

GWCA

4th Quarter 2025 Community Meeting

Date and Time: Nov 13, 2025 7:00 PM

Location: The CheckOut  4116 North Clark Street

Highlights

- Marty Sandberg and Cristina Gallo, of Via Chicago Architects hosted a discussion about their work redeveloping neglected properties throughout Chicago and honoring their original construction while giving them new life.
- The meeting was followed by an amazing performance, already scheduled at The CheckOut. Performance attendees who showed up early were happy to find Marty and Christina presenting and they participated in the discussion.
- A vote for the council seats was postponed because a quorum of current members was not present.

Notes

Welcome message (Janice Horwitch, GWCA Council)

- Thanked Chad Rathmann for participating on the council for the past three years. Chad will be stepping down from the council as he will be leaving the neighborhood and relocating to Minnesota.
- Thanked Chad, Linda Welsh and Ben Conley for their leadership of the annual garden walk. **If you want to join the committee for next year's walk, reach out to info@gracelandwest.org.**

- Thanked Colin and Andrea McLeod for charing the Halloween Party for three years. They are **seeking new leads for 2026, reach out to info@gracelandwest.org if you can help.**
- Reviewed November neighborhood events:
 - 11/8/25 Annual pumpkin smash at LVHS
 - 11/13/25 Today's meeting at ACM
 - 11/15/25 Kickoff of the street & crosswalk leaf cleanup - highlighted pizza from Jets (2811 N Ashland) to be served at Warner Park at 11:30 AM.
 - 11/23/25 Leaf cleanup concludes
 - 11/23/25 Warner Park and Gardens Winter Wonderland lighting ceremony at 4:30 PM. Lights will be on from 4:30 to 10:00 PM until mid January
- Seth Bousted from ACM was thanked for the use of his space.

Elections - three terms are ending in December (Chad, Brad Pierce and Bruce Braun). There was not a quorum of 15 paid members at the meeting so the election was postponed.

- **If you are interested in running for a council seat, please email info@gracelandwest.org.**