

MINUTES of the Wolters Field Advisory Group
Thursday, November 2, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:01, Co-Chair Stacey Meyer called the meeting to order.

Location: Administration Building, District 113 Board Room, 1040 Park Ave W.
Highland Park, IL

II. ROLL CALL of Advisory Group Members

Members Present: Adam Stolberg, Stacey Meyer, Mark Fleishhauer, Jon Rowley,
Steve Tucker, Joel Fontane, Michele Goldstein, Scott Liberman, John Helander

Members Absent: Judith Magel Coheh, Mindy Deutsch

Also Present: Dr. Christopher Dignam, District 113 Superintendent; Ron Kasbohm,
District 113 Technology Director; Christine Gonzalez, District 113 Communications
Director, Dr. Elizabeth Robertson, Highland Park High School Principal; John Fuhrer,
District 113 Facilities Director.

Neighborhood residents were also present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15, 2017. Motion and Second

Ayes: Adam Stolberg, Stacey Meyer, Jon Rowley, Steve Tucker, Joel Fontane, Michele
Goldstein, Scott Liberman and John Helander. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mark
Fleishhauer

Motion Passes. Minutes Approved.

IV. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a. Introductions.

All Advisory Council members introduced themselves.

b. Brief Overview of the Responsibilities of the Wolters Field Advisory Group &
Ordinance 81-13: Special Use Permit Details

Co-Chair Meyer read the role of the Advisory Group and highlighted some of the Special Use Permit details and current accommodations to Neighbors of Wolters Field.

- c. UPDATE OF FALL ACTIVITIES. Member Rowley reviewed the fall events including the football games, the planned lighted activities, and the 4 unplanned twilight activities which took place at Wolters Field. Member Rowley stated that 2 complaints were received regarding an early (before 9am) Band Practice and early and loud noise from a military practice event. Member Rowley spoke with individuals responsible for both events, and reviewed his communication to all coaches regarding the rules around noise, lights and parking at Wolters Field. He stated that it is more difficult to hire people to work at the games/athletic events, and that he will share with the Dean's office and security the need to be more vigilant at events.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping Wolters Field an open campus, which means the District cannot always control noise from those using the field. Member Fleischhauer stated he was comfortable sending a police unit to give a warning or citation to those using the Field and not in compliance with city ordinances. Member Liberman suggested posting a sign which communicates the ordinance to all people using the Field. It could include language such as "audible noise before 9am is prohibited by city ordinance #". Member Liberman also shared that this year the noise emanating from the field was better both in terms of level and timing than in previous years.

- D. Update of Issues Log. Member Rowley stated that there were five issues on the District issues log. The District responded in a timely basis to those issues it received.
- E. Discussion of Neighbor Communications. The District sent appropriate communications regarding lighted events and meetings to those on the Committee and those who signed up for information on Wolters Field. Member Helandar was concerned that early notice was not sent for the November 2 Advisory Group meeting; however, other members did recall receiving notice.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Co-Chairs will determine how to solicit for new Wolters Field Advisory Community members. Once members are determined, a doodle poll will be sent to determine the next meeting. There was discussion regarding having a March update/meeting to discuss progress on the sign and any additional topics, however, having a meeting v. sending an email updating progress was not decided.

VI. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

An audience member stated their support for HP Athletics and the use of the Field. However, they were concerned about the communication of drop off and pick up places, enforcement of parking and people walking towards the Field as they believe it is a safety issue, especially for kids on the street.

Another audience member agreed. Audience members suggested those directing traffic be better positioned and wear reflectors so everyone knows they are there to help with the traffic/parking situation. They also suggested posting the information on the website along with a message not to drop off on neighborhood streets. A hyperlink to a map/traffic plan was also suggested. Member Rowley stated that the Dean's Office manages that staff. Member Tucker indicated that he would ensure the Dean's staff understands the situation.

An audience member asked if the District still had a parking plan in place for Athletic Field Drive. This plan has helped in the past.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:15 on a voice vote