

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M., Thurs, September 29, 2022
Via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Board members and committee chairs in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Tom Kneubuehl, Jeff Bauer, Erin McGrath, Stan Fuka, Matt Seib, Tanya Cunningham, Liz Freitick, Mary Beth Dunning, Joan Martin

Welcome and introductions—Aaron called the meeting to order. No introductions necessary.

Approval of August meeting minutes--Minutes approved with minor corrections.

All Neighbor Meeting on Tuesday, 10/25

Tom reported that the main speaker will be State Archeologist James Skibo, who will talk about the discovery of the ancient dugout canoe in Lake Mendota. There was a short potluck discussion about the main dish and how much to buy for an expected crowd of around 75 people. Tanya has contacted Gino's about the price and quantity of lasagna (Metcalf's no longer make banquet-sized dish like this). Tanya will also bring some apple cider. Mary Beth will bring paper plates, cups and plastic utensils for people who do not bring theirs, and water in the big Thermos jug. Before the main speaker, there will be a short business meeting to include the treasurer's report and committee reports. Tanya will introduce the formation of an ad hoc communications committee; Tanya said she would be glad to head up communication committee and will draft a blurb about the project for the newsletter. Erin proposed that we put up signs about the meeting around the neighborhood like we do for other events. Mary Beth will have signs made for neighborhood meeting. Liz will organize a giveaway drawing for four compost bins (provided by the City) at the meeting. Aaron has raffle tickets we can use. Liz needs to provide to the City documentation of how the bins were given away.

REPORTS

Treasurer

- Joan reported that Dave Ropa of Spring Harbor Middle School is requesting \$150.00 for the greenhouse and gardens. Funds are already designated in the budget (line item SHMS Garden) for this request, which is annual or periodic, so no vote needed. The increase in the donation to Shorewood Fire Association will be reflected in 2023 budget.
- Aaron reported that Faith said the buckthorn removal in Spring Harbor Park happened last week. Funds to cover SHNA's contribution to the cost of invasive removal has already been approved and the funds are included in the Natural Resources and General Funds line items and were being held until requested so no vote needed. Joan will send money to the contractor. Faith asked for a description of how the funds in this line item have been used—Joan will provide to Faith. Joan requested for \$150.00 for perennial plantings at Spring Harbor Beach, funds to come out of budget line item Garden/Park Planting Fund.

Natural Resources

- There is discussion about the loss of trees due to the Lake Mendota Drive project and the future loss of trees and a proposal for a subcommittee on climate change that would work on tree planting plan for the SHNA area. There was agreement that this endeavor would show forward thinking by the neighborhood association. No action was taken.

- Faith reported on the Spring Harbor wall and the upcoming dredging project. Plantings and vegetation have been put in place around the harbor wall. There was a question about the scope of the dredging. Faith said the City thinks harbor outfall can take more water and there will be more work on the flood mitigation/watershed plan; Faith commented that the City is not using new techniques and cited Sauk Creek as an example that does. Baker Avenue drainage project has been postponed.
- Water line replacement along Lake Mendota Drive—Faith commented that the project is on track to be completed by mid-October. Jeff stated that the neighborhood needs to be proactive and vigilant about damage caused by the big equipment. Faith described smelling chlorine in Merrill Spring creek discharge. Aaron recommending using the report a problem feature on City’s web site.

Planning and Development

- Tom reported on the road work being done on the north end of Lake Mendota Dr.: storm water pipes being put in, redoing yellow gas lines. Matt added that a stretch of sewer needs to be replaced, means more excavation, feels signage telling people to avoid area is inadequate, and is concerned about storm water mitigation efforts and amount of sediment going into the lake.
- Redevelopment of Brennan’s project—no new information. Liz described the heavy construction truck traffic going by her house on Capital Ave to the site and from Old Middleton Road where road work is being done.
- Faith said the ad hoc committee is meeting with the City to discuss more planning for rain gardens along Lake Mendota Drive. The City wants neighbors to adopt and maintain them. Faith suggested that the neighborhood association show support and be responsible for coordinating maintenance of the rain gardens as part of its environmental focus. Joan asked if a rain garden subcommittee is part of the plan and Faith said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning