

More Information on Project Implementation & the 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Arena will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible to the best of our knowledge, yet most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Thus, while Alderman Arena pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, he cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant final approval to each and every project request.

Reasons that projects may not be approved include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. If a winning project cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Arena will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.

Not all of the funded projects will be completed in the 2014 construction season. Required project approval procedures or construction work by utilities or other agencies 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 www.ward45.org, call (773) 286-4545 or email Owen.brugh@cityofchicago.org.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 45th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward in October and November 2013. The suggestions were then debated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as "community representatives."

From December 2013 through April 2014, the community representatives met regularly in a committee to decide which project proposals to place

on this year's ballot. The proposals were submitted to 45th Ward residents for final input and review at three project expos in April 2014.

Participation in the 45th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 45th Ward residents age 16 and over, regardless of citizenship or voter registration status.

The PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the community-led leadership committee, visit www.pbchicago.com.

Many thanks to the community representatives and participatory budgeting leadership committee members for their dedication and service to this bold experiment in direct democracy. Also thanks to the many dedicated employees at the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Chicago Department of Transportation for their expertise; and to the PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee for their expertise and guidance of the process.



SAMPLE

Participatory Budgeting in the 45th Ward

BALLOT

VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 10th, 2014
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wilson Park Fieldhouse
4630 N. Milwaukee Ave.

EARLY VOTING

Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9, 2014
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Ward 45 Office
4754 N. Milwaukee Ave.
An additional locations, www.pbchicago.org

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note, you will be asked to vote on two separate ballot questions.

First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2014 45th Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. The average of all the votes cast on this question will determine the percentage of the menu budget that will be allocated to street resurfacing.

Second, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2014 45th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to four (4) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project - no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 4 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 45th Ward residents, age 14 and over are eligible to vote.

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTES:

Mark boxes clearly with an "X" or check mark, or fully shade them in, with black or blue ink. No ballots marked in pencil will be accepted.

The projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, will be submitted to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. See the back of the ballot for more details.

Alderman John Arena, PB Chicago, and 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Leadership Committee

STREETS Prioritized by the Community Representatives

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1

What percentage of the total budget should go toward street resurfacing?

Note: Ward. Please note that it is subject to Chicago Department of Transportation approval. Street resurfacing is \$38,000 for the first five blocks and \$66,500 for each additional block due to federal regulations.

PERCENTAGE of Budget that Should Be Spent on Street Resurfacing	COST	NUMBER of Blocks Repaved
<input type="checkbox"/> 100%	\$ 1,000,000	17
<input type="checkbox"/> 90%	\$ 900,000	15
<input type="checkbox"/> 80%	\$ 800,000	14
<input type="checkbox"/> 70%	\$ 700,000	12
<input type="checkbox"/> 60%	\$ 600,000	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	\$ 500,000	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 40%	\$ 400,000	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 30%	\$ 300,000	6
<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	\$ 200,000	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	\$ 100,000	2
<input type="checkbox"/> 0%	\$ -	0

Note: The Streets Committee of the 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative identified and prioritized the streets most in need of resurfacing. The following streets will be resurfaced in priority order depending on the percentage of this year's budget that will be devoted to streets.

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| 1. 4900-5100 W Belle Plaine | 9. 4700 N London |
| 2. 5000 N Melvina | 10. 4200 W Waveland |
| 3. 5200 W Carmen | 11. 5000 W Windsor |
| 4. 4500 N Lavergne | 12. 5800 N Melvina |
| 5. 5200 N Mason | 13. 4300 W Grace |
| 6. 6100 N Avondale | 14. 5500 N McVicker |
| 7. 4300 N Lavergne | 15. 5400 N Natoma |
| 8. 3700-3900 N Kildare | |

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

How should the remaining portion of the 45th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote for up to three (3) projects from the projects below and to the right. (Select no more than three)

Project	COST
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Improved Lighting on Irving Park Road under Kennedy Additional lighting would be installed to improve visibility, especially in the daytime when it can be hard to see when coming from bright sunshine.	\$51,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Independence Park Playground Improvements This would partially fund improvements that would renovate the playground while making it handicap accessible.	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Gateway Banner Holders for Jefferson Park Business District Place branded banner holders on light poles along Milwaukee from Gale to Giddings, and on Lawrence from Avondale to Austin.	\$20,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Pigeon Abatement and Viaduct Remediation: 10 Locations Targeted program to wash, paint, and add pigeon spikes or netting to 10 viaducts and underpasses throughout the ward.	\$150,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Lawrence Avenue Buffered Bike Lane Buffered bike lanes on Lawrence between Cicero and Long to improve safety, promote sustainable transit, and increase foot traffic for local businesses.	\$10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Trees Through the 45th Ward (select one) Provide for more trees along parkways in the ward to replace trees that have died due to age, storms, or the emerald ash borer.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Trees for \$80,250 <input type="checkbox"/> 300 Trees for \$160,500 <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Trees for \$240,750
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Kennedy Expressway Pedestrian Bridge Fencing: Between Avondale and Gladstone Park Metra Replace fencing with wrought iron style fencing at the north and south ends of the bridge.	\$25,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Improved Viaduct Lighting: Pulaski under the UP Northwest Install 8 new lights, four on each side.	\$120,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Wilson Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation Resurface four tennis courts, repaint lines, replace nets, and fix fencing.	\$67,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. On-street Bike Corrals: 3 Locations at Six Corners On-street bike parking structures, replacing one or two parking spaces each while promoting bike use and improving business district foot traffic.	\$8,843