

Minutes
TWNA
April 12, 2007

Steering Committee Members Present: Harriet Allen, Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Carlyn Conway, Laurie Forcier, Jeremy Gragert, Sue Miller, Bob Schwartz, Dewayne Severson.

Others Present: Eric Anderson, Mary Mickel, Mike Rindo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chair Stan Carpenter.

1. A motion was made and passed, to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Heritage days: Dewayne reported that city events, such as Heritage Days must carry a million dollar insurance policy which would cost us \$500. Dewayne also announced he will be moving from the Third Ward, and Stan agreed to take over as Chair for Heritage Days. Sue Miller will check with City Planner Pat Ivory to see what our options are regarding insurance.
3. Traffic and Parking: Stan talked to the City about parking on the curve of Roosevelt. they will get back to him. The City has changed the traffic light timing at Summit and State so there is more crossing time. Parking on Farwell was also discussed as Dewayne requested no parking on the right side of Farwell (going South) from Washington to Jefferson. Stan will check on this. Stan said he took Laurie's request for deer crossing signs on Brackett and State to the city Public Works office and they will not be putting up signs. Stan has information on the Park Pride Program. Bob will review it and report back to us.
4. Newsletter: Mary reported a new procedure for billing advertisers. Included with each bill will be a request to advertise in the next issue. A schedule of newsletter publishing dates will also be enclosed. May 3rd is the next deadline for submissions. Topics for the next newsletter include Heritage Days, tree committee report, root beer graduation party, reformation of code enforcement, delivering newsletter, ice cream guy story, comments from the Chair, Scott Gunem on Summer housing, Cheryl Miller on gardens, Police Dept. column, website box, and notice to save date for annual meeting and picnic. We hope to recruit some students to deliver papers for community service. We also will request written input from neighbors.
5. Future of Third Ward large properties: Dewayne noted that the several large houses for sale in the neighborhood could prompt requests for zoning changes or even eminent domain. Stan said UWEC Chancellor Levin-Stankevich has inquired about the houses adjacent to the University and Dewayne pointed out that two of them have been sold. Bob said that Madison has razed some decrepit housing near the their University and put in apartments with underground parking. This lowers the need for more apartments.

6. Mike Rindo: Mike explained that properties next to each other and adjacent to the University, can be viable options for use by the "U". Stan pointed out that the perception exists that "U" has not had a good record with properties they have acquired in the past. Mike then reported that the University has been working with the city to keep traffic signals on regular timing past bar time. He also mentioned "Meet Your Neighbor Night", and described a new educational program which came from student and neighbor suggestions at the meeting. Off Campus students and their parents now receive information via e-mail on how to be good neighbors. The University also has meetings scheduled on the subject.
7. Absentee Members: Stan has contacted absentee members. Mary is willing to take Skip's place as she is in the same zone. Dewayne will need to be replaced since he is moving. Mary was elected to the steering committee.
8. Eric Anderson: Eric Anderson of 1304 Jefferson St. has recently moved from Montana with his young family. He is interested in environmental sustainability issues, thinking globally and acting locally. Jeremy offered to work with Eric on a new committee. Mary requested Eric write an article for the newsletter as well.
9. Tree Report: Kathy Attermeier requested information on any construction projects for this Summer, that might endanger trees. The Farwell Street project is one. Laurie suggested buying replacement trees in bulk to lower their cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Kathy Buchholz , Secretary