

49th WARD
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVE
May 7, 2011
ELECTION RESULTS

THE PROCESS

In the second 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 2011. The remaining \$300,000 will be used to cover cost overruns 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 25, 2011, with early voting, and culminating in an election held on May 7, 2011, 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.

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 2011 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 2011 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 2011 ward infrastructure budget that will be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing.

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	60
90%	\$ 900,000	17	29
80%	\$ 800,000	15	136
70%	\$ 700,000	14	88
60%	\$ 600,000	12	106
50%	\$ 500,000	10	263
40%	\$ 400,000	8	89
30%	\$ 300,000	7	61
20%	\$ 200,000	5	50
10%	\$ 100,000	3	14
0%	--	0	17

Average Percentage: 57.2%

Portion of 2011 Capital Budget that will be devoted to street resurfacing: \$572,000

Estimated number of streets that will be resurfaced: 12

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 2011 budget:

1. 1500 W. Pratt—Greenview to Ashland
2. 1400 W. Pratt—Glenwood to Greenview
3. 1300 W. Pratt—Lakewood to Glenwood
4. 1200 W. Pratt—Sheridan to Lakewood
5. 6800 N. Wolcott—Pratt to Farwell
6. 6900 N. Wolcott—Farwell to Lunt
7. 7000 N. Wolcott—Lunt to Greenleaf
8. 1400 W. Jarvis—Sheridan to Greenview
9. 7400 N. Wolcott—Fargo to Birchwood
10. 7500 N. Wolcott—Birchwood to Howard
11. 1300 W. Columbia—Lakewood to Glenwood
12. 1200 W. Columbia—Sheridan to Lakewood

Winning Projects

Below are the proposed projects that received a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from the remaining portion Alderman Moore's 2011 capital budget (\$428,000):

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Improvements to Ridge, Touhy, Rogers Intersection Basic geometric changes consisting of realigned curb and gutter along with sidewalk modifications.	\$ 75,000	494
Bike Lanes Implementation of phase 2 of a Rogers Park bike network, providing striped bike lanes on Albion from the Loyola Campus to Lakewood; Eastlake from Rogers to Sheridan; and Pratt from the Lake to Ridge.	\$ 90,000	407
Bike Racks Installation of 20 bike racks throughout the ward.	\$ 12,000	388
Improvements to Metra Underpasses at Birchwood, Estes and Touhy New lighting, improved pigeon abatement and fresh paint at these underpasses.	\$ 15,000	359
New Playground at Touhy Park Replacement of the playground at Touhy Park with a safer more modern design.	\$175,000	349
Path Extensions at Jarvis, Leone and Loyola Parks* Construction of ramps from the pathways to the Lake at Jarvis, Leone and Loyola Parks.	\$105,000	325
Total	\$472,000	

*Note: Construction of some path extensions may be carried over to the 2012 capital budget year if the cost exceeds the 2011 capital budget allocation.

Runner-up Projects

The following projects failed to receive a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from Alderman Moore's 2011 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>
Additional Amenities for Pottawatomie Park Dog Park Funding to help pay for additional amenities at the new Pottawatomie Dog Park.	\$ 45,000	297
Police Cameras Outside Loyola Park Fieldhouse and at Rogers & Damen and Estes & Glenwood Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe	\$ 60,000	253

Runner-up projects (cont.)

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Sidewalk Repairs: 7201 N. Claremont, 2301 W. Chase, 2101 W. Fargo Sidewalks in urgent need of repair.	\$145,000	212
New Canopy at Rogers Park Metra Station Construction of a new canopy the eastern Metra platform.	\$ 50,000	205
New Residential Street Lights: 1730-1800 W. Morse and 1200-1250 W. Sherwin New residential street lights on Morse from Clark to Ravenswood and Sherwin from the Lake to Sheridan.	\$120,000	198
Neighborhood Kiosks Public bulletin boards placed at various locations throughout the ward.	\$ 15,000	189
Police Cameras at Lunt & Paulina and Touhy & Sheridan Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe.	\$ 40,000	187
New Residential Street Lights: 1400-1600 W. Estes New residential street lights on Estes from Glenwood to Ashland.	\$120,000	153
New Residential Street Lights: 1400-1600 W. Juneway New residential street lights on Juneway from Sheridan to Ashland	\$130,000	149
Decorative Street Light Poles A simple design painted on every street light pole on Clark from Wallen to Touhy and Sheridan from the Loyola El to Touhy.	\$ 25,000	148
Handicapped Ramps and Crosswalk Markings at Ridge and Chase. Installation of handicapped ramps and painting of crosswalk markings at the intersection of Ridge and Chase in front of St. Scholastica High School.	\$ 40,000	147
Sidewalk Repairs: 7202 N. Hamilton, 1147-51 W. Pratt, 7300 N. Rogers, 1250 W. Sherwin Sidewalks in moderate need of repair.	\$ 95,000	126
Sidewalk Repairs: 1944-46 W. Touhy, 1901-2099 W. Lunt, 1247-65 W. Columbia Sidewalks in moderate need of repair.	\$ 55,000	116
Additional Residential Street Lighting: 2000-2200 W. Birchwood, 2000-2200 W. Chase Additional street lighting on Birchwood and Chase from Damen to Ridge	\$ 60,000	98
Traffic/Pedestrian Signal at Ashland and Greenleaf Installation of a new traffic signal with pedestrian crossing signals.	\$320,000	84