

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION [SHNA]  
BOARD MEETING  
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
Dale Heights Church**

**Approved Minutes**

Board members in attendance: Mary Beth Dunning, Janet Loewi, Kim McBride, Stan Fuka, Greg Hull, Jeff Schneider, and Barb Schultz-Becker

Others in attendance: Jeremy Levin, Aaron Crandall (Flambeau Road)

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

February Meeting Minutes

Jeanette clarified her comments about the proposed garage expansion for 5006 Lake Mendota Drive. The minutes were approved with this and other minor changes.

Treasurer's report

None.

Spring Newsletter

Articles due March 20; Greg sent out assignments by email.

Planning for Membership Meeting

Greg says that he had been contacted by Chuck Dunning for more specific information about the main speaker's topic before Chuck contacts the recommended speaker [see February meeting minutes]. There was general agreement that the topic should be related to Well 14 and the safety of the neighborhood's drinking water (including past and present reports) and address the drilling of geothermal wells in University Crossing. Greg will contact Chuck with this information.

There will be an election of SHNA board members. Proposed slate of candidates:

President	Greg Hull	Vice President	Aaron Crandall
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	Secretary	Mary Beth Dunning
Area 1	Shary Bisgard	Area 4	Kim McBride
Area 2	Jeff Schneider	Area 5	Barb Schultz-Becker
Area 3	Jeanette Tierney	Area 6	Stan Fuka

Indian Hills Gathering—Aaron Crandall

Aaron would like to organize a potluck to be held in the Indian Hills Park on May 18. This gathering will be open to everyone living within the SHNA boundaries. Aaron asked if the neighborhood association could pay for the rental of a tent (approximate cost is \$250), since there is no shelter in the park. There was general agreement that the potluck was a good idea and that the neighborhood association should financially support the event.

Aaron said he would apply for the park use permit and arrange for picnic tables to be delivered to the park. There were suggestions to have music and activities to draw families with kids.

Aaron said that he will bring more details about a budget for the event to the April board meeting. Also, he will write an article about the event for the Spring newsletter.

#### Development-Herman Felstehausen

Greg said that Herman could not attend tonight's meeting but that Herman had sent by email (shortly before the start of the board meeting) a draft of a letter to the Hill Farms neighborhood organization about the proposed Hill Farms neighborhood plan.

Greg read Herman's letter (copied and pasted below) to the group. There was general approval of the content of the letter. Janet suggested adding a paragraph that states that if there any big changes to the Hill Farms neighborhood plan that might affect the Spring Harbor area, that Hill Farms should notify the SHNA neighborhood. Jeff had some minor edits for the letter. There were no other major changes.

Greg will make changes to the draft letter and send out to the Board for a vote of approval by email, since comments are due to the Hill Farms association in 10 days.

#### City Alder Report--Mark Clear

Greg read Mark's report, which had been sent to Greg by email. Of most interest to the group was that street sweeping of University Avenue to help remove salt build-up over the winter will be scheduled earlier than usual. [Concern about water run-off carrying salt into the lake was expressed at the February board meeting.]

#### County Supervisor Report--Jeremy Levin

Jeremy reviewed the county's current priorities. Jeannette asked about the future of manure digesters. Jeremy said that the digesters are part of the county's long-term effort to reduce phosphorous and part of the answer to the clean lakes initiative, and he said that he has more confidence in the structural integrity of the second and third digesters. [The first digester leaked.] Aaron asked about the status of a permanent location for a homeless shelter. Jeremy said that the main issues among county board members are location and the cost of preferred sites, and that there are zoning issues.

#### Other Business

Brian Ezman, (b/d/a Middleton BBQ Company) described his intention to apply for a conditional use permit for outdoor cooking and a conditional use permit for catering, so that he can cook barbeque in a portable smoker on the parking lot of Buck's Pizza on University Avenue. He will make the barbeque for events that he caters and to sell at Buck's. Other details:

- Seasonal catering business, mostly on Saturdays or Sundays, during the warmer weather months
- 10-hour process, with an applewood smoke smell

- Frequency will be 10-12 times in 2014
- Wants to be able to sell the barbeque in Buck's Pizza
- If conditional use is granted, the business license will be for Buck's
- Alder Clear will support the condition use if the Board supports

Mr. Ezman said that he smoked meat on the Buck's parking lot 12-15 times in 2013. Kim asked if there were any complaints from people living nearby. Mr. Ezman said that a resident with breathing problems complained to him about smoke blowing toward the apartment building, so he moved to another spot in the parking lot and that seemed to solve the problem. He said he has spoken to surrounding businesses (he mentioned the diving shop and the Marrekesh Restaurant) and said they seem okay with his business being there.

Action: Board members present did not express objection to the conditional use being granted. [Need clarification--Was someone contacting Mark Clear to let him know this or did Mr. Ezman leave the meeting with the impression that he could tell Mark this himself? Also, was it clear how Mr. Ezman was able to cook on the Buck's parking lot last year without a permit?]

10. Date of next meeting –Tuesday, April 8

Meeting adjourned at 8:15AM

Addendum to item #6

DRAFT Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association DRAFT

March 11, 2014

To: University Hill Farms Ad Hoc Steering Committee

Subj: Recommendation regarding joint neighborhood communication and consultation in the context of planning and development activities affecting adjoining neighborhood areas.

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Board recommends that additional attention be given to cross-border neighborhood issues as the University Hill Farms neighborhood plan is developed. There are a number of areas where our neighborhoods share a common interest:

1) The Triangle Area. Building locations in the Triangle were taken into consideration in

determining building height and view-shed impacts of new University Crossing structures. For example, east-bound traffic on Old Sauk Road currently has a clear view of the State Capitol from the top of the Owen Park hill. Because of this, future Triangle buildings should be limited in height to 3 to 4 stories to avoid obstructing these historic site-lines. Second, it is recommended that building setbacks from University Ave follow University Crossing standards of 20 to 30 feet of set back from the highway right-of-way. This avoids canyon walls in that area, and respects the single family residential character of properties across the avenue.

The Spring Harbor neighborhood also strongly recommends preserving the Green Corridor characteristics of the western half of University Ave.

2) A safe and user-friendly pedestrian corridor is needed to connect University Crossing with Hilldale. This corridor is of joint neighborhood interest. The current University Ave sidewalk route is considered hazardous and very unpleasant for pedestrians attempting to walk next to speeding cars and trucks.

3) Stormwater runoff from border areas of the two neighborhoods. Spring Harbor is highly impacted by stormwater runoff, soil erosion and street salt drainage into Lake Mendota. SHNA supports measures to retain more stormwater onsite, and to slow and filter runoff through the use of bio-swales. SHNA welcomes the opportunity to participate in discussing stormwater management and the incorporation of water controls into new developments.

4) A pedestrian/bicycle crossing under University Ave. It is widely recognized that University Ave represents a serious barrier to foot traffic between Hill Farms/Hilldale, Shorewood Hills, and Spring Harbor. SHNA encourages the University Hill Farms planning committee to incorporate a recommendation for a safe and convenient pedestrian crossing into the updated neighborhood plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Greg Hull, president, Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association

cc: Herman Felstehausen, Planning and Development Committee

Faith Fitzpatrick, Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning