

MINUTES

University Hill Farms Neighborhood Association
August 11, 2018 at **10:00** a.m.
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rm C206 on Main Level

Attending: Peter Hughes, Ron Harris, Kathy Thompson, Joe Keyes, Brendon Dybdahl, Marilyn Howell, Cathy Auger, Mike Lawton, Jacki Lawton, Dave Lewandowski

Others attending: Jerry Noll, Andrew Hitchcock, Ryan Deverman

Unable to attend: Nick Schweitzer, Anita Sprenger, Arvina Martin, Julia Stein-Barnes

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

1. **ARC election.** Board elected Jerry Noll and Andrew Hitchcock to serve on ARC.
2. **Alder Report.** Peter Hughes, for Arvina Martin.
 - a. August 29, meeting RE residential parking permits.
 - b. Arvina is organizing a second community meeting RE Midvale auto-pedestrian collision.
3. **Approval of the Minutes for May 12, 2018.** Approved with correction.
4. **President's Report** by Peter Hughes
 - a. Comments on succession for 4th of July. Marty Mozema and John Krejcarak will coordinate the event next year. Many others expressed interest in serving as volunteers. Peter emphasized his own and our neighborhood's appreciation for the contributions and efforts of Nick Schweitzer and Joe Keyes over the years.
 - b. Continuing concerns about neighborhood parking. As of the first week of August, the 4800 block of Regent Street now is 2 hour parking, at request of residents, primarily in Karen Arms apartment; the 4800 block includes frontage on Regent Street.
 - c. Madison Neighborhood Indicators website.
 - d. Report on Metcalf's neighborhood funding program. May 2018 event, raised \$118.10.
5. **Treasurer's Report** by Dave Lewandowski. We are in good financial position. As of July 31, 2018: checking: \$13,399, Money market plus: \$2,504, CD: \$10,105. Dave paid the Wi-non-stock fee (\$10) and filed the Form 990 e-postcard with I.R.S.; these are the two required filings to maintain our status as a not-for-profit corporation. When bill arrives, Dave will write Van Hise/Hamilton PTO check for \$1,500, for playground contribution. Upcoming large expenses include printing for biennial membership directory. Jacki Lawton will request 250 to purchase a digital recorder for the oral history project. The board voted to accept the Treasurer's report.
6. **Report on 4th of July Picnic** by Joe Keyes.
 - a. Attendance, food, entertainment. Good attendance (roughly 300 people), good weather. Both cash contributions and costs were a bit above budget. For next year we will investigate renting tents for the event, to provide shade. Dave Lewandowski expressed surprise a receiving \$433 bill for insurance for the event; Nick paid the premium through the City's insurance carrier; Mike Lawton recommends this procedure for liability coverage. Need to identify a new D.J. next year. Port St. Vincent will accept any left-over food.
 - b. New coordinators for next year will be Marty Mozema and John Krejcarak, with plans to get additional volunteers for next year. John set up a Google group to coordinate efforts

among people who volunteered to organize next year's event. The board recommends that either Marty or John takes position as event director, with the other as assistant director, in keeping with UHFA bylaws. Either the director or assistant director should attend board meetings.

7. **Technology Update** by Brendon Dybdahl. Update on succession planning. Brendon introduced Ryan Deverman, who will assist UHFA with IT through the end of the year. Ryan, a software developer, will help update website and membership database. The board engaged in a general and wide-ranging discussion of the membership directory. In autumn 2018, Ryan agreed to appear on slate of officers for election as technology director, the position Brendon has held for eight years. The board recognized Brendon for his efforts on behalf of UHFA these last eight years.
8. **Safety** by Joe Keyes. Joe reported on several automobile thefts in the neighborhood, mostly due to unlocked auto doors, keys being left in cars, and unlocked garage doors. The watchword is, "lock up." UHFA neighbors should notify Joe of any incidents in the neighborhood, particularly if the events are not reported to police. Police ask residents to register security cameras.
9. **Membership & Directory** by Marilyn Howell. Next membership drive will be September 16-30. Only two vacancies for block captain.
10. **ARC and Planning Committee updates** by Mike Lawton and Joe Keyes.
 - a. ARC report. Joe reported on ARC activities. Peter asked Joe to address issue of detached sheds. Residents in several covenant groups are attempting to revise their covenants to allow detached sheds, following the conditions of each relevant covenant; it is unclear what the new standards would be.
 - b. Update on Madison Yards Development (i.e., the former DOT site). Updated construction plan should be filed soon for the first three buildings in the development. Construction should begin in early 2019, with target completion date of 2022 for all buildings. Anticipate a neighborhood meeting in September or October.
 - c. Update on Hilldale mall. WS Development, the Hilldale owner has acquired the former M&I properties, including the drive-through on Vernon Avenue. WS Development plans to construct new bank building on site of the drive through site, then redevelop the main M&I site. The owner has no specific plans for the M&I site.
 - d. **Parks** by Peter Hughes and Jacki Lawton for Anita Sprenger. The community garden is expanding into Rennebohm park and the City is moving the path through the park. Jacki and other residents provided ping pong paddles for the new outdoor table. Someone provided a chess set for the chess table, which has since disappeared. UHFA assumes that users will bring their own equipment to the park, much like tennis players bring their own rackets and balls.
11. **Newsletter** by Kathy Thompson. Newsletter deadline is August 15, with publication date of September 1.
12. **Halloween Party at Rennebohm** by Joe Keyes. We plan to hold the event, as usual.
13. **Planning for Fall 2018 neighborhood meeting** by Peter Hughes and Jacki Lawton
 - a. Meeting date: Thursday, October 11. New neighbors reception at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Possible event is Police Department officer regarding neighborhood crime and Mid-town Police Station.
 - b. Election of Board members. Proposed slate of officers:

President	Cathy Auger
Past President	Peter Hughes
Vice President	Kathy Auger
Secretary	Ron Harris

Treasurer David Lewandowski

*** new Directors:

Newsletter Mary Whitcomb and Kathy Thompson

Safety Joe Keyes

Schools Julia Stein-Barnes

July 4th Marty Mozema or John Krejcarak

Planning Mike Lawton

Technology & Web Site Ryan Deverman

Schools Julia Stein-Barnes

July 4th Marty Mozema or John Krejcarak

*** continuing directors

ARC / co-chairs Joe Keyes and Brian Ohm

Social Events Jacki Lawton

Parks Liason Anita Sprenger

14. Neighborhood Oral Histories - Library and State Historical Society by Jacki Lawton.

Jacki demonstrated the recording equipment she plans to use for the oral history project. Currently she borrows recording equipment from the UW Archives, but she will need to return the equipment soon. She proposes to purchase our own recording equipment, which will cost about \$250. UHFA would need to store the recordings, at least initially. Eventually the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin Archives, and/or Madison Public Library would archive our oral history and other collections. Board approved appropriation to purchase recording equipment, cost not to exceed \$250.

15. Additional Items

Cathy Auger notes that we need a new coordinator for the neighborhood yard sale. The board discussed need to preserve UHFA historical materials.

16. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.