

1-10-12 SHNA Board Meeting
Minutes for Approval

Board members in attendance: Greg Hull, Stan Fuka, Jeff Schneider, Kim McBride, Mary Beth Dunning, Jeanette Tierney, Janet Loewi

Also in attendance: Barb Schultz-Becker, Jackie Csedo, the Keenans (new owners of 5501 Greening Lane), Herman Felstehausen

Meeting called to order at 7pm

5501 Greening Lane

New owners presented plans for demolition and new house, which they say will be efficient, energy conscientious, based on German Passive model, R50 wall, R60 roof, active heat exchanger. Not going for certification but trying to incorporate many elements. Construction to start in March or April. Jeanette asked about drainage issues on slope, other than off asphalt: Mr. Keenan replied that there is not much and no retention work is planned and they will be saving trees and building to the site. Janet asked about exceptions to zoning and Mr. Keenan replied that there are none, just needed demolition permit.

Treasurer's Report

None

University Crossing/University Avenue Traffic Issues

Herman reported that Greg and he met with City today regarding the new University Crossing (UC) intersection on University Avenue (UA) that changes the traffic pattern on UA and Herman presented the latest plans. Because of the new drive in the UC project, the impact will be the ability to make a left turn from Flambeau Road out on to UA. There will be a half signal at UC exit onto UA and engineers are using new U-turn law to create right turn from the UC drive /U-turn holding bay on UA. [Jackie clarified that it will still be possible to turn left from Flambeau during none busy hours but the risk is encountering UC traffic in the new merge lane.] There will also be a half signal at Craig Ave., in addition to the existing signal at Spring Harbor Drive. City is working on the timing of lights. The inbound bus stop just before Craig Ave. will remain in place; bus stop (currently in front of Midas) will be moved closer to new UC drive. Other details about the UA redevelopment plan: bus stops will be pull-outs; ladder stripes on all crossings. There was short discussion about preserving business driveways, in particular Good N Loud's, and the safety of the pedestrian crosswalk from Flambeau across to Midas/Good N Loud. Mary Beth questioned why this crossing point will continue to exist and expressed concern that people will be encouraged to cross at this un-signalized location even though traffic will heavier and the bus stop is being moved closer to Whitney Way where there is a pedestrian crosswalk. In summary: there are serious traffic issues for this stretch of University Avenue to consider, such as how to handle amount of traffic generated by new UC drive, how to handle school traffic and how to allow left turns from businesses on south side of UA. Also, UC construction will be starting about same time as UA reconstruction.

Herman's recommendation: The median could be widen to allow cars turning left from Flambeau to sit out in the median more safely and not interfere with the merge lane. Greg asked Jackie what were the Transportation Committee's recommendations. Jackie said that the recommendations were not intersection specific but that the recommendations had been approved by Board and the general membership, but created before the UC project so no recommendations specific to that project.

Herman says his Indian Hills neighbors feel the plan is isolating and cautioned that UA destined to have a lot more congestion when the Perkins area is redeveloped. Herman said the Mayor needs to hear from

neighborhood and that neighborhood shouldn't be giving feedback just to the city engineers. He asked if the Board wanted to make a declaration about the project, but no action was taken.

Herman asked if Board would help sponsor an informational meeting, but Jackie and Greg said they thought that the meeting should be arranged through Mark like earlier UC and UA informational meetings. There was general agreement that it was a good idea to let Mark organize the meeting.

Board Vacancies

To temporarily fill vacancies, the Board voted Stan Fuka to fill the position of director of area 6, and Barb Schultz-Becker to be director of area 5, until the next general membership meeting, when a vote will be put before the membership to fill the positions permanently.

Safety Committee Report

Barb reported that the Safety Committee would like to create a Listserve to get the word out about safety issues in neighborhood, but realize that it would be necessary for someone to monitor it, so moving away from this idea. Greg said he thought it would be easy to set up a "contact us" link on the Website to report incidents anonymously. Barb will discuss this with the Safety Committee at their next meeting. Barb also reported the committee is undergoing a bit of change and rethinking the purpose/approach of the committee. There was some general discussion about the Neighborhood Grant Program Workshop, and Barb said she would talk to the committee about grant ideas at their next meeting.

County Supervisor Report—Jeremy Levin

[Sent by email and read aloud at meeting] Unfortunately I am out of town this week and will be unable to make the meeting. County Board activity has been light since the last SHNA meeting because of the holidays and election process beginning. I look forward to making the February meeting and the majority of the SHNA over the next two years as I serve the neighborhood on the Board.

City Alder Report—Mark Clear

None

5100 Spring Court (Newly purchased property by City which will expand Merrill Spring Park)

Kim reported that no neighborhood meeting to discuss ideas about the use of the property has been scheduled yet. Janet suggested that this would be a good item for the Spring membership meeting agenda.

Other business

Greg will follow up with owners of 5328 LMD about coming to a future meeting to present building plans.

Dredging update-None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 15