

SHNA Board Meeting Minutes_Approved
Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Boards members in attendance: Stan Fuka, Jeff Schneider, Jeanette Tierney, Barb Schulz-Becker, Greg Hull, Mary Beth Dunning

Others in attendance: F. Beach, Michael Kienitz, Dave Mandehr, Dian Phelan, Jeremy Levin, Herman Felstehausen

November Meeting Minutes Approval
Approved, with no changes.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Fitzpatrick
None.

Update on Good N Loud site—Herman Felstenhausen

Greg Hull read an email from Mark Clear about Krupp Constructions's presentation to the UDC: project was given initial, not final approval; UDC wants to see more landscaping plans and more plans for the drive near the crosswalk before project proposal can go to the Plan Commission. Herman said he and Michael Kienitz went to the UDC meeting. Herman gave a detailed report to the group on Krupps' design plans for the narrow lot and the UDC's reaction: wants the traffic department to study traffic flow for drive-through and to consider possibly designating a right turn-only; not totally pleased with the landscaping plan (storm water issue, two retention ponds are too small) and thought the design was uninteresting. The developer (Degan) was at the UDC meeting to talk about redevelopment of area, as a whole. Herman will find out when the next UDC meeting is scheduled and he will talk to Traffic Engineering and Mark Clear about meeting timelines.

Herman proposed reinstating the planning and development committee and suggested that the committee could come up with a checklist that the SHNA Board can use to ask developers informed questions about their projects. Herman advocated that the neighborhood should take lead on asking questions about the impact of a project on traffic flow and parking, what being done to address storm water retention, how much green space, how will the project affect the neighbors (e.g., safety, lighting, neighborhood appeal).

Greg said he agreed that there should be more neighborhood involvement and agreed with Herman's list of questions for developers. He also agreed that there should be a more formal committee. Greg said he appreciated Herman stepping forward to chair of the committee.

To formalize the committee, Herman says he will propose at the next Board meeting that the zoning committee be disbanded and that a new committee named the Planning and Development Committee be formed and responsible for educating the neighborhood on how the development process works and how to communicate with developers.

County Board Supervisor's Report—Jeremy Levin

Jeremy reported that the county budget had passed and that it had not been as controversial as the city budget. Funding for Clear Lakes Initiative was included, as well as, for economic development and criminal justice (creation of a drug court). The temporary warming center on East Washington is under Porchlight's management. The County received a federal grant to conduct a fresh food market feasibility study on the south side of Madison.

Treasurer's Report

None.

Construction Concern—Jeanette Tierney

Jeanette showed the building plans for 5430 Lake Mendota Drive and talked about the sight line issue caused by the elevation of the patio and the retaining wall. Jeanette said that she was told by City that it was an oversight that sight line was not considered in the building plan review, since looking at sight lines (such as from walls on raised ground) has not been part of the review process and that all of the plan met code. Jeanette said the city's building inspector had been out to look at the construction site a couple of times and the neighbors had proper notice about the plans. Also, she said a drainage issue was created when fill was brought in to raise the patio, which she said raises the questions: How much water will be generated? Where will it go? Jeanette says she has brought the issue to the Board as information, not for action, and that the issue speaks to what Herman was saying about the neighborhood needing to be educated on how to ask informed questions about building plans.

Watch Committee/Neighborhood Survey Action Plan—Barb Schultz-Becker

There was a short discussion about the neighborhood survey action plan, which had been distributed by email to the Board prior to the meeting. Jeanette commented that the language was lively and the document was an interesting read. Barb asked that comments and edits be sent to her: Urban Assets will make changes before the document is put on the neighborhood's Web site. Greg asked Barb if there were any actions that needed to still be taken to fulfill SHNA's obligation with the project: Barb has to send some grant related forms to City.

Greg asked Barb about the next step. Barb thought that of the five actions, the most logical one to start with is #5 (Provide more regular neighborhood communication with an emphasis on using online technology.), but need to figure out how best way to get families to participate. There was discussion about the effectiveness of an online effort, which generated some ideas, but no action was taken. Greg asked the group to be thinking about how to proceed in implementation of the action plan.

Bill advocated getting the raw survey data from Urban Assets before its obligation is fulfilled. Barb will look into this.

Other Business

Greg brought up the notification about the automated water meters that the City has sent out. Several people at the meeting indicated that they had received it. No action taken by the Board.

Michael Kienitz talked briefly about the monitoring wells in University Crossing project: late in being put in and some are outside of the construction area and they are not being regularly tested, per the original agreement with the developer. No action taken by the Board.

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning