

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Dale Heights Church**

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members in attendance: Kim McBride, Bill Fitzpatrick, Stan Fuka, Greg Hull, Janet Loewi, Jeff Schneider, Mary Beth Dunning, Barb Schultz-Becker

Also in attendance: Herman Felstahausen

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Approved with changes. Beginning with January meeting, minutes will be sent out for review on the Thursday prior to next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill reviewed his 2012 end of year report. Highlights: More income than expenses (a couple of hundred dollars over projected); funds for the vegetative management plan will most likely need to be spent now that the University Avenue reconstruction project is done. Dues are \$10/year. There was a question about the possibility of reallocating funds that had accumulated and not spent for a while and Bill said that it was possible if the Board wishes. The Projected Budget for 2013 will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

The final payment to Urban Assets will soon be sent, which will bring closure to that agreement. No objections to sending the payment were voiced.

Youssef Amraoui/Marrakesh Restaurant

The owner of the restaurant opening in the location of the closed Shish Café gave a brief description of the new restaurant: Middle Eastern/Moroccan (main focus)/Mediterranean food. Planning to open on January 20. Hours will be 11AM-2:30PM and 5-9PM, with later closing hours on weekend. Closed on Monday. Mr. Amraoui said he is applying for a liquor license. He also said that he is renting the building.

5225 University Ave (Good N Loud Music site) Update- Herman Felstehausen

Herman gave an update on the proposed Krupp project: The plan has been approved by the City Plan Commission. Feedback from the Commission: Landscaping, drainage, traffic issues still need to be addressed. Krupp will redesign drive so that it will not interfere with the crosswalk to the entrance of Indian Hills. There will be more signage to help direct traffic. Conditional use granted included hours of operation: 6AM-10PM and outdoor amplified sound is not allowed.

The Design Commission wants to see a redesigned landscaping plan that improves storm water retention (90%), and provides more green space. Barb Schultz-Becker asked about the standard for green space: Herman stated that the City's requirement is 10%, but the current plan does not meet the requirement. Herman said that the developer proposed a shared drive with the Degan-owned property to direct traffic to the back of the development and out Whitney Way, but Mr. Degan said no to the idea.

Proposal to Create a Planning and Development Committee

Herman reviewed his proposal to formalize the Planning and Development Committee. The committee would take the lead on educating the neighborhood on development issues and making the City aware of potential issues. This committee would replace the Zoning and Redevelopment Committee. Kim McBride gave a brief history of the Zoning and Redevelopment Committee and how it had morphed into the Residential Guidelines Committee. There was a brief discussion about a need for the zoning and development committee. No action was taken.

Neighborhood Sign Update

None

2013 Direction/Goals

Greg Hull agreed with Herman's proposal to create a Planning and Development Committee and said he would like neighborhood to be proactive in working on storm water issues, and planning and development education.

Kim McBride said that Alice Erickson is interested in starting a Friends of Merrill Spring group.

Barb said that the Watch committee will remain active and reminded everyone to stop and talk to kids. Greg added that the action plan needs to be implemented.

City Alder Report (Mark Clear sent by email)

"I have a council meeting on Tuesday so I won't be able to attend the board meeting. Two items of note that are not already on your agenda:

1. Youssef Amraoui has applied for a new alcohol license to open a restaurant called Marrakesh in the former Shish Cafe space. I recommended that he contact you about coming to the board meeting, but since I don't see it on the agenda, perhaps he has not done so. Nevertheless, you can read the application at the link below. If the board wishes to make a recommendation on the application, that would be welcome.

<http://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1266604&GUID=2020115B-DED6-4152-9850-D48B40146441>

2. If Jeremy is there, please ask him to follow up if he has not already done so on the poor job the County did clearing University Avenue after the Big Snow. As probably the entire neighborhood is aware, the turn lanes did not get cleared until the afternoon of Thursday the 27th, a full week after the storm.

County Supervisor Report (Jeremy Levin sent by email)

Happy New Year! I will be unable to make Tuesday's meeting, I have a potential conflict and with SHNA discussing 2013 Goals you might need my time. Plus, the Board has had only one meeting since I was last at SHNA and the only item of note was a report on how the daytime homeless shelter was going (well from the report, but the group has already heard me talk about this). Our next meeting is January 10, delayed because of the New Year, but we'll be on a regular schedule after that, so I'll have two meetings to report on at the February SHNA meeting.

Other Business

Kim said that there has been a suggestion to add to "Computer Help" to the Bulletin Board section of the newsletter. No objection was voiced.

Date of Next Meeting-Tuesday, 2/12

Submitted by Mary Beth Dunning