them return.

The Freeds achieved the near-impossible: Both sons and ALL grandchildren here for Thanksgiving. Harvey is having trouble getting used to his long-desired dream----a beautiful granddaughter. Ask him IF he perchance has a picture of that one. Let it be noted, he loves his two grandsons a lot, but there's nothing like a girl. An afterthought: Grandmother Marjorie is pretty pleased, too.