

**SHNA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013  
Dale Heights Church  
7PM**

**Approved Minutes**

Board members in attendance: Jeanette Tierney, Bill Fitzpatrick, Stan Fuka, Greg Hull, Mary Beth Dunning, Janet Loewi, Barb Schultz-Becker

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Jeremy Levin. Mark Clear

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Minutes

November board meeting minutes, approved with minor edits

Treasurer's Report—Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill reviewed budgeted and actual expenses, and income for 2013. Highlights:

- Membership dues are up \$300 from last year; there are 132 paid memberships
- \$10, 500 in allocated funds were spent on big projects, such as the neighborhood association's share of the Spring Harbor Park vegetative management plan, the Urban Assets fee for the neighborhood survey (offset by a city grant to cover the fee), the first Labor Day concert in Spring Harbor Park, and newsletter printing costs.
- There was a discussion about 2013 neighborhood Halloween Party and expenses which were much above previous years (\$756.00, included room rental, supplies and prizes). There was general agreement that a budget and spending guidelines should be established for future parties.

The treasurer's report was approved (Jeanette made motion to approve and Barb seconded).

Development Update—Herman Felstehausen

Herman gave an overview of the current status of the University Crossing development.

Highlights:

- 1) Erosion issues for the bare five acres at back of the development
- 2) Three main buildings (two office buildings and one apartment complex) are complete
- 3) The apartments are beginning to be occupied

Herman encouraged everyone to go over to the development and look at the eroding hillside (part of the undeveloped five acres), which is down to the glacial till. Herman and Faith Fitzpatrick have been talking to the developer (Paul Lenhart) about stormwater retention best practices. Mr. Lenhart says he is building according the guidelines provided by the client (UW Health owns the property) and following City code.

Herman contends that the initial erosion control did not take, due to under-seeding and improper seed bed preparation, and that erosion limits are being exceeded. He says Faith has documented with photos. The City of Madison and Dane County has recently helped by requiring that the developer put in more silt socks, in multiple rows and in extended lengths. Herman thinks it will be three years before UW Health builds on this part of the property.

Herman also talked about the need to develop, in the neighborhood, larger bioswales (the preferred term), and more curb and gutter funnels, to reduce the amount of run-off into Lake Mendota. The run-off is causing salt shock (salt and sand slurry) and is killing algae near the swimming beach.

Herman described how progressive cities, such as Seattle, are putting funds into building bioswales by experienced contractors. Herman says that he considers the Norman Way bioswale to be poorly engineered and not collecting run-off as intended.

Jeremy Levin said he would talk to County staff about available funds for stormwater work.

Herman encouraged the neighborhood board to get involved in the green movement as a policy issue and designate University Avenue as a green corridor. Janet said that this would need to be done at a membership level (a vote at a general membership meeting). Greg added that this is an effort that should be done in conjunction with other neighborhoods.

#### City Alder Report—Mark Clear

##### Highlights:

- The City's budget for 2014 passed, without any major battles.
- There is a new warrantee program for the repair of the lateral sewer connection from the house to the street. The homeowner will be required to purchase.
- The new parameters for the tourist rentals in private homes are enforced by the City's Building Inspection Department.

#### 2014 Planning

Greg asked for suggestions of what the neighborhood association should focus on in the upcoming year. Suggestions: Green corridors initiative, Merrill Spring Park expansion

Jeanette brought up the success of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and the Jazz in Park concert and said she hoped that they would continue. Another potluck at a general membership meeting was suggested.

#### County Supervisor Report—Jeremy Levin

Jeremy said he is running for re-election and has no opponent at the present time. He reported that the budget is finalized and that there were no vetoes by the County Executive. Highlights of the budget:

- Two more early child zones established in economically depressed areas of the county
- Funds allocated to address mental health issues in high schools, including creating a rapid response team
- Funds to build a new domestic shelter and help homeless youth. Adult homeless services are being expanded this winter since a permanent shelter will not be ready soon

Regarding the recent manure digester leak, more precautions will be taken in the future. Approval of another digester is on hold.

Herman asked Jeremy about the sharing of funds between the city and county to address lake water problems. Jeremy said that the lakes are a county jurisdiction and that the county has helped fund city projects, such the retention pond [bioswale] projects in Indian Hills Park and on Norman Way.

#### Other Business

- There was a brief discussion about the new approval process for accessory buildings. Future applications will require an appendix to the permit.
- To correct the October board meeting minutes Jeanette clarified that the status of garage at 5510 Lake Mendota Drive was considered a minor change.
- Greg thanked Herman and Geke for their generous donation designated for the neighborhood parks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Next meeting:  
January 14, 2014