

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Thursday, May 28, 2020
via Zoom**

Approved Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

Board members in attendance: John Patrick, Jusse Snellman, Joan Martin, Mary Beth Dunning, Sally Miley, Liz Freitick, Barb Schultz-Becker, Stan Fuka, Aaron Crandall, Giovanna Jeffries

Others in attendance: Anna Strand (Madison Children's Museum), Mark Williams (possibly taking John's place as Area 4 director/to be voted on), Keith Furman (City Alder), Faith Fitzpatrick (Parks and Natural Areas Committee)

2. Guest: Anna Strand talked about the Madison Children's Museum's Sidewalk Surprises project and the plans for the Spring Harbor neighborhood. Will be laying out hopscotch patterns across the neighborhood. Will be using water base marking chalk, which is semi-permanent and lasts about two months. Anna asked for suggestions of where to place the hopscotch areas. One suggestion was the around the middle school? Barb suggested the Trillium area. Faith suggested somewhere around Capital Avenue. Goal is to avoid parks during this time of COVID-19. Barb suggested the tunnel under University Avenue or ramp going down to the tunnel. The museum will be promoting this activity.
3. Approval of March minutes: Sally made a motion to approve; John seconded. Approved, with no changes. (No meeting in April.)
4. Announcements, reminders, and good works: Aaron mentioned that the Farmers Market at Digestive Health is set up and he likes the layout. Giovanna agreed. Barb shared that her neighbors will be converting the Little Free Library at Marsh and Brody Lanes into a Little Free Pantry. Same organization sponsors both.
5. Reports
- a. President: Aaron will forward Stewart's construction projects report to everyone.
 - b. Treasurer: Joan reviewed donations to Friends of Merrill Spring, Crestwood School Garden and the Lussier Center. She reported that we received nice thank you notes from all three groups. Joan reviewed year to date expenses and income. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.
 - c. Alder/Supervisor: Keith reported that there is new signage about no dogs in parks. Encouraged the use of forums to encourage giving to organizations during this time. Participation in the Census in our area is high. Developer of Brennan's site is considering short term vs. long term decisions, for example, whether or not to put in a business with a drive through.
 - d. Parks and Natural Areas: 1) Faith reported that work on the harbor wall is delayed, waiting for FEMA money; 2) The harbor is with filled sediment and water is shallow. Mark said he was not sure where funding will come from to dredge. Faith thought the

charge for using boat ramp was going to be used to fund for dredging. Sally said county money was used last time; 3) Spring Harbor Park—lots of garlic mustard. Tagging all over. 4) Boat ramp: Fishermen are not properly distancing; 4) Parks supplied mulch for Spring Harbor Park paths quickly. 5) Friends of Merrill Spring is working on documentation for historical designation of Merrill Spring Park; 6) Spring Harbor Middle School green house and gardens could use help since students are not around. Barb suggested advertising that the school gardens are open.

6. Business

- a. Everyone was in agreement that the 4th of July picnic and parade should be canceled. Will be announced in the newsletter and via Facebook, the Web site and the listserve.
- b. Labor Day Jazz event: Aaron advocates keeping the event scheduled at this time since it is a manageable size and a positive event. Will be advertised in the newsletter (Barb to supply information to Liz).
- c. Newsletter articles/assignments: Liz said that the newsletter will come out at the usual time. She will look into other places to print since the printing cost of the last issue had jumped up quite a bit from previous issues; this was a surprise to her. There was a discussion about articles for the issue: event cancellations; participation in the federal census; highlight positive things to do in neighborhood; alternate summer activities. There was a brief discussion about value of a hardcopy of newsletter and there was agreement that people do read it. Articles are due to Liz by June 10.
- d. High school graduation parade: will be discussed by email.
- e. Spring Harbor Beach: Sally reported that the area is overcrowded, and there safety issues (people too far out in water, in the way of boats). Keith reported that the City will be putting up ropes to indicate the swimming area.

7. Aaron adjourned meeting at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning