

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Dale Heights Church

APPROVED MINUTES

Introductions and roll call

Aaron Crandall called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

- Board members in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Stan Fuka, Kim McBride, Janet Loewi, Mary Beth Dunning, Barb Schultz-Becker, Joan Martin, Jussi Snellman
- Also in attendance: Stewart Ellison, Nancy Ellison, Herman Felstehausen, Jennifer Sereno (Lake Mendota Drive), Ted Francis, Jeremy Levin

Approval of August minutes

Approved with minor changes.

Announcements and Good Works

Jennifer Sereno was at the meeting to introduce herself to the Board and announce that she is considering running for the District 19 alder seat, currently occupied by Keith Furman (who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Mark Clear and says he is not planning to run for the seat).

Labor Day Jazz Event Recap

Barb reported that because of the rain, the event was held at the Dale Heights Church. It was a small audience of about two dozen. No one brought food, just listened. John was able to find a substitute singer so there were three musicians, which was the number of musicians the fee was approved for.

Fall Newsletter and Fall All-Neighborhood Meeting

- Fall newsletter articles are due today.
- Neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23
 - Potluck, starting at 6:30pm; 7:30pm—speaker (to be determined). The meeting/potluck will be held in the Dale Heights Church basement. Someone suggested that signs be put up at the middle school to remind people about the location.
 - Janet suggested having someone from the City Engineering be the main speaker.

Action: Aaron will invite Sheila Stubbs and Keith Furman for a possible meet and greet during potluck. Aaron will contact Charlie Romines, new head of City Engineering.

Discussion on influencing Brennan's redevelopment

Barb asked if the neighborhood can have some influence on what kind of businesses will in the first floor of the building.

- Herman said that the project has been approved by Plan Commission. Plans call for three commercial spaces, which will limit the kind of businesses that can go in those spaces.
- Aaron said, we can't tell them what we want, we can tell them what we don't want.
- Herman says Randi Bruce seemed agreeable to meeting with neighborhood again.

- Herman suggested that the Board needs to help find representatives to attend meetings so that it is not just Herman and Stewart attending.
- Aaron suggested that the Board should have Randi Bruce come back to hear concerns.
- Barb suggested that an article about this project be put into newsletter to make readers aware of what the issues and concerns are and to provide information about whom to contact to voice concerns.
- Herman said that the City does refer to the neighborhood plan and that the neighborhood does have a certain amount of influence since all developers are obligated to present plans to the neighborhood and the developer is obligated to respond to concerns.

Reports

- a. County Supervisor—Jeremy Levin gave a brief update on the county budget progress. He described some of the issues and concerns that are part of the budget, such as the water levels of lakes, phosphorous levels, urban water quality. Jeremy said that there is a survey asking for public input on future growth planning for the greater Madison area and he will put a link to the survey in the article that he is writing for the newsletter.
- b. Planning and Development Committee—Stewart Ellison reviewed a list of residential and commercial building projects in the neighborhood. In general, there is not been much progress in the last month because of the rain and some projects have problems with water levels. Aaron asked about the Perkins redevelopment; Stewart said that preliminary plans have been submitted to the City so making some progress.
 - a. In light of the growing concern about run-off into the lake and rising salt levels, Jussi proposed that now is the time to think about promoting the installation of curbs and gutters as a shared neighborhood effort to make improvements to the streets. Stewart said he met with Keith Furman to discuss things that need to be remedied in the neighborhood and re-doing the streets is one of them. He said the City wants to re-do what's under the surface of the road and regardless of what kind of curb is installed, they want to fix storm water drainage problems. Herman added that this involves complicated financial costs and there is a street repair priority list. There was agreement that it is a good idea to have a neighborhood-wide discussion which will help in raising the awareness of the need to fix the streets in the neighborhood. There was agreement that it would be a good idea to invite Charlie Romines, new head of City Engineering, to come talk at a neighborhood meeting.
- c. There was a short discussion about how to report a missing silt fence on a construction site. There was agreement that it's being a good neighbor to say something without interfering with construction.
- d. Lake Steward Report—Nancy Ellison she is has been testing the toxins from the algae for a Clean Lakes Alliance/University study that will determine when toxin levels rise. She reported that the harbor wall by the boat launch is eroding. There is caution tape up to keep people from fishing along the wall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning