



# **Guide to Bickerdike Advisory Resolutions**

## **1. What's an Advisory Resolution?**

- Organizational members are encouraged to submit advisory resolutions for the Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation Annual Membership meeting. Advisory resolutions are written to reaffirm partnerships, campaigns, or work that Bickerdike has already done, is currently involved in or should be doing in the future. Advisory resolutions typically reflect the work that an organizational member has done or would like to do in coordination with Bickerdike.

## **2. Why are Advisory Resolutions important?**

- Advisory resolutions help influence what direction the organization takes in the upcoming year. Advisory resolutions are important in that they keep Bickerdike grounded and focused on the present needs of the community.

## **3. What are the guidelines for writing an Advisory Resolution?**

- Advisory resolutions are composed of two distinct parts, the “Whereas” section which focuses on what has been done and /or on existing partnerships and work and the “Therefore Resolved” section which proposes work that should be done or continued in the future.
- Resolutions should be no more than 4-5 paragraphs long and can be shorter than four paragraphs.
- Resolutions should be submitted no later than 3 weeks prior to the Bickerdike Annual Membership Meeting, which typically occurs on the first Saturday of December.

## **4. When and how are Advisory Resolutions presented?**

- Advisory resolutions are presented and voted on at Bickerdike's Annual Membership Meeting. The resolutions are read by the master/mistress of ceremonies and are included in member packet materials.

## **5. A sample Advisory Resolution is shown below:**

**Sample Resolution**  
**December 3, 2016**

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**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ is working with Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation on the successful implementation of the First Community Land Trust of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ has been working together with Bickerdike as the lead agency for the Humboldt Park New Communities Program (NCP) for the last four years; and

**WHEREAS**, our work together thru the NCP has focused on addressing community priorities in the western parts of Humboldt Park with concrete projects and initiatives, and has brought resources to the community to ensure the successful implementation of a variety of these projects and initiatives, and this work continues.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation will continue work with \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that area stakeholders continue to help shape the course of future development in Humboldt Park and to ensure that more affordable housing is available; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation will continue work with the \_\_\_\_\_ on updating and expanding the Humboldt Park NCP Plan to identify and implement concrete strategies and initiatives which will address community priorities and enrich the quality of life of local residents.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**December 3, 2016**