PDNA Meeting Agenda

6:15-7:00pm: Registration, Meet and Greet with Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

7:00-7:20pm: PDNA Welcome

Welcome from Tom Pagels , General Manager of Hyatt

Presentation from Shane M. Soucek, Senior Assoc. TVS Design on Hyatt expansion and renovations

7:20-8:00pm: Guest Honors and PDNA Presentation

PDNA Board, Mission, Accomplishments and strategic plan

PDNA Education and Development Update

Remarks – Representative Dunkin

Remarks – Alderman Fioretti

Near South Youth Association Update

Alliance for a Greener South Loop Update

8:00-8:15 pm: Q&A

PRAIRIE DISTRICT

PDNA

NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance is a nonprofit community organization run by an ALL VOLUNTEER Board of Directors

- Tina Feldstein, President
- Jackie Walker Dunscomb, Vice-President
- Brian MacHaffie, Co-Treasurer
- Jeffrey Ayersman, Co-Treasurer
- Gail Dempsey, Co-Secretary
- Rosemary Garrett, Co-Secretary
- John Jacoby, Director
- Andee Stacy, Director
- John Knoebel, Director

PDNA—Strategic Planning

- Develop Organization Brand Essence
- Refocus Mission Statement
- Short and Long Term Goals Tied to Measurable Objectives
- Develop an Action Plan

The Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance Mission is…

Socially conscious and supportive neighbors creating an inclusive welcoming community

PDNA—Welcoming and Connecting Community

PDNA Social Calendar

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – 1000 annual attendees
- **Toast of the South Loop** – 350 annual attendees
- **Festival on Prairie Avenue** – 2000 + annual attendees
- **Halloween Events & Parade** – 500 + annual attendees
- **Holiday Events** – 300 + annual attendees
- **Meet Me at the Movies** – 300-500 annual attendees
- **Education Programs** – 200 + annual attendees
- **BookSpeak** – Intimate monthly reading group

PDNA Social in the Community

- Reggie's Rock Club – Blues BBQ and Bears Party
- Sherwood / Columbia – Pop the Champagne
- Chicago Park District – Movies in the Park
- Lakeside Bank – Concert in the Park
- Café Society – 10 Year Anniversary

PDNA—Not Just a Social Organization, but a Socially Conscious Organization

- **PDNA Social Events** – Donate $5,000-$7,000 annually
- **PDNA Annual Winter Coat Drive** – Donated over 1,000 coats and other winter items to the Pacific Garden Mission
- **PDNA Maintenance of Cul-de-Sac at 1900 S. Prairie -** Donate $500-$1000 annually
- **PDNA MMATM Music Scholarship –** Donated $3,000 to Sherwood Community Music School's Pre-Collegiate Program at Columbia College Chicago
- **PDNA Donation to Women's Park Advisory Council** - Donated $1,500 from PDNA sponsored kickoff fundraiser - Donated $250 for Movie in the Park
- **PDNA Dog Bag Dispensers** – Donated $750 to install three high quality dog bag dispensers with bag refills in the neighborhood
- **Landmark Glessner House Museum –** Donated $2,000
- **Battle of Fort Dearborn Park Marker** – Donated $1000
- **And Much More!**

PDNA – Supporting and Advocating for Community

- **EDUCATION -** Public and Private Schools
- **DEVELOPMENT -** Residential and Commercial Projects – New & Existing Local Businesses
- **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE -** Battle of Fort Dearborn Park - Women's Park & Gardens/Community Center - 16th & Indiana Park - Twain Park – Fred Anderson Park – Dunbar Park – Ping Tom Park
- **BEAUTIFICATION -** Public Art Task Force - Clean and Green - Neighborhood Improvements
- **TRANSPORTATION -** EL Stop - Zoned Parking – Traffic Study – Bike Lanes
- **SOUTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH –** CAPS – Self Defense & Safety Awareness
- **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS -** Near South Youth Association - Alliance for a Greener South Loop – Glessner House Museum – Clarke House Museum – Second Presbyterian Church – Old St. Mary's Church – And more
- **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS –** Hyatt – Sherwood/Columbia – Doran's Landscape – Lakeside Bank - Central Station – Dominick's – Wheeler Mansion - And more

PDNA – WANTS YOU!
Join our Mission and Make a Difference in OUR Community

The Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance has grown substantially in its first 5 years and in order for the Organization to sustain its mission, we are seeking passionate and committed volunteers to join us.

- **PDNA Social Events Committee**
- **PDNA Education Committee**
- **PDNA Beautification Committee**
- **PDNA Social Media Committee**
- **PDNA Zoning and Development Committee**
- **PDNA Historical Committee**
- **PDNA South Loop Neighborhood Watch**
- **Have an Idea? Let us Know**

PDNA – Education Committee

PDNA Education Task Force

- **Education Update:**
  - **Jones College Prep**
  - **South Loop Elementary**
  - **National Teachers Academy**
- **Community Involvement**
  - **Letter Writing Campaign**
  - **Petition Circulation**

