



The Voter

Wheaton LWV June 2012

From the Executive Committee

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No VOTER in July



Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a fun evening at the Holiday Inn on May 17th for our Annual Meeting. Dinner was enhanced by the very entertaining Roger Kotecki strumming and singing. Jane Hodgkinson and Tom Wilhelm tending the wine bar added to the festive feel. A special thank you to Bobbi Walsh for making all the arrangements.

The business part of our meeting included very lively discussion. There aren't too many changes to our Executive Committee for next year. Denise Niesman will be on the Board of Directors, and Missey Wilhelm will take the position of Vice-President. We are saying goodbye and many thanks to Beth O'Malley and Frank Goetz who leave the Board. Beth's work on the Finance Drive and Frank's role as Action Chair will be hard to replace. We welcome Nancy Wilens to the Board and look forward to having her enthusiasm.

Before we meet again officially in September, we do have plans for the Spring-Summer. On May 22nd, Liz Corry, Barb Pape, Nancy Wilens and Mary Wachter registered 50 seniors at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School during their senior picnic lunch. We hope to register more folks at our booth at Taste of Wheaton on June 2nd. Sometime this summer, we want to host a backyard cheese and wine party to introduce Wheaton League to potential new members.



In the Fall, we expect to host candidate forums with the Glen Ellyn League and Wheaton Chamber. We will see initiatives coming from LWV US about campaign finance reform, which may include a movement to amend the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling. The LWV of Illinois will keep us busy 2012-2014 working with a coalition to amend the IL Constitution to have a graduated rate income tax (GRIT). And, we will be doing a Pension Study for the state League between now and June 2013.



So, we will be busy and we will need help. Volunteers are always welcome. Have a great summer everyone. See you in September.

Liz, Missey, Di and Olga

NOTES TO MYSELF



From LWVIL 5/22/2012

SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR LWVIL CHALLENGE TO REDISTRICTING IN ILLINOIS

Word came to us yesterday that the Supreme Court of the United States will not hear the LWVIL challenge to Illinois' redistricting process arguing that the new state legislative districts are unconstitutional. Our attorney, Tom Geoghegan, said that we presented a good case in our complaint that the maps drawn in 2011 are unconstitutional because they assigned voters to districts based on their political views and voting histories; Tom also suggested that, since the Court gave no reason for not hearing the case, advocates of redistricting reform are not foreclosed from continuing to bring similar First Amendment challenges.

Tom and his law firm spent countless pro bono hours in crafting and pursuing this novel approach to reforming the way in which redistricting is accomplished in Illinois. Tom brought the idea to the LWVIL Board suggesting that the LWVIL, because of its history of non-partisanship and commitment to reform, would be the ideal plaintiff.

LWVIL is committed to supporting a redistricting process which is timely, orderly and meets the basic criteria ensuring population equity, compactness, contiguity, complying with the Voting Rights Act and respecting communities of interest.

May 7, 2012 City Council Meeting Highlights

Residents Appointed to Boards and Commissions

The Wheaton City Council approved the appointment of Christine Fenne to the Library Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2014; the reappointments of Robert Paolicchi and Anne Wanzenberg to three-year terms on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners; Robert Glonek to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission; and Robert Hesterman to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees, Police Pension Fund.

City Approves Agreement with Police Sergeants and Lieutenants

The City Council approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Wheaton Sergeants and Lieutenants Chapter #450 Metropolitan Alliance of Police. The union contract is similar to the contract the Council approved for patrol officers.

Proposal for Senior Care Facility Moves Forward

Based on a report the Council received from the Planning and Zoning Board, the City Council reviewed a proposal for a four-story senior care facility at 219 E. Parkway Drive. The proposed 84-unit assisted living facility will be formally considered at a future City Council meeting as a Planned Unit Development ordinance.

Council Extends Sanitary Sewer Work

The City Council approved an extension of the agreement with RJN to collect and analyze data in Basin 3 of the City's sanitary sewer system. The City previously contracted with RJN for engineering services to investigate sanitary sewer backup issues in Basin 4, using this as a test area to identify locations where storm water is entering the sanitary sewer system and causing backups. This agreement extends the work to Basin 3, which is located west of Basin 4 in the downtown area. Basins 3 and 4 come together at the former Hubble site.

Water Rate Study Approved

A bid awarded to Municipal and Financial Services Group will allow the firm to perform a comprehensive water rate study. The study's objective is to propose a rate structure that will ensure the City's water utility will generate enough revenue to support both operations and required long-term infrastructure improvements while minimizing the economic impact to water customers. The Council previously recommended the City have a water rate study performed in light of significant rate increases passed along through the DuPage Water Commission and the City of Chicago for the cost of Lake Michigan water.

Agreement for Proposed Morningside Development Discussed

The City Council discussed the issue of what impact fee the developer of a proposed apartment complex should be required to pay the Wheaton Park District. The Council directed City staff to include in the development agreement the requirement for Morningside Wheaton LLC to pay a \$150,000 impact fee to the Park District. The Council also directed that staff include in the agreement a payment of \$500,000 up front from the City in TIF financial assistance toward burying utility lines and additional TIF expenses at the time of occupancy.

May 21, 2012 City Council Meeting Highlights

Council Approves Senior Housing Development

The City Council approved an ordinance allowing Supportive Living Services to construct a senior housing development at 219 E. Parkway Drive. The Planning and Zoning Board and City staff recommended approval of the special use permit if four conditions were met, and the Council approved this recommendation.

Wheaton Approves Boundary Agreement with Winfield

In order to bring boundary agreements up-to-date, the City Council approved an agreement with Winfield moving the point of beginning of the boundary between Wheaton and Winfield to meet Winfield's boundary with Carol Stream. This moves the boundary from Geneva Road and Pleasant Hill Road to Geneva Road and Gary Avenue, where the Winfield/Carol Stream boundary begins. The City previously had boundary agreements with both Winfield and Carol Stream, but they are no longer valid because a state statute made all agreements established before Sept. 27, 1987 invalid.

Agreement with Downtown Wheaton Association Approved

By vote of 6-1, the Council voted in favor of an agreement with the Downtown Wheaton Association regarding Special Service Area 7 and approving the organization's fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. The agreement is similar to previous agreements with the organization but places a greater emphasis on the performance of economic development activities that will enhance the business environment for all properties within the Special Service Area. The Council included some changes to the language that it wanted incorporated into the agreement.

- Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights/2010/> for additional highlights or <https://dm1.wheaton.il.us/meetingview/> for minutes of the meetings or videos.
- Please see http://www.cusd200.org/board_of_education/highlights.htm for District 200 school board meeting highlights.
- Please see <http://www.cod.edu/adminstr/boardmin.htm> for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee meetings.
- Please see <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for minutes of Wheaton Park District meetings

We Thank Our Local Supporters

Every fall the Wheaton LWV asks businesses and professional people in the community to help support our work. The names on these pages are those who responded to our 2011-2012 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

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