

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)
BOARD MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 9, 2014
EVP Coffee – University Crossing**

Approved Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Mary Beth Dunning, Jeanette Tierney, Greg Hull, Stan Fuka, Greg Hull, Shary Bisgard, Kim McBride, Barb Schultz-Becker, Jeff Schneider, Aaron Crandall

Also in attendance: Jeremy Levin, Mark Clear, Alice Erickson

Approval of Minutes of August Meeting

Approved, with changes.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Fitzpatrick

- Income this year has surpassed what was expected to be taken in this year. Expenses for the year will be greater than the amount taken in, though, because the funds designated for vegetative management will be spent this year
- Donations are two times the amount of paid membership dues. Bill said that donations are not being sent in by non-members
- Report approved

Newsletter advertisements/Articles due September 18th

- Discussion continued from the last board meeting about the need to update the neighborhood newsletter advertising policy. It was decided that the new policy should be in place for the spring newsletter. Mary Beth and Greg are compiling a list of advertisers to send the new policy to; Shary is writing a draft of the cover letter. Bill contributed links to other neighborhood newsletters that had information about advertising rates
- There was a discussion about the need for an advertising chair and creating a job description for the advertising chair
- The updated advertising policy will be presented to the membership at the fall meeting in October
- Articles for the fall newsletter: board president's letter with information about the October membership meeting and potluck; an article on Merrill Spring (tentatively to be written by Faith Fitzpatrick); membership thank you (with encouragement to join); how to sign up for the SHNA listserve; Garden Club; Halloween; Love lakes/Don't leaf; development in area

The fall membership meeting will be on October 21, at the Spring Harbor Middle School. The meeting will start at 6:00, followed by a potluck. The new principal of Spring Harbor Middle School, Pamela Waite, is confirmed as a speaker.

Jazz Picnic Wrap up—Barb Schultz-Becker

Barb said that, because the band was concerned about rain, during the week before the concert arrangements were made to have the concert in the basement of the Dale Heights Church. However, the band changed its mind on the day of the concert and set up in the park as planned. It did rain and the concert was canceled at the last minute. Emails were sent out to the listserve about the change in location and the cancellation. Hand-made signs were put up about the change in location.

Barb said that the band still expects to be paid, which is customary in weather related situations like this one. The Board approved the payment.

There was a short discussion about contingency planning for future concerts that included the use of a tent for the band, change-in-venue signs that can be reused, and advertisement of a back up location in advance. Also, there was general agreement that the concert should be advertised in the June newsletter (possibly with an insert on bright paper), and with signs and the listserve closer to the date. This year the concert was advertised with a separate flier delivered on its own close to the date of the concert, which created extra work for everyone who delivers newsletters. Barb said that rain dates generally don't work for the band.

Development Update

None.

Halloween Party

Greg will contact Stephanie Grainger to see how the planning for this year's party is going.

Dane County Board Supervisor Report – Jeremy Levin

Jeremy talked about some of the projects and issues that the County Board of Supervisors are working on: opening of new domestic abuse center, expansion of the landfill; purchase of a house on the east side to create a cooperative for young homeless adults; and the need for stop gap services if the plan for the homeless resource center in the town of Madison falls through.

The county budget cycle is starting and agencies have submitted their proposed budgets. The budget includes funds for a regional (10 county) food share program operated by the county's Human Services department.

Jeanette asked why yard waste compost was no longer available to the public. Jeremy said the City of Madison, which contributed the bulk of the compost, has

withdrawn from the composting program. The County has ended its participation because the program is no longer feasible.

Shary asked Jeremy about the County's policy on the use of road salt this coming winter. Jeremy said he would check to see if there are any changes from previous years. Greg said he would appreciate Jeremy checking, to show that the salt issue is on neighborhood's mind even in warm weather.

City Alder Report – Mark Clear

Mark said that a tree fell on the cottage in Merrill Spring Park during a recent storm and the cottage will be torn down, which means the end of plans for cottage. The tree had a rotten stump but there was no visible sign of this. There is no timeline to remove the damaged structure. Bill voiced his concern about protecting the spring from possible damage from equipment brought in to remove the cottage. Mark said that there is no money in the current budget for the work at this time. Eric Kneep is the new parks department director.

The triangle area at the corner of Whitney Way and University Avenue is shown in the Hill Farm Neighborhood plan. Shary asked Mark if it would be worth the effort to send the City a letter saying the triangle area is shown in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan and asking if the triangle area could be taken out of the Hill Farms plan. Mark did not recommend doing this. Bill asked if a notation could be put in the Hill Farm neighborhood plan that the area is of interest to SHNA. Mark said this information is being put into the plan. Mark will send the Board the final version, which will show this information.

Shary expressed to Mark her concern about a duplex on Capital Avenue becoming CDA housing. Mark will talk to Natalie Erdman.

The left turn light at Capital Ave will be re-programmed so that there is a protected left turn.

Kim asked Mark about repairing the dip in Lake Mendota Drive, right before the golf course. Mark said the City is waiting for construction of the house in that stretch to be finished.

There will be signage installed on the bike path crossing at Flambeau Road to help improve bicycle safety in the area.

Other Business

None.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, at Dale Heights Church

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning

