

11-7-11 SHNA Board Meeting
Approved Minutes

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

Others in attendance: Lori Peppard, Mark Clear, Jeremy Lavin

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM

Halloween Party Report

Lori Peppard (Halloween Party committee chair) reported that the party ran from 2-3:30pm and was busy from start to finish. 75 people attended, lots of little kids. Volunteers were neighborhood kids of all ages (elementary, middle, & high school) and were all super help. Lots of food: donated cider and pizza, in addition to treats brought by neighbors. New people in neighborhood attended. Thought the party was a nice opportunity for current residents and new residents to meet. Greg asked Lori if there were any changes she would like to make for next year. Lori said it would be nice to have an active co-chair. Janet stated that there was a committee in the past, and she offered to help reconstitute it. Greg said he would be proactive in getting out a request for a co-chair and committee members for next year. Lori said she will be chair next year.

Review of 10/11/11 Board Meeting Minutes

Approved with changes.

SHNA Treasurer's Report Audit

Discussion focused on timing and necessity of audit. Historically there has been an audit when treasurer position turns over. Last audit was on May 12, 2009. Janet thinks it is a good idea to do every year. Bill says he will prepare reports at pleasure of Board. Greg suggested doing an audit every three years, and vote was taken that indicated agreement about this timing. There was agreement no motion necessary to change timeline. Greg asked to schedule audit for May 2012.

Final Review of Updated Responsibilities for SHNA Board and Appointed Positions

- Greg asked what to do with mailings. Possibilities: post to web site, send to list serve. Greg will work with Liz to put section on web site for general interest notices.
- How to add names to listserve—if provide email address on membership form, will be added to listserve. Treasurer will forward email addresses to web master.
- Kim asked about term limits. General agreement that none necessary.
- Motion to approve as amended, seconded. Vote taken, changes approved. Janet will make changes to document.

Neighborhood Sign

There was a brief discussion about the need to invest in a new sign. There was general agreement that it was in good repair. Bill suggested freshening up with paint. Mark suggested waiting until after University Avenue reconstruction to make any major upgrades to the sign and there was agreement that this was a good idea.

5100 Spring Court, City Purchase of House and Property to Expand Merrill Spring Park

Mark reported that the sale is not final but no opposition from City. There is still a major decision to be made about what is to be done with property after purchase is finalized. Greg asked when a decision has to be made and Mark said in six months to a year. Mark also said that a recommendation from neighborhood would be good. Bill said a vision statement had been drafted awhile back, but Janet said that had never been brought to the Board. Kim said some neighbors

living near park had drafted recommendations, which included a fence. Mark said putting up fence is part of the sale agreement. Janet said an ad hoc committee of residents living near Merrill Spring had been put together years ago and could be reactivated and opened up to more of the neighborhood. Bill recommended including people with knowledge about vegetation, etc. Bill asked Mark if someone from the neighborhood should come to upcoming parks commission meeting (acquisition approval on 12/15). Mark said that it was not necessary and that he will keep the Board updated about the sale and if issues or opposition comes up. Greg says he wants to be prepared for whatever happens, and he will contact Faith about reconstituting the committee. Kim asked Mark about funding for improvements such as a fence and plantings [What did Mark say?] Kim also asked about accessible parking and Mark responded that there wasn't any plans for it since there would be restricted parking [Is this what Mark said?]

Spring Harbor Dredging Update

Bill reported that the schedule had been flipped and that Marshall Park will be dredged first and then Spring Harbor at end of November. Will take about three weeks to dredge.

City Alder Report

- University Avenue Upgrade staging plans being finalized. Neighborhood meeting when plans are set. All parts of project approved except city and county budgets.
- University Crossing developer working on final conditions of phase 1. Neighborhood information meeting for phase 2 on 12/5 (tentative). Janet asked about phase 2 SIP. Mark said it has to be approved. Both phases will be in progress at same time as University Avenue reconstruction. Janet asked about the construction of the bike path along Old Middleton Road and the railroad track. Mark says the project is in city plans, but there are design issues, but it is still on schedule to be built in 2014-15.
- Mark gave a brief accounting of some city budget issues and some of the budget amendments he has made, such as restoring the TIF money for the Edgewater project and taking out funds for the purchase of property on Fish Hatchery Road for a new city yard.

County Supervisor Report

Jeremy described some of the county budget cuts and restorations, the most controversial being the vehicle registration fee.

Safety Committee Report

Jeff reported that members of the Safety Committee met with a Meadowood Neighborhood representative, who gave them helpful information about how that neighborhood has addressed similar neighborhood safety and crime issues (for example, find out who are the leaders in the rental areas and get them involved; improve neighborhood communication by alerting residents to issues and getting out and talking to residents; encourage residents to report all concerns in order to build a record that police will pay more attention to). The committee would like to deliver a pamphlet to the neighborhood outlining safety issues, what/how to report, safety steps. Would like Board approval. Also, the committee would like to conduct a survey of the neighborhood to create record of issues, concerns and incidents. Meadowood got a grant for an independent survey. Jeremy said the county could send someone to talk about how to get this project going. Bill suggested that committee needs a different name, one that focuses on inclusiveness and community rather than crime. [Janet added something about membership but I didn't finish writing down what she said.]

Next meeting: December 13.

9:00PM Motion to adjourn.