

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA)**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**Via Zoom**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

Board members: Jeff Bauer (Area 4), Mary Beth Dunning (Secretary), Stan Fuka (Area 6), Erin McGrath (Area 5), Matt Seib (President); Aaron Crandall (Past President); Tanya Cunningham (Area 2)

Committee chairs: Faith Fitzpatrick (Natural Resources), Tom Kneubeul (Planning and Development)

**Welcome**

No introductions needed.

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes**

Approved with no changes.

**Updates/Reports**

*Treasurer's Report:* None.

*Alder/Supervisor:* None.

*Planning and development*

\*Tom gave an overview of construction in the neighborhood. Interest rates are affecting building of big homes along the lake shore; lots are costing one million plus. Little activity right now.

There was a general discussion about trends in home building in neighborhood.

\*Matt: There are two projects on the lake shore and the home owners are open to hearing concerns of neighbors, to make sure there are no major objections.

\*Tom: There are no City ordinances to stop people from building big homes such as in 6-7,000sq foot range.

\*New home being built on Spring Court across two lots (tearing down existing homes).

Matt suggested inviting architect and owners to come to future meeting to hear neighbor concerns. Tom suggested that since there are no city ordinances regarding size, the strategy should be to appeal to owners about this concern. Tanya suggested that individual home owners should be voicing concern rather than the neighborhood association and SHNA's role should be to inform and educate neighbors about voice concerns.

*Natural Resources*

Faith reported on the status of the new rain gardens that are part of the Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction project. Planting delayed due to the timeline of the reconstruction; will happen in the spring. However, the Turtle Garden, an existing rain garden at the corner of LMD and Spring Court, will be planted at the end of October. Faith said that she would like to get kids involved in the Turtle Garden (a girl scout troop was involved in the original planting several years ago), but need to be accompanied by parent. Aaron said he will ask his daughter's troop leader if they

would like to help. Faith said there is a 4-day planting window. Faith also reported that Phil Gaebler can be the guest speaker at Fall membership meeting.

*LMD ad hoc committee:* None.

*FMS:* None.

*Other updates:* None.

### **Board Position Vacancies**

Matt reported that the vice president and secretary positions are open and that the bylaws say it is okay for the Board to fill positions outside of a membership meeting. [The Board is elected, as a slate, at the Spring membership meeting.] Erin has agreed to be the Secretary and will also remain Area 5 director.

### **Fall Meeting and Potluck Planning**

Phil Gaebler will be the guest speaker and will give an update on the LMD rain gardens and talk about what people can do to build a rain garden in their own yard. Joan has reserved Dale Heights Church (lower level meeting space by the kitchen) for the meeting. Aaron suggested getting food donations from neighborhood businesses such as Kwik Trip. Tanya will purchase the lasagna, like she did last year. Mary Beth will inventory paper goods and purchase if needed. Erin and Mary Beth will arrange for the audio-visual equipment; Mary Beth will check with the speaker to see what equipment he needs.

### **Transportation Improvement Plan Discussion**

Postponed to future meeting.

### **Fall Newsletter Content**

Faith asked that there be a reminder about clearing leaves out street gutters. Matt will send out a call for articles and submission deadline.

### **Jazz Concert Recap**

Mary Beth reported that it went well, as usual. Small crowd, possibly due to heat. Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries brought apples and Mary Beth brought bottled water. Thanks to John Becker and Barb Schultz-Becker for arranging for the good music.

### **Other Discussion Items and Future Agenda Items**

Faith will have more details about the neighborhood grant she is working on.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning