

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Dale Heights Church

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Mary Beth Dunning, Jeff Schneider, Jeanette Tierney, Shary Bisgard, Bill Fitzpatrick

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, John Hyman (1111 Merrill Springs Rd), Jeremy Levin, Mark Clear

1. Minutes

April meeting minutes approved, with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report – Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill reviewed the budget to date. The number of paid memberships is approaching half of usual memberships for the year. Bill reported a generous donation from Diana Horton Williams, a long time resident of the neighborhood and former board member. Greg will write a thank you note to Diana. The treasurer's report approved.

Jeanette reported a neighborhood resident gave a \$100 check to be use for 10 hours of teen helpers for the 4th of July picnic. SHNA Board members noted the long-term SHNA policy of not hiring and supervising people. Jeanette will check with the donor to see if the donation can be used for other purposes related to the picnic.

3. Indian Hills Gathering/Plant Sale – Saturday, May 16th

Aaron reported via a 5/13 email: "In regards to the Indian Hills Gathering on Saturday, I just received confirmation from City Parks that they'll be dropping off the picnic tables and extra trash cans tomorrow or Friday, EVP Coffee will be donating regular and decaf coffee (cups, sugar, etc.), the tent/canopy is rented, and the portable toilet will be delivered on Friday to the park. Depending on the weather, I may plan to setup the tent late Friday and leave it up overnight, as it looks like the weather forecast is calling for light rain on Sat morning, but I think it's also calling for rain on Fri...will see.

Please help spread the word about the event, and see [Indian Hills Neighborhood Gathering](#) for the posting on the Isthmus' website. Would it be possible for someone to send out a reminder via the email list, along with a reminder of the plant sale?"

Shary has sent out the plant sale duty list. Set up will be on Thursday, exact location is unknown since there are bike racks in the usual location.

4. 4th of July Picnic/Parade Planning

Jeanette Tierney will be sending out volunteer duty list for the picnic and parade so people can sign up for tasks or confirm assignments.

5. Summer Newsletter

Articles due to Liz Freitick by June 6 [changed to June 12 in an email from Greg]. Greg will send out a list of articles in past issues of the June newsletter. The newsletter will have information about the picnic and parade.

6. Turtle Garden Update

Bill reviewed the work that has been done to clean up the rain garden at the corner of Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive. Volunteers coordinated by Faith Fitzpatrick have been weeding and planting.

Bill read a request from Faith for \$300 for grass seed to spread on the newly cleared slope in Spring Harbor Park requested.

7. Update on 5404 Lake Mendota Drive

Herman reviewed the concerns that neighbors have expressed about construction of this home. [See March meeting minutes]. Mark Clear added that at this point in the approval process comments should be directed to the Plan Commission [at the May 18 Plan Commission meeting].

The City staff report on the proposal will be issued on Wednesday, 5/13. Staff recommendations will include conditions that must be satisfied. The project will be on the agenda of a public hearing on Monday, 5/18. Mark will send the agenda to Herman to pass on to neighbors who are planning to attend so they will have an idea of where the project is on the agenda.

In answer to questions about the approval process for this building project, Mark said that the Plan Commission uses a set of standards to evaluate the proposal and members will also consider all comments submitted.

The Commission can defer giving approval and request that changes be made to the plan. Mark said he will speak to express his opinion about the project. [Note from Mark Clear by way of Herman in an e-mail to Mary Beth on 5/20: At the request of Sheriff-Morgan, owners of the property at 5404 Lake Mendota Dr., the proposed construction project was granted a referral (to a later date) by the Plan Commission in action on Monday, May 18, 2015.]

Shary Bisgard said that she thinks it would be a good idea to include neighborhood development guidelines in letter sent by lakefront neighbors. Jeanette and Herman reported that neighbors will be getting together to prepare for the Plan Commission meeting.

8. City Alder Update – Mark Clear

Mark said that, so far, the community has responded well to news about decision not to charge police in the shooting of Tony Robinson.

The Judge Doyle Square redevelopment project will include the relocation of Exact Sciences to downtown. Mark used the term “place-making” to describe the effect the project will have on increasing activity downtown.

9. County Board Supervisor Update – Jeremy Levin

Jeremy reported that lately board activity has been quiet. The Health & Human Needs committee is looking at budget items in five sections that are mandated by the State. Jail committee work groups still need to be formed. Progress is tied up in how to form committees, which is holding up working on the actual issues. A state mandated budget determines how federal dollars are used. Jeremy said that in these tougher budget times, he wants to do a better job of educating Dane County Board members about the use of funds and need to look at non-mandated items. Enbridge Energy wants to increase flow of oil in the line passing through Dane County.

10. Other business

John Hyman, owner of 1111 Merrill Springs Road, presented the building plans for a new house on the lot. The plans are for a two-story, with stucco on bottom, cedar shingles on top. The existing house will be deconstructed and demolished, including the basement. Mr. Hyman is asking for a waiver of the demolition waiting period by Alder Clear. The board members at this meeting had no objection to approval of the waiver.

Mark said that there has been work done on the cistern in Merrill Spring Park. Staff has cleared out leaves and gunk and drained the cistern twice. They found two active springs.

11. Date of next meeting
Tuesday, June 9th.

Meeting adjourned—8:35pm
Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning