

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Thursday, February 25, 2021
via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Sally Miley, Liz Freitick, Aaron Crandall, Stan Fuka, Joan Martin, Barb Schultz-Becker, Jussi Snellman, Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries, Mary Beth Dunning

Others in attendance: Chad Weick (Flambeau Rd.), Keith Furman (Alder), Herman Felstehausen (Merrill Springs Rd.)

Alder Report

- 1) City Zoning Change related to building density
 - Will make it easier to build more densely if already have density.
 - Want to encourage building more affordable housing.
 - Standards, normal approval process.
 - Increasing threshold for density already allowed.
 - Keith provided a link to an interactive map made by city staff that shows zoning areas that will change. To see these zoning areas, turn on the layers in the top right hand corner of the map. See screenshot for explanation.
 - <https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=89737c066cda41eea5d986dd71291576>
- 2) April Election: Ballot questions about structure of city council size, term length, full time/part time status, to take effect in 2024. Herman asked if the ballot questions were already written; Keith said they are.
- 3) Sally asked about replenishing the sand at Spring Harbor Beach—Keith will follow up.
- 4) FEMA funds/approval for work on harbor wall. Dredging of the harbor will take place in fall 2021.

Indian Hills Neighborhood Sign

Aaron and Chad led a discussion about the plans for the repair and painting of the sign. The sign is not in the park so a right of way agreement with the Office of Real Estate, which will then go to the city council for approval. The agreement is needed to protect the sign from being removed by the city. The neighborhood association will be responsible the maintenance of the sign as described in the right of way agreement. Herman described the repair work that was done on the sign in 2013: new interior framework, preserved outside wood for further weathering (Herman showed photos). Herman said a skilled painter is needed to repaint. Aaron said he will look into whether a neighborhood grant could cover the cost of the work on the sign. Sally moved to that Aaron and Chad apply for neighborhood grant to be applied toward repair and maintenance of the sign; motion was approved. Herman has the contact info for a person who does historical restoration and will send the name to Chad.

Meeting Minutes Approval

January meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Announcements

None.

Treasurer's Report

Joan reviewed the 2020 final budget and then there was a discussion about changes in projected income and expected expenses for 2021.

- Membership dues are coming in via check and Cheddarup
- Leave events budgeted the same as in 2020
- Friends of Merrill Spring is not anticipating asking for funds
- Increase the newsletter budget to \$1600 to cover rise in printing costs
- Keep line item for room rental the same in anticipation of going back to in-person meetings

There was discussion about the need for a line item for donations, such as to the Lussier Center and Crestwood School. Sally did not see the need for since we are making these donations in an extraordinary time of need or upon request, not routinely. Jussi advocated for a policy statement—a statement of intent—as disclosure to the neighborhood association to explain why funds are going to organizations outside of the neighborhood. Sally acknowledged that this was a good point and added that the funds are benefiting residents of the neighborhood through the outreach of the Lussier Center and the families who attend the school. Liz asked where this policy would go: newsletter, minutes, by-laws? Aaron said the budget is the policy. Joan recommended carrying over donation amounts from the previous budget and revisit each year. There was general agreement that this is what we will do for now.

The budget will be approved at the March meeting to give time for further review and discussion as required.

Spring Newsletter and All Neighborhood Meeting

- Liz led a review of articles and who would submit. Articles are due to Liz by March 25 and the printed newsletter will be ready for distribution in early April.
- Spring meeting speaker--Sally will contact someone from the Midtown Police Station
- Board elections will be held at the spring meeting. Aaron asked everyone to let him know if they plan to continue on the board. Slate of candidates will be announced in the newsletter.

Other Business

Bylaws discussion postponed to a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning