

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Dale Heights Church**

Approved Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Greg Hull, Stan Fuka, Shary Bisgard, Mary Beth Dunning, Aaron Crandall, Bill Fitzpatrick

Also in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Mark Clear, Jeremy Levin

Approval of Minutes

March meeting minutes approved.

April meeting minutes approved.

Treasure's Report-Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill presented highlights of his budget report, dated 6/9/14.

23 people joined the neighborhood association at the Spring meeting. 40 people have mailed in dues since the meeting. General donations exceed membership dues. There have been contributions designated for Natural Areas/Parks.

There was a discussion about the amount of funds to be spent this year, in comparison to anticipated income. The neighborhood association's share of the cost of the vegetative management plan is the biggest expense. Shary proposed decreasing the amount designated and asking the Indian Hills Garden Club to contribute money for vegetative management plan. Shary added the garden club could vote on this at their next meeting.

The budget report was approved.

Merrill Spring Park

Bill reported that the Parks Department was going to come out soon and fix the pump in the spring.

4th of July Picnic/Parade

Greg said that Jeanette could not be at this meeting but that she had sent out an email with a list of event duties and who had volunteered to cover them.

Shary suggested that it would be a nice addition to the event to have pontoon boats docked in the harbor and offer rides. There was general agreement that this was fun idea but that there was not enough time and people to organize for this year. Labor Day was suggested as another possible time.

Summer Newsletter

Greg said articles are due by Friday, 6/13 and to send them to Bill and Liz.

Aaron will write an article about the Indian Hills Gathering in May and thank Marrakesh Restaurant and EVP Coffee for donating to the event.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of giving free ad space in the newsletter to neighborhood businesses that donate food to events versus putting a profile about the business in the newsletter. No action was taken.

There was a brief discussion about making sure that the last page of the newsletter was not left blank in future issues and that Liz should have on hand filler articles. Mary Beth was asked to come up history articles for back page of the newsletter to use when needed.

Hill Farms Plan Update-Herman Felstehausen

Herman said he has been communicating with the Hill Farms planning committee about additions and revisions to their neighborhood plan. Herman brought a draft of the plan and described some of the proposed elements of the plan, such as an open underpass under University Avenue and the redevelopment of the “triangle area” (corner of Whitney Way and University Avenue, across from University Crossing).

Herman expressed his opinion that our neighborhood has to stay active and be responsive and voice concerns about development in the area, and that he thinks that it helps to put concerns and guidelines for these kinds of activities into writing. He suggested creating a checklist that can use to raise concerns that SHNA has about development projects.

Herman said he would like someone on Board to be point person for Triangle area development. No action was taken.

Shary suggested convening the Development Committee to develop guidelines that can be brought to the membership for a vote, so that the Board will have authority to make recommendations.

There was a brief discussion about updating the SHNA plan, which was developed in 2006. Mark said that it is good to review the plan periodically, to make sure current development seems to be compatible with the plan. Greg said that he thought the plan did not seem to be out of date and that it had been a useful reference lately. No action was taken.

The last public open house about the Hills farm plan will be tomorrow (6/11) at the Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mark encouraged everyone to go and ask questions. He added that the DOA site is not part of Hill Farms plan.

No action has been taken on the draft of the letter that Herman wrote to the Hill Farms neighborhood association that was mentioned in March minutes. Herman will instead send the Board the notes he prepared for Hill Farms planning committee.

Greg asked the group to be prepared to recommendations and comments about the Hill Farms plan at the next Board meeting.

County Supervisor Report-Jeremy Levin

Jeremy said that he had submitted an article for the newsletter.

The County has established an endowment fund for county parks, which will be managed by the Madison Community Foundation.

Alder Update—Mark Clear

Bill asked Mark about repair of the Merrill Spring pump. Mark said that the Parks Department was supposed do the repair in next week or so.

Mark was asked about the possible resurfacing of Capital Avenue. He said that this would require putting in curb and gutter, and a curb and gutter assessment, which is need the support of the homeowners on the street. There was a discussion about the coordination and effort that would be needed to get this support.

Shary asked Mark to comment on the information presented about Well 14 at the Spring membership meeting. Mark said that he was surprised at direct impact of road salt on level of sodium.

Other Business

Mark said that the condition use permit for the meat smoking in the Buck's parking lot has been approved for one year (6 times).

Herman advised the Board to keep in mind that this permit request will come around again and that there should be a standard that can be reviewed. He added that the role of neighborhood is to make recommendations and that the Plan Commission has jurisdiction to revoke a permit based on the neighborhood's recommendations.

Next meeting: July 8

Submitted by Mary Beth Dunning