EPIC Block Club Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 29, 2008

President Lynn Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

- 1. President Pierce introduced the current officers of the Block Club. President Peirce thanked outgoing Treasurer, Michael McCalley, for his years of service to the Block Club.
- 2. Election of 2008-09 Officers: Willard Duncan, a member of the Block Club and its Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for election. The slate is as follows: Lynn Pierce, President; Steve Northey, Vice President; Michael Bergmann, Recording Secretary; Jennifer Devens, Corresponding Secretary; and Robert Smith, Treasurer. The slate was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3. Election of Nominating Committee: President Pierce called for nominations from the floor for the EPIC Nominating Committee, noting member Jamie Wolf had already indicated a willingness to serve. In addition to Ms. Wolf, Janice Weitz and John Lynch volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee with Mary Stoner as First Alternate. A motion was made and seconded to appoint those individuals to the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report: EPIC Treasurer reported that there is currently \$76.00 in the Block Club's account. He noted that there are several outstanding bills but that they total more than is in our account currently. Dues collected at the Annual Meeting will allow us to pay these outstanding bills and leave a balance in the account.
- 5. Senn High School Report: Senn Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Andrew Tonachel, and Senn Principal, Richard Norman, delivered a report on the progress of the Senn Strategic Plan. A handout was distributed that provided and overview of the Strategic Plan. The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on April 5.
- 6. Landmark District Legislative Proposal: LeRoy Blommaert of the Edgewater Historical Society presented on proposed legislation that would create a landmark district to protect single family homes of historical significance. A motion was made and seconded to support the legislation and the motion carried with one vote against the motion.
- 7. St. Andrew's Pub Sidewalk Café Proposal: Julius Lamar, owner of St. Andrew's Pub, presented on his plans to launch a sidewalk café and to ultimately replace the existing front façade of the building with doors out to the sidewalk café. A motion was made and seconded to support Mr. Lamar's proposal and the motion carried unanimously.

- 8. President Pierce prepared a written Annual Report that was made available at the meeting.
- 9. Thorndale Action Task Force: President Pierce is also serving as chair of the newly revitalized Thorndale Action Task Force, which includes representatives from several Block Clubs and other community organizations, including the Edgewater Community Council. President Pierce distributed a written report of the projects that Task Force has undertaken and a status on the work of the Task Force.

10. EPIC Events:

- a. 14th Annual Garage Sale: The Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008.
- b. The date for the Spring Potluck will be set shortly.

11. Other Business:

- a. EPIC website: The address of the recently reconstructed EPIC website is www.epicblockclub.org.
- b. Requests or announcements from the floor:
 - i. EPIC Member and Acting Executive Director of the Edgewater Community Council, David Rowe, announced that the annual spring fundraiser for ECC will be held at the Raven Theater on May 1st. Tickets are \$40 for a pre-reception and show, with the money going to support the work of ECC. More information can be found on ECC's website at www.edgewatercommunitycouncil.org.
 - ii. EPI C Member, John Lynch, raised the issue of creating zoned parking in the neighborhood. President Pierce explained that the Alderman is generally opposed to zone parking and several members spoke against such a move. No further action was taken or sought.

President Pierce adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Bergmann EPIC Recording Secretary