

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Thursday, September 24, 2020
via Zoom

Approved Minutes

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

Others in attendance: Faith Fitzpatrick, Keith Furman

Aaron called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Fall Newsletter

- Newsletter articles and assignments were reviewed. Liz still looking for a printing service with lower cost. The typical printing cost for an issue of the newsletter is \$400 but the cost of the last issue jumped up unexpectedly. Liz explained how she has been getting a discount for the past few years. Joan reported that printing costs so far this year have added up to a \$1000, budgeted \$1300.
- Stan needs fewer copies. Aaron told Liz to use Office Depot for now.
- There was a short discussion about selling ads in future to offset printing costs. Keith suggested putting blurb in next newsletter to judge interest. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- October 20—deadline for articles to Liz. Discussion about making sure newsletter mentions/addresses COVID, current situation and how affects the neighborhood.
- There is general agreement that it is important to keep printing and distributing the newsletter door to door since not doing other things, such as in person events, to stay in touch.

Fall Meeting

- Keith encourages us to have a fall meeting. Barb suggested having over the dinner hour. Aaron suggested using the breakroom feature and have an icebreaker and mingle time.
- Will advertise meeting in newsletter and will have people to sign up on web site so we can send the Zoom meeting link; do not want to publish in the newsletter. Mary Beth will set up a Google form to use for sign-up. Date TBD, will be on a Thurs evening, 7:00 (6:45 start for socializing). Mary Beth will send out meeting link to people who signed up.
- Guest speakers were suggested. Keith offered to get city staff to come talk. He also suggested Luzzier Community Education Center director, Paul Terranova. Sally cautioned about singling out a particular organization. Sally suggested someone to present the findings of the Urban Forestry Report. The new superintendent of MMSD was suggested. Aaron will work on inviting the guest speaker.

New Board Member Vote

- Mark Williams has offered to serve as Area 4 director, replacing John Patrick. At this point in the year, only a board vote in favor is needed. Giovanna made the motion to accept Mark as the new director; Joan seconded the motion. [Welcome and Thank you Mark!] Board elections are held at the spring neighborhood meeting.

Halloween discussion

- Madison Public Health has not canceled door to door trick or treating. Mary Beth will send city guidelines to the SHNA listserve.
- The neighborhood association will not formally organize or endorse any activity.

Reports

- Alder—Keith reported that there is a water utility investigation of Well 14 which will explore options to improve the water quality; report is due in 2021 and will show options for what is technically and financially feasible. There is money in the city budget for developing a plan. A city budget deficit and department cuts as a result of COVID-19 will be announced. There is no plan to start redevelopment of the Brennan's site soon and the developer may sell the property. Faith commented that the abandonment option is a surprise and this would be a big deal for neighborhood. Permanent harbor wall replacement will take place next year. Harbor dredging is planned for next year.
- Supervisor—None.
- Treasurer—Joan reported that people are continuing to donate and pay dues. Membership is up to 200. Someone asked about the room use donation for the use of the Dale Heights Church basement as a meeting place. Barb made a motion to lower the amount from last year since we are not using the space as much this year; Mary Beth suggested \$100. Barb made a motion to continue the annual donation reduced to \$100, Mary Beth seconded the motion. Sally suggested that we think about donations to other organizations serving the west side of Madison.
- Planning and Development—
 - Everyone received by email a copy of Stewart Ellison's project report for October.
 - A few weeks ago a crane toppled over at construction site on Lake Mendota Dr. The neighbor's house was damaged; no one was hurt.
 - Spring Harbor Park—Faith reported that a hickory tree fell during a storm this summer and playground equipment was damaged. The equipment has been repaired. A no-mow zone has been established further away from playground to help new trees take root. Faith added that the hickory grove is old so tree roots are fragile.
 - Giovanna reported that there was a lot of debris at beach this summer. Beach erosion not fixed; Nancy Ellison (Clean Lakes lake steward for our area is talking to the city about this.
- Other Business
 - Approval of May meeting minutes—Liz made the motion to approve, Joan seconded. Approved with no changes.

Next meeting: October 22

Meeting adjourned by Sally at 8 pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning