

49th WARD
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVE
April 28, 2012
ELECTION RESULTS

THE PROCESS

In the third annual 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Election, 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore asked the residents of the 49th Ward to decide directly how to spend \$1 million of his \$1.3 million capital budget for 2012. The remaining \$300,000 will be used to cover cost over-runs from last year's budget and provide a small discretionary pool of funds for emergencies. Over the past six months, 49th Ward residents identified needs, researched projects, and prepared full spending proposals.

Beginning April 22, 2012, with early voting, and culminating in an election held on April 28, 2012, all 49th Ward residents age 16 and over, regardless of citizenship or voter registration status, were invited to vote on two separate ballot questions. First, they voted on the percentage of the ward infrastructure budget that would be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. Second, they voted on how the remainder of the ward's infrastructure ballot should be allocated. Each voter was entitled to vote for up to six (6) projects. Ballots were cast by 1,324 ward residents.

Alderman Moore pledges to submit to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation the projects that won the most votes, up to \$1 million. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible, but most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Though Alderman Moore has received tentative approval for the projects from the various City agencies, he cannot guarantee they will grant final approval to each and every project request at the estimated cost.

Reasons that projects may not be approved or implemented at a different cost include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, unforeseen price increases, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. If one or more of the winning projects cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Moore will use that allocated money to recommend funding the next runner-up projects that fall within his 2012 capital budget allocation.

Required project approval procedures may prevent some projects from being completed this year. Funds for projects not completed this year will be held in reserve and used to complete the projects in the following year(s). For up-to-date information on the status of the various projects, visit <http://www.ward49.com/participatory-budgeting/>, call 773-338-5796, or email ward49@cityofchicago.org.

The 49th Ward is the first political jurisdiction in the nation to implement a participatory budgeting process, and Alderman Moore has made it a permanent fixture in the ward.

THE RESULTS

Referendum on Street Resurfacing

Voters were asked to vote for a specific percentage of the 2012 ward infrastructure budget that should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. The percentages were set forth in increments of 10, ranging from 0% to 100%. The votes on this question were tallied and an average calculated to determine the percentage of the 2012 ward infrastructure budget that will be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. (Please note that streets allocated for resurfacing in last year's budget have yet to be resurfaced due to the installation of new gas mains).

Below are the results:

| <u>Percentage of Budget</u> | <u>Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Number of Blocks</u> | <u>Votes Cast</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 100% | \$1,000,000 | 19 | 139 |
| 90% | \$ 900,000 | 17 | 34 |
| 80% | \$ 800,000 | 15 | 115 |
| 70% | \$ 700,000 | 14 | 74 |
| 60% | \$ 600,000 | 12 | 122 |
| 50% | \$ 500,000 | 10 | 300 |
| 40% | \$ 400,000 | 8 | 134 |
| 30% | \$ 300,000 | 7 | 129 |
| 20% | \$ 200,000 | 5 | 72 |
| 10% | \$ 100,000 | 3 | 50 |
| 0% | -- | 0 | 48 |

Average Percentage: 53%

Portion of 2011 Capital Budget that will be devoted to street resurfacing: \$530,000

Estimated number of streets that will be resurfaced: 11

Prior to the vote, the Streets Committee of the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative identified and prioritized the streets in the 49th Ward most in need of resurfacing. Below in priority order are the blocks Alderman Moore will submit for resurfacing in his 2012 budget:

1. 2000 W. Jarvis—Damen to Seeley
2. 2050 W. Jarvis—Seeley to Hoyne
3. 2100 W. Jarvis—Hoyne to Ridge
4. 1750 W. Morse—Clark to Ravenswood
5. 1734 W. North Shore—Hermitage to Ravenswood
6. 1700 W. North Shore—Clark to Hermitage
7. 7600 N. Bosworth—Howard to Jonquil
8. 7050 N. Glenwood—Greenleaf to Estes
9. 7100 N. Glenwood—Estes to Touhy
10. 7600 N. Marshfield—Howard to Jonquil
11. 6800 N. Ravenswood (west side of tracks)—Pratt to Farwell

