

OTHER ANTI-GAMES EVENTS

At about the same time as the January 31, 2009 No Games Chicago Forum was being organized and delivered, another public oppositional organization surfaced. The Unlympics was a satirical and artistic series of events organized by Anne Elizabeth Moore (https://anneelizabethmoore.com).



From Anne's website: "From January to February, the Winter 2009 Unlympic Games were a series of competitive events that engaged Chicago residents in active dialogue about the 2016 Olympic bid. The Unlympics looked at highly organized, internationally recognized, massively marketed, thoroughly branded, and extremely expensive sporting events not from a pro or con standpoint, but from a questioning standpoint. The Unlympics included real sports, fake sports, and things that should be sports but aren't yet, including Class-Conscious Kickball, Fashion, Karaoke, Live Action Role Play Family Dinner, The Solitary Isolation Game, and Spelling. Indoor and outdoor games were held throughout the city and open to the public. These events were sponsored by organizations with a stake in the 2016 Olympic bid."

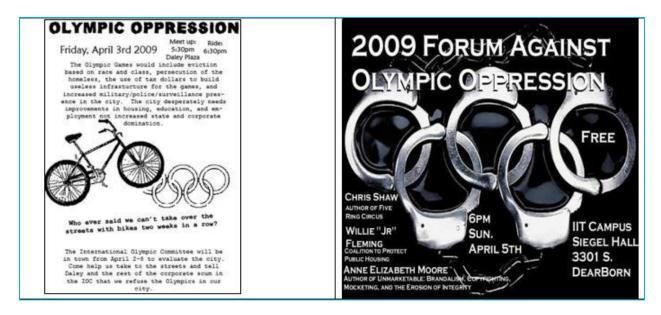
From their January 16, 2009 press release: "Indoor/Outdoor Games take place on January 31 and will include:

1 p.m. - GATHER AT WASHINGTON PARK (Garfield Ave. & MLK Dr.) RUN AROUND THE BLOCK AND WE'LL TIME YOU - CLASS CONSCIOUS KICKBALL - FASHION COMPETITION (Please view rules before committing errors in dress that may disqualify you.) 7:00 p.m. - LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAY FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER at Incubate (21+, bring a dish to pass, even if you are spectating.)9:00 p.m. - AWARDS CEREMONY (BYOB)"

These events had a sardonic and mocking tone. They were fun but sparsely attended and soon ended. They had no impact on the Chicago 2016 Committee or the IOC.

At different times and places, a few groups did program single events to voice skepticism or opposition to the Bid. Someone from No Games Chicago was usually a speaker or attendee. No Games organizers attended such events with flyers and a clipboard to harvest contacts in order turn dissent into organized action. But none of these one-offs were part of an organized and intentional effort to derail the Bid.

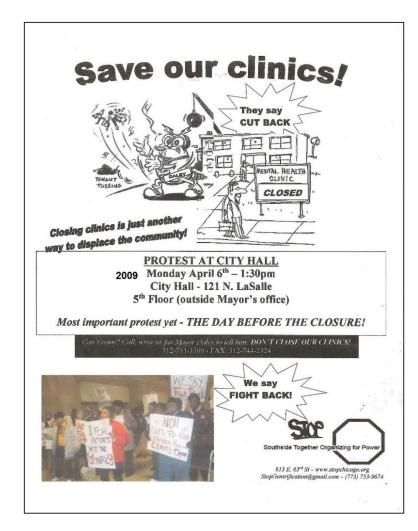
Here are a few of these activities:







On a more serious and sustained note, <u>Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP)</u> was protesting the closing of a series of public mental health clinics. No Games exchanged information with STOP during the Battle for the Bid but they provided no material help with organizing, fundraising, or messaging to the sustained effort to derail the Bid.



As February of 2009 unfolded, No Games Chicago was virtually alone in its opposition to the Bid.