

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**Dale Heights Church**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Introductions and roll call

- a. Giovanna called the meeting to order around 7:10. Aaron took over when he arrived.
- b. Board members in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Giovanna Jeffries, Bill Fitzpatrick, Mary Beth Dunning, Barb Shultz-Becker, Stan Fuka, Liz Freitick, Jussi Snellman, Janet Loewi, Joan Martin
- c. Others in attendance: Herman Felteshausen, Faith Fitzpatrick, Keith Furman, Karen McLaughlin Goodin (Lake Mendota Dr.), Keith Christianson (Norman Way)

Approval of October minutes

Approved with no changes. (No meeting in November)

Announcements and good works

Karen Goodin is in attendance to express her interest in joining the planning committee. Her contact information was taken.

Alder update—Keith Furman

- Keith gave an update on the planned installation of curbs and gutters along Lake Mendota Drive from Camelot to Capital. There will be a side walk on one side. Plans for this work will be announced and there will be public input meetings.
- In response to comments about how to address speeding on this street, Keith said that electronic speed signs are available to position along the street to make drivers aware of how fast they are going.
- After the most recent elections Keith said there were complaints about the new location of the voting room in the middle school (the library). The art room now the music room and this space cannot be used because of all the instruments. Keith said he is looking for other suitable venues in the area but needs to be a permanent location and accessible.
- Tom Degan, developer of the Perkins site, will be coming back to the neighborhood association with final plans for the development but current plans still have too many “technical deficiencies” according to the City.
- Still waiting to learn about what in the 2019 Capital budget has been approved,
- Water shed assessment—The City is conducting studies about storm sewer/sanitary back up in August 2018, using outside consultants. Flash flooding and lake levels are focus of studies. The City is developing a comprehensive plan for dealing this kind of event in the future. Faith referenced the Isthmus article: “Just reducing lake levels won’t prevent flooding. We need to do more” by Dave Cieslewicz, November 29, 2018.

Discussion on Spring Harbor storm drain and watershed improvements – Faith Fitzpatrick

Faith was at the meeting mainly to encourage to the Board to consider how the neighborhood association, as a stakeholder in watershed issues that affect Spring Harbor and Lake Mendota, can be an active voice in the harbor repair and other water infiltration, and water volume and quality issues, since, she said, everything is connected. Faith said that the repair work being on done on the retaining wall is temporary and gave an overview of the 3 long-term repair options for the Spring Harbor retaining wall: replace with similar wall; replace with stepstone and ripwrap; or replace with sheeting and rewrap. Faith mentioned that this is the perfect location for an infiltration plan to save water for drought times. Keith said that there was damage to the infrastructure underneath boat launch and that City Engineering did great job of getting in there to stabilize the soil to prevent collapse. Herman added that a solution to the problems lies in considering how public land can be used to create a watershed all way from Spring Harbor up to Beltline and added that comparative studies in other cities, for example San Antonio.

Faith said she did not expect answer tonight, but would like to take these issues to other neighborhoods in the watershed, and get other stakeholders' input. Keith said he will work with Faith to contact other neighborhoods.

Regarding sodium levels in Well 14, Faith said she is tracking salt levels in Spring Harbor. Faith showed graphs which show a rise in chloride which goes hand in hand with sodium.

### Reports

*President* – Aaron proposed the idea of a retreat in February or March to be used on a brainstorming time to talk about how to improve outreach and promote membership and active participation if the neighborhood association. More information to come.

*Treasurer*—No report. Bill said he will continue to serve in this position until the spring meeting

*Planning and Development* – Herman advocated for a discussion for a new approach to for how SHNA tracks and interacts with the City regarding residential and commercial development in the area. Herman said that because of the way the City is operating, zoning application and approval has become computerized and processed on line and approval is “rubber stamped” approval if satisfies the checklist. The neighborhood is losing out on opportunity have input from start. Herman has talked to other neighborhoods, which experiencing same problem. Herman said that we, as a neighborhood association, cannot tackle one small problem at a time, need to have a big picture approach with integration of all development elements and have volunteer groups to be responsible for different elements of the plan (such as bioswales, tree preservation, infiltration). Herman concluded by saying that the Planning and Development has learned a lot from dealing with lake front property but the biggest impact will be looking at zoning ordinances but that zoning is not planning-- planning drives the zoning laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning

Date of next meeting – Tues, 1/8/2019