

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)

BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Dale Heights Church

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Jeff Schneider, Shary Bisgard, Bill Fitzpatrick, Stan Fuka, Aaron Crandall, Kim McBride, Jeanette Tierney, Mary Beth Dunning

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Jeremy Levin, Jussi Snellman, Bruce Rosen

Introductions and roll call

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Crandall. Aaron asked that everyone introduce themselves since there were new attendees at the meeting.

Introduction of new Madison Police Department Neighborhood Liaison Officer

Ryan Jennissen introduced himself as the new Westside liaison officer. Officer Jennissen gave an overview of his responsibilities and reviewed a monthly incident report that gave the group some insight into the level and types of crime in the SHNA area. He gave an update on the new midtown police district being formed out of the west district. The new Midtown District station on Mineral Point Road is scheduled to open in two years. The Spring Harbor area (sector 109) will remain in the West District. Officer Jennissen was asked about the appropriateness of calling 911 vs. the precinct phone number, when, for example, seeing an unfamiliar car with people sitting parked for a long period of time. Office Jennissen recommended calling 911 because the call will be routed appropriately.

Approval of February and March meeting minutes

Both sets of minutes were approved with no changes.

Announcements, updates, good works

Aaron mentioned the closing of Marrekesh Restaurant on University Avenue. Barb Schultz-Becker added that the owners had another business that they needed to devote time to.

Jussi Sussman said that the Spring Harbor Middle School students will be fundraising for their end of school year event.

Presentation of plans for 5628 Lake Mendota Dr.—Bruce Rosen, owner

Mr. Rosen presented preliminary design plans for a new house on the property. Mr. Rosen said he will not be seeking any variances. (A conditional use permit is necessary for lake front properties.) He hopes to be able to donate the existing house to an organization that will move it; if not, it will be torn down. Mr. Rosen said the new house will be under 4000 sq ft, which he thinks will be in scale with the property and will be keeping most of current landscaping. Mr. Rosen stated that none of the contiguous neighbors have voiced objections to the design. Herman Felstehausen asked Mr. Rosen if he had considered ground water issues, and Mr. Rosen said he will not be putting in a basement. Bill Fitzpatrick suggested that the architect check for organic (peat) soil and its ability to support foundation. Mr. Rosen was asked about the removal of old growth trees; he said that one dead tree will be

removed and that the builders will have to work around a couple of trees. Mr. Rosen said that he will return with more formal plans.

After Mr. Rosen left Herman talked about email he sent to the Board suggesting that the Board create a form to document presentations to the Board by homeowners and to document the neighborhood's feedback to the homeowner. This form is not to document whether the Board opposed or condoned the project. No action was taken.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill started out by stating that the budget for this year has not been approved. Bill pointed out that newsletter printing costs are up and will exceed the amount of \$1000 shown in the proposed budget. After a short discussion, the amount was increased to \$1,300. There was also a short discussion about how to cut down on printing costs and the possibility of selling ads to cover printing costs. Bill was asked about the \$500 line item for Merrill Spring (designated for interpretive signage at the spring). There was a short discussion about whether the Merrill Spring Fund (money raised from a previous fund raising effort) should be kept separate from the funds raised by the new Friends of Merrill Spring group. There was general agreement that they should be kept separate for now. The 2016 budget was approved as amended.

Ash trees in Spring Harbor and Indian Hills—Adopt a Park

Aaron talked about the City of Madison's Parks Division program for funding the treatment of ash trees in neighborhood parks for emerald ash borer. Neighborhood associations can pay for the treatment of trees that they would like the city to try to prevent from being infected by the emerald ash borer. The city has marked trees in Spring Harbor Park and Indian Hills Park; the color of the markings indicate the condition of the trees and which ones may be eligible for chemical treatment. There are more trees than the neighborhood can hope to fund and that this would be a multi-year financial commitment. Bill suggested prioritizing the trees the neighborhood would like to see treated. There is no guarantee that the treatment will save the trees. Herman remarked that this would good topic to discuss with Si Westrand, our guest speaker at the upcoming membership meeting.

Spring general membership meeting—Tuesday, 4/19

The main agenda item will be board elections. The guest speaker will be Si Westrand who will talk about his career with Madison Parks and community volunteerism. Herman will give a development committee report. Board members will be voted on as a slate of candidates, rather than individually. At this meeting Jeff Schneider introduced Jussi Snellman who will be on the slate for the Area 2 director (Jussi's name was not announced in the newsletter. Thank you, Jeff, for serving on the board for the past few years!) Shary Bisgard reminded everyone about her email announcing that Liz Freitick will be on the slate as Area 1 director (this position was announced as vacant in the newsletter. Thank you Shari for all of your years of service on the Board). Aaron will give people at the meeting an opportunity step forward if they would like to be considered for vice president or any of the positions. The city alder and county supervisor will not be able to attend. Mary Beth reported that the school gym has been reserved and the guest speaker is confirmed.

Aaron will send out a draft agenda and the speaker guidelines (for commenting during discussions) for review.

Development discussion - Herman Felstehausen

Herman said he would give a development committee report at the spring membership meeting.

Alder report—Mark Clear

None.

Supervisor report—Jeremy Levin

Jeremy gave a short report on a couple of the issues that the County Board has been dealing with since our last board meeting and referenced the recent county board elections (he was reelected). Jeremy said that unfortunately he will not be able to make the general membership meeting or the May board meeting.

Future agenda items

None suggested.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, May 10

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning