

Minutes of Board Meeting

University Hill Farms Association

August 12, 2017 Approved November 11, 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, Kathy Thompson, Nick Schweitzer, Marilyn Howell

Excused: Mary Whitcomb, Henry Hempe

Guest: Alder Arvina Martin

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

1. Motion to approve the May 5, 2017 meeting minutes passed by voice vote.

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

Arvina spoke on a wide range of topics. The West Side Police Neighborhood meeting was attended by Arvina and Joe Keyes. Locking car doors and closing garage doors will go a long way to deter the crime typical for Hill Farms. The Pop-up gatherings were commended by the Police as a good way to assure the neighbors know each other and the neighborhood children know the adults. It is good for people to attend the Implicit Bias Training.

Five locations are under consideration for the expansion of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Gardens, not all in Rennebohm Park. VHE and VHMS principals are participating in the location discussions.

Arvina had an opportunity to view the Wisconsin DOT Building on Sheboygan Avenue.

All Day parking in the Neighborhood will be an issue to be addressed. Ramp parking is \$75/month. Some parking pressures are related to bus usage.

The child enticement events during the summer are still be investigated by the MPD.

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.

Treasurer Report: Dave Lewandowski reported the July 4th donations of \$1842.85 exceeded the budget by \$642.85. W Non-stock Corp Reports was filed and the \$10.00 fee

was paid on June 8, 2017. **Schweitzer moved and J. Lawton moved to transfer \$10,000 to a 16 month CD at 1.09% interest, from the Money Market account, and transfer as much money from checking into the Money Market to keep it active at the very low interest rate.** (Actual numbers at Dave's discretion. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. **July 4th** The July 4th Parade/Picnic/Games was the best attended in recent memory. The weather was excellent. A general discussion of logistics ensued. Peter will see about getting the Great Dane Beer cooler for next year.

Hallowe'en parade and Pizza will be on Tuesday October 31 at Rennebohm Park with the usual arrangements.

Stop the Violence Picnic will be August 12 at Rennebohm Park from 4-9 pm. This is not a UHFA affiliated event. Funds of \$330.70 for food were provided to Joe to be used Metcalfe's to defray the cost of food for the event, in the spirit of goodwill. (email motion passed) This picnic is organized by 4 guys in attempt to reduce the violence resulting in a large number of gun-related deaths in the greater Madison community.

5. **Technology:** Brendon Dybdahl presented a proposal for Social Media Policy. The need was demonstrated by recent posting which became heated. **R. Harris moved, Joe Keyes second to approve the Policy as presented with some edits.** The motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Membership:** Marilyn Howell has set the membership drive dates from September 17 to October 1. There are 8 Block Captain vacancies.
7. **ARC:** Joe Keyes is now the Chair of the Architectural Review Committee. Plans for 5137 Juneau need further development.
 - a. Mike Lawton noted the Historical Boards were of great interest at the July 4th Picnic. A case needs to be build to preserve the material for display. More on this when type of case and costs are developed.
 - b. A Historian for the neighborhood is desirable, especially as more of the original and long term homeowners move to other areas.
 - c. People with interesting historic documents should be encouraged to donate them to the UHFA.

8. **Planning Committee:** Mike Lawton reported the Hill Farms site on Sheboygan rehabilitation is in the City approval process. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 30, 7:00 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The developer, Smith-Gilbane, will give the main presentation. Nearby neighborhoods, condos and other interested people have been invited. Alder Arvina Martin will send postcards to D-11.

The Frey Street Hotel construction is underway.

The Lighthouse Christian School, just at the edge of UHF at Whitney Way and Regent, will be moving to Schroeder Road according to a WSJ article on Friday. No word on whether the Church is also moving.

9. **Safety:** Joe Keyes encourages the Board to read his report of the MPD Safety Meeting. It was noted during the discussion the Safety Director acts as the representative to the West Side Police Liaison Group.
10. **Parks:** Ron Harris reported that a noise complaint was made related to particularly long, loud birthday party at Garner Park, not Opera in the Park. Amplified music is permitted for up to six hours at specific decibel levels in City parks.

Joe Keyes noted the Capital City Band Director Jim Latimer will be celebrating his 50th year of leading the band next year. Some recognition should be given to Mr. Latimer. Opinion of the Board seemed to be in the form of a card rather than a plaque. Arvina will be asked to put his achievement into the Madison process for recognition.

The table tennis fixture and chess table are expected to be constructed in Rennebohm Park by the end of September. There is some pressure from the City for UHFA to provide paddles and balls. There is no enthusiasm from the Board to provide expendable equipment.

11. **President's Report:** Peter Hughes discussed the dates for the Annual Meeting. An October evening meeting will be tried to eliminate the UW Football potential conflicts. Parking restrictions may be the topic of interest. Mike Lawton will seek appropriate speakers from City government. Other business is Election of Officers and Directors reports.

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn by Howell, second by Lewandowski to adjourn at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Lawton, Secretary