

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Dale Heights Church**

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Jeanette Tierney, Barbara Schulz-Becker, Bill Fitzpatrick, Stan Fuka, Greg Hull, Mary Beth Dunning, Aaron Crandall

Also in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Jeremy Levin

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

October meeting minutes, approved as corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report--Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill stated that the report for this meeting was the same report presented on October 27, 2015 at the fall membership meeting.

Tonight's report was approved as presented.

4. General Membership Meeting Wrap-up

There was general agreement that the meeting went well and that the main speaker (Natalie Erdman, City of Madison Director of Planning, Community and Economic Development) did a good job of talking about her position and the initiatives of her office. There was general agreement that attendance was down from previous meetings, and there was a short discussion about whether or not there was adequate notice about the meeting. Notification included the fall newsletter, the listserve, the web site and Neighbor Next Door. Bill suggested having a written agenda available for reference during membership meetings. There was general agreement that this is a good way to keep the meeting focused on the agenda and to ensure that agenda items would not be overlooked.

The secretary will make sure the agenda is displayed and/or copies of the agenda are made available at future membership meetings.

5. SHNA Newsletter article guidelines

Barb Schulz-Becker read Shary Bisgard's letter of objection about the content of state representative Terese Berceau's column in the fall newsletter. Area resident Jo Rummelhart also wrote a letter of objection about the content.

There was a discussion about creating and enforcing guidelines for appropriate content for the newsletter and ensuring that facts and opinions are appropriately identified (and to possibly include a word limit and a disclaimer that some of the content may be the author's opinions). There was general agreement that it will be appropriate to talk to the authors about these guidelines. There was also discussion about whether or not space in the newsletter should be given to elected officials since they have other outlets for disseminating information to their constituents.

Greg Hull said that he thought that there was value in providing a forum for elected officials, which led to a short discussion about giving at least the city and county representatives space to report on issues of

interest to the neighborhood. No decision was made to not offer space in future newsletters to elected officials.

Herman Felstehausen offered to talk to Terese about appropriate content in future newsletter articles.

6. Support building the Midtown police station?

Greg said that he thinks the neighborhood should let the city know that it supports the creation of the new police station at 4018 Mineral Point Road. Jeremy Levin said that the station was likely to be approved at tonight's city council meeting. No action was taken.

7. Development Update – Herman Felstehausen

Herman started off by saying that there is a lot of development in the neighborhood and around the borders of the neighborhood association, and he encouraged the board to be proactive and make its interest in the projects known when these projects that have impact on the neighborhood. Herman cited the 300 car parking lot and the 9000 sq. ft. rain garden/detention/settlement pond in University Crossing, and the Hill Farms neighborhood plan, as examples.

Herman gave brief updates on:

- 1) Hill Farms State property redevelopment: construction up around the project, community gardens gone.
- 2) 5404 Lake Mendota Drive: start of project delayed, demolition sign not posted in time. Plan Commission will take up the project again at its meeting on 12/7. Herman suggested sending a letter to the county's zoning department expressing the neighborhood's concerns about the project. Jeremy Levin suggested using language that the county would use in their reports and relate concerns to ones expressed to the city. No action was taken.

Herman was asked about the Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan. Herman said he will follow up to see if the plan has been finalized.

8. City Alder Report – Mark Clear

None.

9. Dane County Supervisor Report – Jeremy Levin

Jeremy highlighted some of the county budget items of interest to the group and that he is involved with as chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee. The county has officially purchased the Messner site for the day shelter. Bethel Lutheran Church and Porchlight will continue to provide gap services until the shelter is opened next fall. The county will be funding a storm water/chloride study and will be working with the USGS.

10. Other Business

Greg said he attended the mayor's conference and hosted a table discussion on how to get more people involved in neighborhoods. Greg said he is chairing a group studying strategies to increase involvement.

11. Bye Shary! =(

Date of next meeting: January 12 (no meeting in December)

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning