

3-12-13 SHNA Board Meeting Minutes _Approved

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

Also in attendance: Herman Felstahausen, Chuck Dunning, Joan Korb, JT Coons, Fred Will, Barry Mirkin, Mike Loveland, Mark Clear

Meeting called to order: 7PM

Meeting Minutes

February 2013 minutes, approved with changes.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill reviewed the proposed projected budget for 2013. Items highlighted: \$5,000 for SHNA's share of the cost of the neighborhood survey, \$2,000 for the vegetative management plan (plantings in Spring Harbor Park), \$500 for the Halloween party and rental of the school; \$1200 for the printing of the newsletter. There was a discussion about the amount allocated for the Halloween party and there was agreement that the amount could be lowered to \$350. Jeanette Tierney made the motion to approve the budget as amended, Stan Fuka seconded the motion. A vote was taken; budget approved.

5328 Lake Mendota Dr.

Joan Korb, homeowner, presented revised building plans (which will be submitted for building approval). The plans were similar to ones presented in the past, but the design showed a smaller footprint on the lot. This is a new build, and the elevation will be lower than the house to the south, and there will not be a basement. Questions from the group covered square footage (2,400 sq ft, + living space above garage), site prep (tearing down old cottage, filling in the full basement) and building materials (super insulated/double wall system; solar/electric energy) The owner stated that she received final approval of garage design from the City. No action was taken by the Board.

5236 Harbor Ct.

Barry Mirkin, the owner, was present to talk about his building project, which will start April 15. Mr. Mirkin said he has met with City: The building plans are 100% within code, no conditional use and no plan commission appearance necessary. He is planning to demolish the existing home and build 2,100 sq ft of living space, using green materials as much as he can afford. Hopes to keep the basement but will create a crawl space as an alternative if encounters problem digging out the basement. The owner stated that he has talked to a concerned neighbor about not losing the view of the lake. No action was taken by the Board.

Update on Geothermal Well Installation in University Crossing Project

Chuck Dunning, Herman Felstehausen and Bill brought the Board up to date on the installation of the geothermal wells being drilled in the University Crossing development. 70 wells, 250 feet deep, are being drilled, using a state of the art system. Drilling is more than halfway done.

Herman, Chuck, Michael Kienitz, and Faith Fitzpatrick attended a recent Madison Utility Technical Subcommittee Meeting to express the concerns of the neighborhood association about the drilling of the well.

The main issues are: 1) this is new technology (15 years old) being used close to Well #14 and within the well-head protection area and 2) the developer did not notify SHNA about the drilling project. (Herman had noticed the drilling rig and followed up.)

Other details about the issue:

- Drilling of the wells only needed approval of the Department of Natural Resources. Herman stated that the developer went through the DNR approval process.
- Madison Water Utility approval was not required but the developer did notify the water utility about the drilling of the wells.
- Concern is interconnection between the upper and lower aquifer and shale layer. The drilling is not to exceed a depth that will compromise the separation of these layers. Grout and liquids used in the pumping is of concern.
- A lot of businesses and homeowners are putting in this kind of well.

Herman said that because of the concerns voiced at the meeting, Madison Water Utility has agreed to take more frequent samples of the water, monitoring for changes in the water quality, such as turbidity (cloudiness). Herman said that Joe Grandy, chair of the technical committee, wants the neighborhood to stay informed. Greg said that the neighborhood would continue to follow the issue closely.

Proposal for Creation of Development Committee—Herman Felstehausen

Herman presented his proposal to form a committee that will address concerns about new development and construction in the neighborhood and offered to chair the committee for two years, with Board approval. Herman said that the committee will meet when there is a need to be proactive, for example, to address the landscaping of University Avenue, or the upcoming development of the DOT site.

There was a discussion about the role and structure of the committee. Greg said he thought the board president should be on steering committee and said that he wanted the committee to be proactive, rather than reactive. Jeanette suggested that the committee could be responsible for updating the neighborhood plan. It was suggested that homeowners could present building plans to the committee, which could then bring issues to the Board. Herman said he would have to talk to committee about the expanded

role of the committee. Bill said that it should be made clear the committee will have an advisory role to the board.

Bill made the following motion: “The committee will serve as a point of contact, to advise the Board on commercial and residential issues. The president of the board will be on the committee.” Barb seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Board members present.

Spring Newsletter and Membership Meeting

Deadlines for submission of articles, printing and distribution were reviewed.

There was a discussion about the agenda for the spring membership meeting. It was decided that part of the meeting could be a potluck that would be a kick-off for the upcoming series of neighborhood potlucks. The meeting will be moved from the library to the school gym. Mary Beth will take care of the change in the school rental contract. The guest speaker will be Jason Tisch, Madison Historic Preservation.

Kim McBride suggested that Dave Ropa could speak about the Spring Harbor School Greenhouse at the fall membership meeting.

City Alder Report

Greg asked Mark Clear about status of Merrill Spring Park; no changes according to Mark. Kim asked about the use of the house as an artist residence idea during day. Kim also expressed concern that under-use of the structure may morph into other kinds of money-making rentals. Mark said that zoning guidelines would prevent some kinds of businesses. Greg said to Mark that the neighborhood needs to be kept up to date on any plans.

County Supervisor Report

None.

Other business

Kim asked the neighborhood association cover the cost of the cake for the Merrill Spring Park celebration. Request approved.

Barb Shultz-Becker said that the first small neighborhood gatherings/potlucks will be on May 18, 4PM. One of these will at Jeanette Tierney’s house.

Bill reported that Faith has been talking to Parks and Engineering about trees to plant in county-owned right away along University Avenue.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45PM

Submitted by Mary Beth Dunning