



Sunset Village Community Association
Madison, WI 53705
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2016

Meeting Location: Bethany United Methodist Church
3910 Mineral Point Road
Madison, WI 53705

Attendees: Carl Baumann, Erin Courtenay, Diane Peltin, Liz Vowles, Sue Reynard, Beverly Flanagan, Kit Becker, Anne Badey Raffa, Melanie Kranz, Ian Orland, MaryLou McBride, Leanne Bergsthom, James Ream, Tim Gruber, City of Madison District 11 Alder

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was brought to order at 6:35. The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Ryan Henderson: Neighborhood Liaison Police Officer

Officer Henderson attended our meeting. He is assigned to our neighborhood and works from 3:00 to 11:00. He provided an update on the Midtown Police Station. He said that demolition will begin in August, 2017 and be completed by August, 2018. There will be underground parking at the completion of this project. Officer Henderson also recommended that to avert crime, we should keep our garages and homes locked. He mentioned the website: CCap which is the Wisconsin Court System Circuit Court Access To Public Records. There was also continued discussion regarding the parking on Owen Avenue and Eugenia Avenue for the entire day by commuters who do not live there. Officer Ryan requested a map of the area of concern so that he could address this issue with the Streets Department. One specific note was that cars cannot always fit through the street due to the commuter parking.

Eric Dundee: City Engineering

Eric discussed street construction for 2017-2018. Road and gutter work on Sunset Court will begin in April and May, 2017 and be completed by September, 2017. Road work on Westmorland Blvd from Hillcrest to Mineral Point Road and on Hamersley Road from Westmorland Blvd to Larkin Street will begin in 2018. There will be meetings this summer providing more details about the 2018 project. Eric said he would work with property owners regarding sewer lines and help them locate available contractors to assist them.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian Andersen submitted the budget update to Sue Reynard. As of Tuesday, November 15, our budget balance was \$8,218.62. We are awaiting the clearance of two budgeted items: the two newsletters and the Westmorland Fourth of July Party. This will then bring our balance to \$5,933.40. We also still have a supply of color SVCA pint glasses available for sale.

Erin Courtenay: Sunset Park Playground

The equipment will be replaced and the ground covering under it. The ground will consist of shredded rubber or wood as opposed to the current pebbles. The plan will also bring all of the equipment closer together. The budget for this is \$25,000.00. In addition, the city budgeted for maintaining the existing bench and adding a second one. There is an interest in having a Natural Playground Area as well that would contain boulders and a natural play area. The cost would be an additional \$8,000.00 to create it. SVCA agreed to donate \$1000.00 toward this project. There will be more discussion at our February meeting. Melanie Kranz, with the Madison Parks Foundation, was in attendance and offered to have the executive director work on this project regarding fundraising, experience and design.

Tim Gruber: Alder Report

Tim shared the good news that the Midtown Police Department stayed in the Mayor's budget. The mayor proposes the budget, the finance committee makes amendments and then the city council makes the final decisions. Tim offered to provide updates on the Midtown project at future SVCA meetings or sooner if we all felt we needed information. Tim attended the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference – Resilience Planning and Community

Building and suggested that at some point a speaker from this conference could attend our meeting.

Sue Reynard: President's Report

The Development Committee has been launched to delve into Accessory Dwelling Units. There will also be discussion about the recently built house on Larkin Street.

Sue also discussed "State of Our Forests": When trees are torn down for construction, the area will be evaluated to determine if a new tree can be placed on that site. Every effort will be made to do this.

The proposed person running for alder will hopefully attend our February meeting.

Sue outlined the date, time and place for our meetings for this upcoming year: They will be the Third Thursday, quarterly, same time and place as this year (6:30 pm, large room at Bethany.

The dates are: February 16, May 18, August 17, November 16

Anne Badey Raffa: Friends of Hoyt Park:

The final volunteer workday for the season is this Saturday, November 19.

Those interested should meet by the Overlook at 10:00AM for seed scattering and brush clearing. The contact person for this event is Tim Kessenich at kesset@tds.net. There will be refreshments.

The Full Moon Owl Walk will take place Friday, February 10 at the Hoyt Park Main Shelter. The time has not been determined but will appear on the listserv. Stay tuned!

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

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