

## Edgewater Beautiful Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2010

In Attendance: Sharon Metzger, Ellen Baren, Anne Comeau, Tim Czarnecki, Julie Studier, Ann Zimmerman.

1. The “Information Concerning the Management of the Emerald Ash Borer” developed by Kevin White of Crosstown Tree Service was presented. For maximum results ash trees must be treated from mid-March through May. The information has been forwarded to the block club presidents along with the survey of ash tree locations. EB members will follow up with their block clubs to try to move this issue forward. Ellen Baren will contact the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and several Rogers Park associations to communicate the EAB information to them.
2. Volunteers are still needed for the April 17 “North Lake Shore Earth Day 2010” to man a shift in the ECC booth and represent EB. Volunteers for the “Kid’s Corner” are also needed. Contact Sharon Metzger at [sharonannemetzger@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonannemetzger@yahoo.com) if you are able to volunteer. Anne Comeau will be sending out a volunteer time schedule prior to the event
3. The Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project report has been posted on [www.edgewater2020.org](http://www.edgewater2020.org). There will be a community meeting and presentation of the EESP, moderated by Rep. Harry Osterman, on Monday, March 8 at 7 PM at Emmanuel Congregation on Sheridan Road. The presentation will be an interactive one allowing immediate audience participation. Attendees will be asked to provide suggestions and problem solutions in group break-out discussions. EB members are encouraged to “get the word out” about this important event.
4. The Edgewater poster by artist John Garrison is available for sale by block clubs to raise funds to benefit corner plantings or other greening projects. The cost of the poster will be \$20. Block clubs must contact EB so that before and after photos may be taken of any project.
5. Security cameras are being installed in the alleys adjacent to the vacant Edgewater Medical Center to help address vandalism and loitering issues. The 40<sup>th</sup> Ward has addressed the requirement for snow removal with the owners. Redevelopment plans are under consideration.
6. A meeting is scheduled in March with Ernie Constantino, Sharon Metzger and Peter Fugiel to discuss the new tree brochure.
7. Tim Czarnecki reported that the 40<sup>th</sup> Ward is searching for county or state funds and other resources for the Devon planters and other garden projects. No results to report at this time.
8. Neighbor Space and After School Matters are working together to design a xeriscape garden for the Edgewater Gateway Garden, contingent upon funding for this summer’s program. Approximately 30 Senn High School and Rickover Academy students participate in the program.
9. Edgewater Beautiful and After School Matters Spring projects include signs for the NEW Garden, the Thorndale Community Garden and other community garden work.

The next meeting of the Edgewater Beautiful Committee will be on Thursday, March 18 at 1 PM in the ECC Ground Floor conference area.