

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA)
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022
Via Zoom**

APPROVED MINUTES

In attendance

- Board members and committee chairs: Aaron Crandall, Aaron Collins, Tanya Cunningham, Mary Beth Dunning, Faith Fitzpatrick, Liz Freitick, Stan Fuka, Janet Loewi, Tom Kneubuehl, Joan Martin, Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries, Sally Miley, Mark Williams
- Alder Keith Furman
- Neighbors in attendance: Heather & Steve Crade (Lake Mendota Dr); Inez Brunner (LMD); Leslie Herje (LMD); Matt Seib (Taychopera), Candy Schrank (LMD), Bob Nelson (LMD)

Welcome/Introductions

Aaron called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves. 19 participants.

Remembering Lillian Tong

Aaron asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lillian Tong, long-time resident of Indian Hills on Tomahawk Trail.

Announcements

- Sally is moving out of the neighborhood in June so she will not be seeking re-election to the board. House has already sold. [Thank you, Sally, for your years of service on the Board!]
- Aaron Collins—running for Dane County Supervisor, would like to continue to be on the board (Go Aaron!)

Lake Mendota Drive Reconstruction: Discussion and Updates

Alder Furman gave an update on the project plans and timeline.

- There is link to the recording of the January 11th City Engineering public meeting on his Alder's blog
- Project page has details—link on Alder's blog
- Will be done in 3 sections, 3 years in a row
- Funding in capital budget
- Watershed study has contributed to the priority of the project
- Engineering working on draft designs—another public meeting will be scheduled for feedback
- Survey results being taken into consideration
- 10-15% assessment is owner's responsibility, to be paid over time

Aaron said that the public meeting will be an opportunity to interact with city staff and express concerns and issues in person.

Discussion:

- Heather & Steve—many houses have short drive ways, is city taking into consideration impact on shortening driveways, safety issues if have to park on street? Keith: yes but not looking to create hardships; greater good rather than impact on one house
- Matt—concern about impact on side streets

- Bob—concern about use of word “tweaking” plans; Keith--no major changes after plans are approved; send concerns now (ex: installation of sidewalks) to Keith and City Engineering
- Leslie—concern about rushed timeline
- Liz—Capital Ave project, safety was focus, neighbors fought plans, unhappy
- Inez—Asked for clarification—does curbs and gutters include sidewalks? Keith: if there is a walking lane and no sidewalk, it is a state law that street would need to be widened, take down trees. City commitment to sidewalks, depend on funding
- Faith—concerned about short timeframe, assessments in March, request to slow down. Usually have citizen oversight. Keith said he had never heard of this. Keith—happy to delay if neighborhood brings reasons and concerns backed with information, not just “I don’t want”.
- Leslie—asked why not able to explore alternatives. Ex: Hammersley Rd. Keith—send him examples
- Bob—neighborhood meeting to discuss? Aaron—watch for more information; Aaron will figure out strategy, create a neighborhood association position
- Sally—equity issue—older people with mobility issues are not out on LMD, too dangerous

Spring All-Neighbor Meeting Planning

Suggested speakers:

- Sally—urban forest report, recommendations based on study City did: what’s been done, what means for an established neighborhood like ours
- Aaron: Sustain Dane
- Matt: Civil engineering presentation on infrastructure, LEED certification, value of civil infrastructure, all the benefits, way to communicate value to residents. Matt offering to give.
- Mary Beth: State archeologist, finding of historic dugout canoe in Lake Mendota Drive

Tentative date: Thurs, April 21st—6:45pm, most likely via Zoom

Continue speaker discussion by email—Mary Beth will compile suggestions and send to board members

Newsletter Planning

Delivered two weeks before meeting

Articles due to Liz by March 27

Articles:

- Liz will send out a request to usual contributors
- Announce board elections in newsletter; election at spring meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning