



Open Meeting Report
May 19, 2015

Ms. Chris Munns reported that **Sauganash School** now has 580 students: 20% have English as a second language and 30% are low-income. The students achieved a 99% attainment rate on their Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) standardized tests. Ms. Munns thanked the SCA for its donation towards the purchase of a 3-D printer. 5th and 6th grade flag football teams and their cheerleading squad all won city-wide championships.

Capt. Kevin Anderson (17th District Police) reported that even with some crime, Sauganash remains one of the safest neighborhoods in the City. There have been some thefts from cars that appeared to be unlocked. He recommends always locking your car doors. Two suspects in incidents on or near the Sauganash Trail in the last few years have been apprehended. **Tips:** To make the Sauganash Trail safer, use it more and stay alert. Over the summer, lock your front door when you are in your back yard. Call 911 when you see anything suspicious.

Jenise Celestin and representatives of **Swedish Covenant Hospital** reported that the Hospital is opening an immediate care center on June 8 at 6141 N. Cicero. (It is now open.) They anticipate 60 patients per day and it will be open 7 days a week.

Whole Foods representatives reported that WF bought the gravel lot with plans to install additional parking and an area that can be used for events like farmers markets, vendor fairs, and community activities. A second entrance/exit will be built and the on-street parking between the entrances will be removed. Landscaping and solar-powered lights will also be added.

Alderman Marge Laurino reported Mayor Emanuel and herself surprised Sauganash School principal Chris Munns one day this spring, who took the opportunity to speak with the Mayor about installing turf in the muddy school field. The Alderman also reported that a camera has been installed at the south end of the trail at Bryn Mawr. She announced the opening of the Restaurant Depot at 5800 N. Pulaski and the Alarmist Tap Room on Peterson Avenue. She mentioned that new revenue sources for the city are being explored. They include casinos, expanding the sales tax base and TIF sweeps. O'Hare noise is also a priority issue. She asks that residents contact her office to report potholes.

The 2015 - 2016 board of directors was elected. The new board can be seen on our Board of Directors page.