PDNA– Development Committee

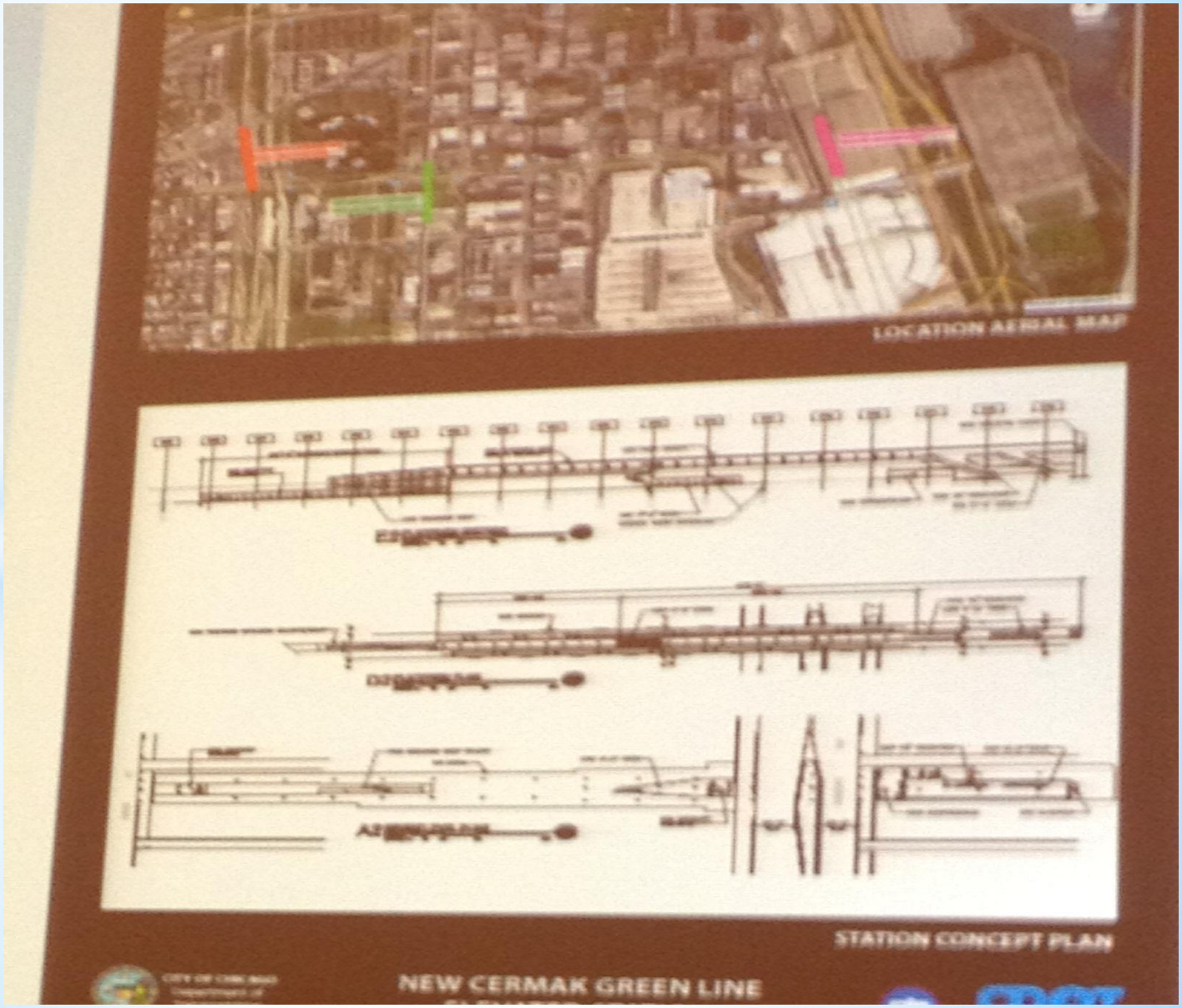
Alderman Robert Fioretti

- **Motor Row – Music Row**
- **South Loop Parking Zones**
- **New CTA Green Line Station**
- **Development**
  - Single Family Home on NE corner of Prairie Ave and Cullerton St.
  - Conversion of warehouse building on SW corner of Indiana and 21st St. to rental apartments
- **Parks Update**
- **2nd Ward Clean and Green**

  Saturday, April 21st 10 am

South Loop Parking Zones

New Cermak Green Line El Stop



Near South Youth Association

The Near South Youth Association is affiliated with and currently offers 9 sports including:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Flag-Football
- Floor Hockey
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Cheer/Dance
- Track

More programs are in the planning stages including adult and family activities. To get more information and/or register for any NSYA sport/activity visit: **www.nysachicago.org** or email: **info@nsyachicago.org**

Alliance for a Greener South Loop

- **I. Alliance mission** (to engage and inform people about ways to live, work, and play in more earth-friendly ways; all volunteer effort)
- A. We are an alliance of all South Loop community organizations - including PDNA and many businesses and institutions, like Columbia College and Roosevelt University.
- **II. Adding a new project this year:** Meatless Mondays in May
- A. A campaign to create awareness - not about health impacts of eating meat that most of us are already familiar with - but about environmental impacts of raising/producing meat:
- B. Will be a whole community effort
- C Looking for folks to help plan and reach out to S. Loop restaurants to participate.
- D. Will have community kickoff meeting mid-March to launch project
- E. Sign up for more info! See me after meeting or send email to **info@greenersouthloop.com**