

Minutes of Board Meeting
University Hill Farms Association
May 5, 2017 Approved August 12, 2017
Covenant Presbyterian Church

Officers and Board Members Present: Peter Hughes, Jacki Lawton, Ron Harris, Julia Barnes-Stein, Mike Lawton, Joe Keyes, David Lewandowski, Brendon Dybdahl

Excused: Mary Whitcomb, Kathy Thompson, Nick Schweitzer, Henry Hempe, Marilyn Howell,

Guests: Alder Arvina Martin

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Motion to approve the February 11, 2017 meeting minutes made by M. Lawton and seconded by Keyes. Motion approved.

2. **Alder's Report Arvina Martin**

Arvina spoke on a wide range of topics. Her committee assignments are; Water Utility Board, Transit and Parking, Joint Campus/West Committee, ADA Transit Subcommittee.

It was noted by Jacki Lawton that the Community Garden agreement for their presence in Rennebohm was for the specific location and not for future expansion. Ron Harris noted the Garden is using additional space for compost pile and private picnic table.

3. **Schools: Julia Stein-Barnes**

The VHE playground project is not proceeding as quickly as hoped. Julia noted the UHFA is committed to contribute \$1,500 for Playground elements as they are completed. The contribution was noted by acclimation.

Treasurer Report: Dave Lewandowski reported the \$2500 contribution for the City HF Plan has been paid and the check cashed. The Metcalfe's Community Contribution for the Neighbor was 1,213.38. By acclimation the Treasurer was instructed to buy USPS stamps for his mailings. A discussion of investing some funds in short terms Certificates of Deposit was discussed. David will provide more information at the August meeting. The official report to Financial Institutions has been completed. **M. Lawton made a motion, seconded by Keyes to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. **Architectural Review Committee (ARC):** Joe Keyes noted they approved a dog training area for one resident. People are reinvesting in Hill Farms properties. The ARC discusses the Historic Credit program with applicants.

5. **Planning Committee:** Mike Lawton reported the Hill Farms site on Sheboygan rehabilitation is in the City approval process. A public meeting is expected in June to be hosted by the developer, Smith-Gilbane.
6. **Safety:** Joe Keyes reported on negative response to the factual emails sent to the Safety email list. Joe and Brendon will work on better control of email list by people using Reply All.

Joe will work with Janna Casey of the Pool on Bicycle Safety Training for neighborhood youth.

Pedestrian flags might be considered for the corners at LaCrosse/Waukesha and LaCrosse/South Hill if immediate neighbors are interested.

7. **Parks:** Reported by Ron Harris:

Hill Farms Pool is full, ready for the upcoming season.

Parks has an Earth Day Challenge on the Saturday near Earth Day (April 22). If the UHFA Earth Day activities coordinate with that there would be no fee for the shelter, and it will not conflict with the Pool Clean-up Day.

A Ping Pong table should be installed in Rennebohm Park in 2017, if money issues are resolved. The concerns of the Capitol City Band have been resolved.

Ron will request the Ash trees in the playground area not be removed until the winter.

No particular problems have been noted with the leashed dogs in park pilot program.

It is plausible the Friends of Madison Parks fund-raiser "Picnic in Park" could be scheduled in Garner Park in some near future year. It will be in Hoyt Park in 2017.

The Lacrosse related parkers near Garner Park appear to be in compliance with parking regulations.

8. **Technology:** Brendon Dybdahl has a volunteer at the near ready to redesign the Website. Work continues on the email list merge of MailChimp/Database with Ben Hansen. The Garage Saale participation email has been sent (Garage Sale June 2,3). Residents and Association membership is required to in the Facebook group. Sometimes

the email blast goes to others with an interest in the neighborhood; associate members, family members.

9. **Membership:** Brendon reports 700 memberships are paid. The second notice did not go out this year because of other activities.
10. **Presidents Report:** Peter Hughes reported that about 25 children attended the Earth Day activities and especially enjoyed the building project organized by Jim Peterson.

The July 4th activities are well in hand. Ruthanne Chun may seek information to get an estimate of attendance.

M. Lawton moved and Joe Keyes seconded to provide \$150 to Sunset Village to aid landscaping at the Sunset Village sign at the Fire Station at Regent Street and Midvale.

Jim Baumann organized a garlic mustard pull in Rennebohm with 14 bags of the invasive weed properly discarded.

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn by Lewandowski, second by Keyes to adjourn at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Lawton, Secretary

1. Summer Newsletter articles due to Mary Whitcomb by May 15 (Jacki will check on revised date).
2. Autumn Newsletter will have articles due August 15 with publication about August 25. The Winter Newsletter will have articles due by November 5 with publication about November 24.