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Central Street Evanston Annual Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 24, 2024, 5:30-7:30PM

Location The Evanston Art Center 1717 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201

Attendees:

Peter O'Malley, President (Beer on Central)
Aim Larrabee, Secretary (Aim & Ailie)
Mari Barnes (Notice)
Eric Green (Ten Mile House)
Bane Srdjevik (Lock Chicago)
Stacia DeSalvo (DeSalvo's Pizza)
Paula Danoff (Evanston Art Center)
Jim Konrad (Northwestern University)
Paul Zalmezak (City of Evanston)

Not Present:

Dylan Johnson

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM (Central Street Board)
 - a. The Board Slate and 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes were voted on and approved by the Board in advance via email.
- II. Board President Peter O'Malley welcomed guests, thanked current Board members and those rotating off. Members rotating off included Mari Barnes, Aim Larrabee, and Board President Peter O'Malley. Angela presented parting gifts to all three members.
- III. Community Director, Angela Shaffer thanked the Board members for the time and dedication and <u>presented a slide show of 2024 highlights</u> and an overview of what's to come in the new year, including the hiring of Ripple PR.
- IV. Angela introduced Ripple Public Relations, and Ripple gave a brief introduction and plans for Central Street.
- V. Paul talked briefly about the gateway signage project and Enjoy Evanston efforts to help draw attention to the Central Street business district. Gateway signage is

- anticipated to be installed in 2025. (Gateway signage slides included in Angela's slideshow presentation)
- VI. Peter announced and welcomed new Board members: Stacia DeSalvo with DeSalvo's moved up to the position of Board President. Sarah Weitz with The Fat Shallot joined from SSA#7, and Drew Beckman with Bookends & Beginnings joined from SSA#8.
- VII. New Board members introduced themselves. New Board President, Stacia DeSalvo said a few words about the upcoming year.
- VIII. Open mingle with light bites
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM