

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)

BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Dale Heights Church

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Mary Beth Dunning, Jussi Snellman, Kim McBride, Bill Fitzpatrick, Greg Hull, Stan Fuka, Jeanette Tierney, Barb Schultz-Becker, Liz Freitick

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Mark Clear, Christian Kanneimier (owner, 5144 Spring Ct.), John Seamon (architect, 5144 Spring Ct.), Tamara England & John Thompson (Spring Ct.), Wayne Harris and Nick Topitzes (Baker/Capital Ave/Lake Mendota Drive area)

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

Aaron announced that there was progress related to the city's Adopt-A-Tree program that Faith Fitzpatrick had presented at the spring SHNA membership meeting. Faith has submitted applications for the consideration of treatment of eligible trees in Indian Hills Park and Spring Harbor Park. Bill provided some more details from Faith's communications with Laura Bauer, Madison Parks Division.

Kim reported that the neighborhood garlic pull and cleanup were successful and that there was a good turn-out for both events.

Tamara England added that the Indian Hills Garden Club will have another garlic pull on May 14, in lieu of having its annual plant sale (which was canceled because of the invasion of the jumping worm)

Aaron reminded everyone about the Indian Hills Gathering in Indian Hills Park on 6/12. Minutes Approval Approval of April meeting minutes is postponed until the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Fitzpatrick reviewed the Treasurer's Report, dated 5/9/16. The number of paid memberships to date is 58. The budget was approved as presented.

House Addition Proposal—5144 Spring Court

The architect for this building project reviewed the plans to add a two-story addition, and a garage and carport, to the existing house. There were questions from the group about square footage, building materials, the foundation of the addition and the position of any new mechanicals (there will not be a basement because of the water table), and the distance of the new roofline from the property line. Two residents of Spring Court (John Thompson and Tamara England) were present at this meeting to express their concern about the impact of the addition on the root system of a large tree on the property and advocated taking measures to save the tree. There was a discussion about run-off (the property borders Spring Harbor). Herman Felstehausen encouraged the homeowner to landscape with a rain garden and

appropriate landscaping plantings. Jeanette Tierney asked the owner if he had talked to the neighbors, and he said he intended to. Mark Clear said the Plan Commission will consider the conditional use application at its June 13th meeting. Mark said the Plan Commission has final say on the plans and that the relative size and location of the addition will be the primary concern.

Hill Farms Drainage Issue/Concern

Herman reported good news: drainage issues along University Avenue and Old Middleton Road (that affect runoff into Spring Harbor) are being addressed with a storm water reduction project, which will trap the water and infiltrate it into the ground. Herman also reviewed the current Hill Farms state building project (9 stories, 62,000 sq. ft. office building, 1500-car parking, 7-acre site). There will be two new access points on University Avenue.

County Supervisor's Report—Jeremy Levin

None.

City Alder Report—Mark Clear

Mark said that there was a lot going on across the city, but not much in the Spring Harbor area (except for the Hill Farms state project). Tim Gruber will take over as alder for the Hill Farms area (11th District). Wayne Harris and Nick Topitzes were present at this meeting to raise the issue of the condition of the streets in the Capital/Baker/Lake Mendota area. Mark said that the city will not make major street improvements until the residents of the area support the installation of curbs and gutters. (There has not been support in the past; Mark says he is seeing some support.) There was discussion about temporary fixes to the pavement (patching, chip sealing) and what plans for a larger project would look like (traffic count, bike lanes and sidewalks (if appropriate), traffic calming, placement of storm sewer inlets). Aaron suggested that this a topic for a future or separate meeting, that would be announced in advanced to encourage more participation in the discussion. No action was taken.

Summer Newsletter

There was a brief discussion about articles for this issue: 4th of July Picnic & Parade (Jeanette), Labor Day Jazz Concert (Barb), Neighborhood bulletin board (Kim), Friends of Merrill Spring (Faith and Alice Erickson), Alder and Supervisor reports, storm water infiltration project and Hill Farms state project (Herman). Articles are due to Liz by 6/8. The newsletter will be ready for distribution by 6/15.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning