

Approved 4-9-13 SHNA Board Meeting

Board members in attendance: Greg Hull, Stan Fuka, Kim McBride, Jeanette Tierney, Bill Fitzpatrick and Shary Bisgard. Barb Schultz-Becker attended the last part of the meeting.

Neighborhood resident present: Amy Kinast

Public officials present: Alderman Mark Clear and Supervisor Jeremy Levin

Minutes of 3-12-13: Approval of the March minutes was tabled to the May meeting because members had not reviewed the minutes prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Fitzpatrick discussed:

- The draft proposed 2013 budget
- The Halloween party allocation has been reduced to \$350 from \$500
- More membership dues have come in.
- The vegetation restoration in Spring Harbor Park is due to begin soon. SHNA will share the cost with the Indian Hills Garden Club.

A motion was made by Kim McBride, with Jeanette Tierney seconding, to approve the treasurer's report and the 2013 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring general membership meeting:

- Our state representative, Therese Berceau, will speak at the meeting.
- The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Mary Beth Dunning has offered to bring a supply of paper plates, napkins and disposable silverware for the potluck.
- Jason Tisch from the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation is the main speaker for the event.
- Election of board members will be held.
- Stan Fuka volunteered to ask Trillium condo association members if anyone is willing to represent the Trillium area on the SHNA board.

Addition to Merrill Spring Park: Greg said the city is reapplying to the DNR for a grant to cover the cost of the addition to Merrill Spring Park so the city's park purchase fund is reimbursed for the purchase. An important part of the application is to demonstrate the economic development opportunity created because of this public land acquisition. It was suggested that boating would increase, more kayaks and canoes would be purchased, and the historic boat tours which sells tickets to the public, will be enhanced by the addition of this property to Merrill Spring Park.

Merrill Spring Cistern: It was suggested that SHNA apply to add the cistern to the National Register of Historic Places and also to be designated a Madison landmark. This might prove beneficial when the cistern needs to be repaired in the future. Jason Tisch will be asked for advice when he attends the April 23

membership meeting. Jeanette Tierney volunteered to help write the application for historic status. It was suggested that the Margettis, Alice Erickson, Fred Risser and Dick Pearson be contacted for the historical background needed for the application.

Neighborhood clean up and the garlic mustard pull: Greg reminded the board these events are taking place April 13 and April 20 respectively.

Indian Hills Sign: Amy Kinast said she had been informed by Parks' Division and Real Estate city staff that SHNA must submit the form "Application for Privilege in Streets". Amy said she was told that the sign is not legal and is considered an encroachment. She said if the application is not approved by city staff, she was told it must be removed from the public right of way. Amy said that Herman Felstehausen and Chuck Hernan will lead the work crew to repair the sign. Alderman Mark Clear said the sign is likely grandfathered in and repairing the sign should not trigger any requirements. He said it is unlikely SHNA would need to go through the city process. He will discuss the issue with city staff.

City Report: Mark Clear said no site has yet been picked to erect the neighborhood sign. It can't be returned to its original site since a retaining wall has been erected at that site. Greg Hull volunteered to look for an appropriate site on University Avenue to place the sign which is 10 feet wide and 5 feet tall.

University Crossing Development: Mark said the city has no authority over geothermal drilling. Drilling currently requires a DNR permit and requires a licensed well driller and a sealed system. There is concern about this drilling near the city well. Mark is sponsoring a wellhead protection ordinance that will require the Water Utility to regulate the process and prohibit geothermal drilling in a well protection area.

County Report: Supervisor Jeremy Levin said the county is working on:

1. Siting a permanent shelter for the homeless
2. Acquisition of land for landfill consolidation services to include the sheriff's department and the highway garage
3. The county executive hosts an environmental land briefing at the City-County Building in Room 321 the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The public is welcome to attend.

Next SHNA Board Meeting: It will be held May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

