

Minutes  
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Dec. 14, 2006

Steering Committee Members Present: Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Carlyn Conway, Ken Fulgione, Jeremy Gragert, Maria Henly, Rick Kayser, Jim Massey, Bob Schwartz, Dewayne Severson, Catherine Sinkewicz.

Others Present: Stephanie Bornetun, Robert Hamill, Amanda Hill, Mary Mickel, Rae Schilling, Anton Smets.

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

1. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Maria Henly reported we had \$1,637.04.
2. Anton Smets and Rae Schilling discussed their plan to request a zoning change for the house at 1705 Park Ave. from residential to C1A. They would like to purchase the house and remodel it into a Mental Health Clinic. They would have 6 part and full time employees, on the first floors, and a Maintenance person living on the third floor. Changes to the site would include converting the side yard to a 6-7 car parking lot, using the McKinley Ave. Driveway to park 4 cars, converting the garage to a conference room, adding signage, outside painting, and a wheelchair entrance to the alley back door. Some inside walls may be changed to make counseling rooms. He explained that C1A is for professional use and a zoning change to Conditional use would not be acceptable to him. Ken and Rick felt that the Planning Commission may feel conditional use is better for the neighborhood, as a C1A classification would allow other commercial uses for the next tenant. The Steering Committee suggested Anton talk to the neighbors and find out how they feel about his plan.
3. The University has a ten year plan which involves building a new Student Union, a rather tall building on the Park School site, and a new day care center. Ken suggested we meet with the University and encourage them to agree not to encroach on Third Ward property with new access roads.
4. Code Enforcement Report: Stan reported the house at 1803 State St. has had several inspections, and most violations have been taken care of. Currently there are two vacant houses on Dewey St. Stan attended the Plan Commission meeting about 431 Washington, telling the Commission we empathized, but the owner should comply with codes. Stan was invited to the inspection at 433 Summit Ave. The Landlord said students had brought more tenants into the house than were on the lease. The landlord has worked out a plan with the Landmarks Commission to install egress windows.

Mary repeated her previous request to write a philosophy as to density and safety in Third Ward Housing.

5. Traffic Safety: Jeremy met with Traffic engineer Ross Spitz and discussed the State/Graham area where 6 roads intersect making it unsafe for bicyclists. Ross said this could be addressed when State St. is redone. Jeremy felt Ross could be a good speaker for our group. Kathy then described a problem on the curve of McKinley/Roosevelt, where parked cars reduce the street to single lane traffic, and create a blind spot. The problem could be alleviated by eliminating about 5-6 parking spaces.
6. Newsletter Committee: Curt dropped off preliminary copies of the January newsletter. Stan will check with Litchfield Rentals to see if they want to run an ad next month. Ken suggested we send the newsletter to all the absentee landlords. It would run around \$200 to do this.
7. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send absentee landlords copies of the newsletter.
8. Parks Committee: Bob found a suitable shelter for Demmler Park on an internet site from Madison. The shelter is made of tubular steel with canvas laced over it for shade. It seems to be affordable and he is awaiting more information via mail.
9. Tree Committee: Rick said Beaver Creek is interested in doing a grant with us.
10. University Student Guests: Three University students, Stephanie Bornetun, Robert Hamill, and Amanda Hill were in attendance. Stephanie asked how the parking situation was going. The Steering committee said overall it is going well, although students continue garnering fines for parking on the wrong side of Lincoln Ave. She said the Student Senate is currently working on solutions to bicycle and traffic safety problems.
11. Meet Your Neighbor: Tues, Feb 13, at 6:30 P.M. at Davies Center UWEC.
12. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>. Stan will be traveling so Vice Chair Catherine Sinkewicz will preside.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.