

49th WARD PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVE

**September 22, 2018
ELECTION RESULTS**

THE PROCESS

In the tenth 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Election, 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore asked the residents of his ward to decide directly how to spend \$1 million of his \$1.3 million capital budget for 2019. The remaining \$300,000 will be used to cover cost overruns from last year's budget and provide a small pool of funds for emergencies and other projects at the Alderman's.

Over the last four and a half months, Rogers Park residents volunteered to serve as "Community Representatives" to identify needs, research possible projects and prepared spending proposals.

Beginning September 8, 2018, with early voting, and culminating in an election held on September 22, 2018, 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 and alley resurfacing, streetlights, and repairs to sidewalks, curbs, gutters and alley aprons. 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 four (4) projects.

Ballots were cast by 2,378 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.

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/updates-on-pb-projectsfrom-past-years/>, 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 and Alley Resurfacing, Repairs to Sidewalks and Alley Aprons

Voters were asked to vote for a specific percentage of the 2019 ward infrastructure budget that should be devoted to street and alley resurfacing and repairs to sidewalks and alley aprons. 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 2018 ward infrastructure budget that will be devoted exclusively to this basic infrastructure.

Below are the results of the referendum:

Average Percentage: 62.6%

Portion of 2019 Capital Budget that will be devoted to street and alley resurfacing and sidewalk repairs: \$626,000

A resurfaced street costs \$43,500 per block. A resurfaced alley costs \$31,500 for the first alley and \$49,500 for subsequent alleys. A flood-resistant permeable “green alley” costs \$150,000. An alley apron (the area located at the mouth of the alley between the sidewalk and the street) costs \$10,000. A block of sidewalks costs \$75,000. (*Note: These are the average estimated costs*).

Based on the above calculations, below is how the 2019 PB budget will be allocated:

Estimated number of blocks of resurfaced streets: 3

Estimated number of blocks of resurfaced asphalt alleys: 4

Estimated number of blocks of flood-resistant “green alleys:” 2

Amount allocated to sidewalk repairs: \$39,500

Prior to the vote, the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative Community Representatives 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 **street resurfacing** in his 2019 budget:

1. 1100 W. Pratt—Lake Michigan to Sheridan
2. 1900 W. Greenleaf—Wolcott to Damen
3. 1800 W. Greenleaf—Ravenswood to Wolcott

Prior to the vote, the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative Community Representatives identified and prioritized the alleys most in need of resurfacing. Most alleys will be resurfaced with asphalt. The Community Representatives, however, identified two alleys in which asphalt resurfacing would exacerbate flooding and standing water problems. The Chicago Department of Transportation recommended that those alleys be candidates for the City’s “Green Alley” program in which a flood-resistant permeable surface is used to allow the rain water to soak into the ground.

Below in priority order are the blocks Alderman Moore will submit for **alley resurfacing**. Unless otherwise noted, the alleys will be resurfaced with asphalt.

1. Alley behind 7700 N. Hermitage (between Hermitage and Paulina, Jonquil and Juneway)
2. Alley behind 6600 N. Sheridan (between Sheridan and Lakewood, Albion and North Shore)—This will be a **green alley**.
3. Alley behind 6500 N. Glenwood (between Glenwood and Newgard, Arthur and Albion)
4. Alley behind 6600 N. Glenwood (between Glenwood and Newgard, Albion and North Shore)
5. Alley behind 1400 W. Lunt (between Lunt and Greenleaf, Glenwood and Greenview)—This will be a **green alley**.
6. Alley behind 6750 N. Sheridan (between Sheridan and Lakewood, Columbia and Pratt)

Prior to the vote, the members of the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative Community Representatives identified and prioritized sidewalks most in need of repair. Below in priority order are the addresses Alderman Moore will submit for **new sidewalks**:

1. 7522-24 N. Eastlake
2. 1709-19 W. Chase
3. 6524-28 N. Newgard
4. 7627-37 N. Paulina

Winning Projects

Below are the proposed projects that received a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from the remaining portion Alderman Moore’s 2019 capital budget (\$374,000):

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Trees Plant 100 trees on parkways and in parks throughout the 49 th Ward.	\$ 80,000	1,376
Bus Benches Install 15 benches at bus stops throughout the 49 th Ward.	\$ 33,000	1,183

Winning Projects, cont.

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Artistic Murals on CTA Embankment Walls and Metra Viaducts Paint murals at four locations: CTA embankment wall at Dubkin Park (7442 N. Ashland); CTA alley embankment wall from Greenview to Jarvis; Metra viaduct at Greenleaf (north wall); and Metra viaduct at Estes (north wall).	\$ 44,000	1,006
Zocalo in Touhy Park (a zocalo is the public square of a Mexican City or town) Build a public plaza/stage at ground level in Touhy Park near the fieldhouse for cultural expression and community engagement.	\$ 60,000	977
Artificial Turf Field and Running Track at Sullivan High School Replace Sullivan's southwest parking lot with an artificial turf field and track that would serve both the school and the community. The total cost is \$900,000. The Open Space Impact Fee program will cover \$350,000 of the cost. The remaining \$550,000 is proposed to be funded through Participatory Budgeting over the course of several election cycles.	\$ 157,000	942
Total	\$ 374,000	

Runner-up Projects

The following proposed projects failed to receive a sufficient number of votes to obtain funding from Alderman Moore's 2019 capital budget.

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Water Spray Feature at Langdon Park Install a new water spray feature to allow for fun play and cooling off in the hot summer months.	\$ 210,000	734
Additional Outdoor Exercise Equipment in Loyola Park Install more outdoor exercise equipment in Loyola Park to complement existing equipment.	\$ 80,000	595
New Fencing on Metra Embankment Remove fencing on east Metra embankment from Pratt to Estes and install new fencing closer to the tracks to facilitate easier cleaning and the planting of community gardens.	\$ 75,000	587
New Planting Beds and Fencing at Dubkin Park Install three new raised planting beds and short ornamental fencing to protect flower beds from dogs at this park at 7422 N. Ashland.	\$ 10,000	519

Runner-up Projects, cont.

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Park Community Bulletin Boards Install two bulletin boards at Pottawattomie and Touhy Parks to provide information on local events.	\$ 21,000	407