

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2013
Dale Heights Church

Approved Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Greg Hull, Bill Fitzpatrick, Shary Bisgard, Barb Shultz-Becker, Stan Fuka, Mary Beth Dunning, Jeanette Tierney, Kim McBride, Janet Loewi

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Michael and Heather Krakora (Baker Avenue), Randy Ziebarth (JG Construction), Peg Hutnick, Mike Lomperski (Capital Avenue)

Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:07PM

Minutes

June meeting minutes approved with changes.

Conditional use permit for accessory building--Mike and Heather Krakora

The Krakoras, 1634 Baker Avenue, described their plans to build behind their house a structure to use as a photography studio. Photography is their primary business. They will be applying for a conditional use permit.

- Currently renting business space on Monroe Street
- Will have normal business hours, by appointment only. Their address will not be listed in advertisements, so no unscheduled business traffic. May be occasional early evening appointments. Once a day deliveries.
- Structure will not be visible from the street. Slab on grade. Intend to use materials to make building blend into environment. 920 sq ft main level, with a loft. ADA compliant. Full utilities.
- Will not be pouring more pavement. Lot will have adequate drainage. Will be landscaped for outdoor portraits.
- Jeanette asked about fire access: Following city guidelines—10 feet off existing lot line.
- Shary asked about the conditional use permit: Conditional use limited to photography studio. If sell, the conditional use permit goes with property and would stay in place. Says new zoning laws make this structure possible.
- Needs waiver of 30 day notice from Alder Mark Clear.
- Kim asked if neighbors have seen plans. The builder (Randy Ziebarth) said that he would be doing that. Janet added that the Board needs to know that the neighbors have been contacted and are okay with plans.
- ACTION: Bill said he would contact Alder Clear to let him know that Board has no objection to him granting the 30-day waiver.

Treasurer's Report-Bill Fitzpatrick

None.

Hickory Hollow Sign—Peg Hutnick, President, Hickory Hollow Home Owners Association (HH HOA)

Peg began by talking about the need to find a new location for Hickory Hollow Condominiums sign, which was removed for the University Avenue reconstruction project. The sign is in poor shape and will be getting a new sign made. The issue is that for the sign to be placed in the right of way (there is a new wall where sign used to be), it needs to be sponsored by a neighborhood association.

Peg proposed that the HH HOA join SHNA, which could sponsor the sign, and HH HOA would have agreement with SHNA that HH HOA would take care of the sign. Peg said that HH HOA is also exploring other options.

- Greg said that he would support HH HOA joining SHNA and that he would want HH HOA to be represented on the Board and the residents to be active members of SHNA.
- Janet said that the general membership would need to vote on expanding the boundaries of neighborhood association.
- Bill said that modifying the bylaws to extend the boundary of the neighborhood association could be on the agenda of the September meeting. HH residents could join as association or as individuals.
- Greg said he would encourage the residents to join as individual members, and that he would welcome them to join regardless of what happens about the sponsorship of the sign.
- Herman asked if the sign was not placed in the right of way, where could it be located. Peg said that they would put a smaller sign at first entrance.

ACTION: Bill made the motion that the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association should encourage Hickory Hollow to join the neighborhood association and to work with them to get identification signage. Shary seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

WATCH Update, recent break-ins—Barb Schultz-Becker

Barb described some of the recent incidents in the neighborhood. Herman suggested putting together a monthly tally. There was some discussion on about how to assemble the report and distribute. Mary Beth will look into setting up an on-line discussion list for reporting incidents. Bill suggested a quarterly report.

Barb then described a Make Music Madison article that described neighborhood events with music and food. She suggested a Labor Day event in Spring Harbor Park with music by a musician living in the neighborhood. People would bring own food and drinks and kids would be welcomed.

ACTION: Barb made a motion to have a Labor Day weekend event that has a picnic and music and the support of the neighborhood association. The motion was seconded by

Jeanette. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Time and date to be determined. Barb will contact Mark about the event.

Development Update—Herman Felstehausen

Herman said the planning and development committee was feeling good about having a few victories in the last few months.

Digestive Health Clinic Signage

Sign company (Sign Art) has been alerted to the neighborhood complaints about the brightness of the sign. The Urban Design Commission was made aware of the complaints by Alder Clear. The Urban Design Commission has since created a guideline that this type of lit signage cannot be above the first floor in a neighborhood setting. Sign Art and the UW Health engineer are researching a way to dim the sign since there is a concern about turning off the sign completely. Sign Art can provide screening to cut down on the brightness of the light. There is no deadline for getting the sign dimmed.

Good N Loud site

Project has city approval and the existing building could be demolished at any time. The PUD has been approved.

Hilldale Mall Remodeling

Herman went to the public meeting. Part of the mall will be demolished to create more outdoor access to store fronts. Hill Farms is creating a neighborhood plan that includes improving pedestrian access to the mall.

University Crossing

Herman and Faith Fitzpatrick are proposing to the City that an inspector come out on a regular basis to monitor erosion on the vacant five-acre piece of the property.

Herman thanked the Board for its support of the repair of the Indian Hills sign.

Fourth of July Wrap Up—Jeanette

Jeanette said there were plenty of good volunteers who filled in where needed. The games were a success and there were lots of kids participating. The new restaurant Marrakesh donated iced mint tea. There was some discussion about how to keep people from starting to eat before the games were finished. It was agreed that a simple solution would be to cover the food with tablecloths until it was time.

Shary suggested that someone be designated to greet the dignities as they get off the fire truck at the park and invite them to stay for the picnic.

County Supervisor Update—Jeremy Levin
None.

Other Business

Herman suggested that someone interview Fred Risser to create record of what he knows about the neighborhood's history. Mary Beth will contact the State Historical Society about this oral history project.

Kim said that a master gardener living in the neighborhood has offered to create a planting design for the area around the Indian Hills neighborhood sign. There was agreement that this was a nice offer and Kim will follow up. Kim also said that she thinks the new bike path is dangerous for cyclists who do not look for cars turning off University Avenue. Shary will contact Mark about yield signs for bikes.

Shary said that trashcan at the Stoney Point end of Capitol is not being emptied and she is going to contact Mark about trash pick-up.

Bill said that the tree planting project in the Spring Harbor Park is in progress.

Mike Lomperski expressed his concern about kids, who live in the CDA housing on Capital Avenue, playing with balls in the street and running into street, and there appears to be no supervision.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, August 13