Winning Projects

Below are the proposed projects that received a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from the remaining portion Alderman Moore's 2012 capital budget (\$470,000):

| <u>Proposed Project</u> | <u>Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Votes Cast</u> |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| “Leaf Out the 49th Ward:” Trees for Rogers Park Plant more than 100 trees in parkways throughout Rogers Park to provide beauty and relief from summer heat. | \$ 75,000 | 728 |
| Urgent Sidewalk Repairs Replace sidewalks in six locations in the most critical need of repair, where missing sections of pavement or large cracks create risks to pedestrians. | \$ 150,000 | 648 |
| New Playground at Touhy Park Replacement of the playground at Touhy Park with a new rubber-surface playground that has separate play areas for younger and older children. Partial funding for the playground was approved in last year's Participatory Budgeting Election. This money will complete the funding package. | \$ 125,000 | 580 |
| “Art = Rogers Park:” Underpass Mural Project Creation of new murals at over 20 unpainted CTA and Metra viaducts and the CTA embankment in Dubkin Park, 7442 N. Ashland (at Fargo). | \$ 120,000 | 504 |
| Total | \$ 470,000 | |

Runner-up Projects

The following projects failed to receive a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from Alderman Moore's 2012 capital budget. However, if one or more of the winning projects cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Moore will use their allocated money to recommend funding the next runner-up project(s).

| <u>Proposed Project</u> | <u>Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Votes Cast</u> |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Albion Lakeside Park Transform an isolated, unused gravel parking lot at the Albion street-end on Lake Michigan into a dune restoration area and garden. | \$ 150,000 | 408 |
| New Residential Street Lights: 7000-7200 N. Glenwood (east side of tracks) Install new residential streetlights on Glenwood from Lunt to Touhy on the east side of the CTA Red Line tracks. | \$ 128,000 | 407 |
| Shared Bike Lane on Clark—Wallen to Howard Apply striping demarcating a shared lane for bicycles in both directions. | \$ 60,000 | 392 |
| Bus Stop Benches Place new black metal benches with center armrest at 16 bus stops. | \$ 39,000 | 362 |

Runner-up projects (cont.)

| <u>Proposed Project</u> | <u>Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Votes Cast</u> |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pottawattomie Park Water Feature Replace the old, often non-functioning feature with a new water activity feature, giving kids relief from the summer heat. | \$ 75,000 | 322 |
| New Drinking Fountains at Paschen and Loyola Parks Install three new drinking fountains, one at Paschen Park and two at Loyola Park | \$ 24,000 | 300 |
| Improve Pedestrian Safety Crossing at Howard “L” Station Install striping demarcating a crosswalk on the west side of the intersection of Howard and Paulina (east of the tracks) and add pedestrian crossing signals to the existing traffic light. | \$ 17,000 | 272 |
| New Residential Street Lights: 1400-1600 W. Estes Install new residential street lights on Estes from Glenwood to Ashland. | \$ 130,000 | 255 |
| Improve Pedestrian Safety at four Ridge Boulevard Pedestrian Crossings Standardize the four pedestrian crosswalks without traffic lights on Ridge at Greenleaf, Estes, Chase and Fargo. | \$ 70,000 | 247 |
| Relieve Parking and Traffic Congestion on Eastbound Jarvis at Clark Alleviate traffic congestion and back up on Jarvis just east of Clark, near the Rogers Park Fruit Market, by removing the three diagonal parking spaces closest to Clark. | \$ 16,000 | 246 |
| New shelter and benches at Rogers Park Metra Station Install a new three-sided, glass and metal shelter with full bench, running half the length of the platform, to protect southbound commuters from wind and rain. | \$ 125,000 | 244 |
| New Residential Street Lights: 1400-1600 W. Juneway Install new residential street lights on Juneway from Sheridan to Ashland. | \$ 130,000 | 233 |
| “You Are Here” Visitor Information Kiosks Install five information kiosks at CTA and Metra stations with a Rogers Park map that includes artistic, historical and geographical highlights. | \$ 175,000 | 183 |
| Flood Lights: 2000-2100 W. Birchwood and W. Chase Install two flood lights each on Birchwood and Chase, between Damen and Ridge, to eliminate dark spots and address safety concerns. | \$ 2,000 | 178 |
| Pottawattomie Park Pedestrian Safety Measures Restripe crosswalk and install “stop for pedestrians in crosswalk” signs on Rogers at Wolcott and restripe crosswalk and install ADA pedestrian ramps at Rogers and Honore. | \$ 22,000 | 166 |
| Leone Beach Path Extension Improve access to Leone Beach by installing a ramp for wheelchairs and strollers | \$ 42,000 | 161 |
| New Residential Street Lights: 1200-1250 W. Sherwin Install new residential street lights on Sherwin from the Lake to Sheridan. | \$ 65,000 | 127 |