

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA)
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 2023
Via Zoom

APPROVED MINUTES

In attendance:

Board members: Jeff Bauer (Area 4), Mary Beth Dunning (Secretary), Stan Fuka (Area 6), Liz Freitick (Area 1/Newsletter editor), Erin McGrath (Area 5), Joan Martin (Treasurer), Matt Seib (President)

Committee chairs: Faith Fitzpatrick (Natural Resources)

Others: Janet Loewi (Lake Mendota Dr.); Aaron Collins (Dane County District 10 Supervisor)

Welcome

Matt started the meeting. No introductions needed.

Approval of minutes from May and June

Minutes approved with no changes.

Updates/Reports

County Supervisor: Aaron gave an overview of the recent and current work of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, and in particular, the work of the two committees that he serves on:

- Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Human Services
 - Completed largest purchase of land (625 acres), will be designated mostly preserve
- Health and Human Needs
 - Madison reading project—budget request for more funding
 - Working with District 19 Alder Kristen Slack on affordable housing issues
- Budget season—working on budget amendment ideas, Aaron said that he welcomes ideas.

Natural Resources: Faith gave an update on the installation of the rain gardens that is part of the Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction project.

- Good engaged group
- Spaces to attend to are assigned—general and specific
- Planting will be this fall, all plants at once
- Grant for signs—says haven't worked on that yet; could use help; aiming to have in place by Earth Day 2024.
- Put in wrong style of curb at boat ramp-- too high and need curb cuts. Jeff is working with Parks to get corrected. The City will be making adjustments to the curbs already in place but will not be redoing them.
- Matt thanked Faith for all her work.

No reports: Planning and Development, LMD ad hoc committee, FMS

Board Position Vacancies

Matt reviewed current and upcoming vacancies: Vice president (President-Elect) and Secretary and he asked for suggested names of people to contact.

Labor Day Jazz Concert

Scheduled for Monday, 9/4, 4-6pm, Spring Harbor Park. Mary Beth submitted the park use permit application and received the permit. Erin will contact Barb Shultz-Becker to make sure John Becker's band is still planning to perform. Joan said that Barb has recently contacted her about payment for the band. Mary Beth will put out the event signs and bring water jugs, and will put up caution tape in Spring Harbor Park along the Lake Mendota Drive side of the park, if needed.

Fall Meeting and Potluck Planning

There was general agreement that the date should be the 4th Thursday of October (10/26). Matt asked for speaker suggestions. There was general agreement to invite Phil Gaebler, City of Madison stormwater engineer, to come talk about rain gardens on public and private lands, since rain gardens are part of the Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction project. There was agreement for the Board to provide the main dish and drinks again. Need to check with Tanya about the notes she made about last year's potluck (quantity and cost of lasagna purchased from Gino's). Mary Beth will check on availability of the Dale Heights Church basement. There are two space that we can use and we can use the kitchen. Plenty of tables and chairs.

Fall Newsletter

Articles are due to Liz by September 24th so she can have the issue ready for distribution two weeks before the meeting. Matt will send out a call for articles.

Transportation Improvement Plan Discussion

Matt gave an overview of the City's 5-year plan, starting in 2026, to redo streets throughout the SHNA area. This work includes full reconstruction of Norman Way and Capital Ave in 2028 (full reconstruction means curbs and gutters) and resurfacing of Merrill Springs, Risser Road, and Minocqua Crescent in Indian Hills in 2027. Matt said that some Indian Hills neighbors have approached him about neighborhood association being more directly involved in with City about this project. Matt stated that it is early, but that SHNA needs to be prepared to be engaged when City starts working on plans. Matt asked everyone in attendance at this meeting to think about ways in which the neighborhood association should engage with the City regarding this project.

Other Discussion Items and Future Agenda Items

None.

Next meeting: Thursday, 9/21

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning