

# GWCA

## 3rd Quarter 2025 Community Meeting

Date and Time: Aug 12, 2025 7:00 AM

Location:  The CheckOut

### Highlights

- **Welcoming "The CheckOut":** The community officially welcomed Access Contemporary Music (ACM) to their new location at 4116 N. Clark Street. Executive Director Seth Boustead revealed the facility's new name, The CheckOut (a nod to its 7-Eleven roots), and announced the grand opening for Friday, September 12.
- **Infrastructure Wins:** Alderwoman Angela Clay announced a significant opportunity for 46th Ward residents: the availability of 100% city-funded sidewalk replacements. Neighbors are encouraged to contact the 46th Ward office directly to request repairs for their blocks.
- **Leadership & Future Planning:** Colin, Matthew, and Janice were successfully re-elected to the GWCA Council through 2026. Additionally, the association launched a community-wide survey to gather resident input on upcoming initiatives and volunteer opportunities.

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### Notes

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Paul (Acting Chair).
- **Sign-in & Membership:** Attendees were asked to sign in and create name tags including their block and street name.

- **Voting Protocol:** Voting members were issued reusable ballots for the evening's elections and were requested to return them at the conclusion of the vote.

## 2. Special Guest: Access Contemporary Music (ACM)

- **Introduction:** Paul introduced Seth Boustead, Executive Director of ACM. He noted that this conversion from a vacant 7-Eleven to a music site was a two-year collaborative effort involving GWCA and Alderwoman Clay.
- **Site Update:** Seth Boustead provided a history of the project and a tour of the new facility.
  - **New Name:** Seth revealed the site will be officially called "The CheckOut," a nod to its history as a retail space.
  - **Programming:** The space plans to host two evening events per week and seeks to partner with local organizations (such as neighborhood churches) for community use.
  - **Grand Opening:** The official opening is scheduled for Friday, September 12.
- **Performance:** Seth performed a short piano piece for the attendees.

## 3. Ward Updates: Alderwoman Angela Clay (46th Ward)

- Alderwoman Clay welcomed ACM to the neighborhood and provided updates regarding the 46th Ward.
- **Infrastructure Alert:** The Alderwoman announced that funding is available for 100% city-funded sidewalk replacements within the 46th Ward. Residents were encouraged to contact her office to submit requests for their specific blocks.

## 4. GWCA Business & Announcements

- **GWCA Overview:** Paul summarized the importance of membership and volunteerism. Dues and donations support local initiatives, including Lake View High School scholarships, Warner Park and Gardens, and neighborhood newsletters. He highlighted recent funding for new native plant sites at LVHS.
- **Membership & Programming:** Linda updated the group on available membership forms and local yoga sessions.
- **GWCA Fest:** Brad announced that the Graceland West Neighborhood Fest will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the 4100 block of Greenview.
- **Survey Launch:** Janice introduced a new community survey designed to gather feedback on future planning and volunteer interests. Neighbors were encouraged to scan the QR code to participate.
- **Council Elections:** \* The council held elections for three seats.

- **Outcome:** Current council members Colin, Matthew, and Janice were re-elected for terms running through December 31, 2026.
- **Minutes Approval:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March and June 2025 meetings. Minutes were approved.

## 5. Closing & Social

- **Adjournment:** The formal meeting was adjourned following the conclusion of old and new business.
- **Social Hour:** Members stayed to socialize and celebrate the new space with cake.

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### Upcoming Events:

- **Sept 12:** Grand Opening of The CheckOut (ACM)
- **Sept 13:** GWCA Neighborhood Fest (4100 Greenview)