

Sunset Village Community Association
Madison, WI 53705
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2017

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

Attendees: Carl Baumann, Linda Fahey, Liz Vowles, Ulrike Dieterle, Sue Reynard, Brian Andersen, Cheri Swenson, Anne Badey Raffa, Leanne Bergstrom, Tana Thousamo, Dan Breunig, Bev Flanigan, James Ream, Arvina Martin, Bradley Campbell, Tom Popp, Chris Schmidt, Tim Gruber, City of Madison District 11 Alder, Peter Krug, Gina LeMense, Vaughn James, Jim Bennett, Kit Becker, JoAnne Streit, Tom McHugh, Carol Demos, Elizabeth Ringle, Ben Ringle

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was brought to order at 6:35. We introduced ourselves.

Neighborhood Liaison Police Report: Ryan Henderson, our neighborhood Liaison Police Officer was unable to attend this evening. He did leave us a survey which gave a list of topics that he or the police department could present at our quarterly meetings or events. They included (in order of highest votes by tonight's attendees) Meet the new West District Captain, meet neighborhood officers, meet detectives, meet K-9 Unit, parking enforcement, crossing guards, equipment demonstrations, crime scene investigators, bicycle safety and dealing with roundabouts.

Marilyn Townsend: Dane County Circuit Court Candidate

Marilyn, currently a Municipal Court judge, is running for a position on the Circuit Court in the April 4th Primary and would like our support. She is a labor and employment attorney and municipal court judge in the village of Shorewood Hills. She is an advocate for victims' rights and supports alternatives to incarceration and jail diversion programs like youth restorative justice, drug court and veterans court. She has defended the rights of workers and unions for 30 years. She has the experience and background of representing individuals who have challenged governments, large companies and large institutions and would bring that perspective to the bench. She feels that her three terms as a municipal court judge have prepared her well to serve on the Circuit Court. She has the endorsement of Joanne Kloppenburg, Fred Risser, Terese Berceau and Spencer Black.

Arvina Martin: Alder Candidate

Arvina is running for District 11 Alder in the April 4th Primary. She was a policy analyst and statewide tribal liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. She has also served as a voter protection fellow, American Indian outreach coordinator and the chief communications officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Her community involvement includes: NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin Board, Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin American Indian Caucus and Democratic Party of Dane County Executive Board. She is running for Alder to give back to the community that has helped her to get to where she is today. She has worked with marginalized communities at different levels of government to make sure decisions are made in the best interests of the people. She is committed to keeping Madison a thriving community for all of its residents.

Bradley Campbell: Alder Candidate

Bradley is running for District Alder in the April 4th Primary. Bradley's interest in energy issues led him to seek and obtain a seat on the City of Madison Sustainability Committee. On the Committee, he worked to outline a goal for the City to be carbon neutral-using no more energy than it creates. He co-founded the Hill Farms Neighborhood Watch. He worked with city planners through the Neighborhood Planning Committee. He has worked at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Department of Commerce – Housing, and The Department of Workforce Development. He currently consults for energy efficiency programs around North America, evaluating programs and advising operation improvements.

A question and answer session followed. They both supported our police station construction, have flexibility with their jobs to serve as alder, plan to attend our meetings with updates, are available for continual communication with constituents in person, email and in newsletters.

State of SVCA

The November minutes were approved.

Sue Reynard: Membership Update

We currently have 106 members, a record. The average has been 60 to 80. We have 1000 copies of the newsletter delivered to households and University Avenue businesses as well as the Sequoia Library. Articles can be submitted to Liz Vowles.

The Development Committee has met once and is scheduling additional meetings soon.

We still have no volunteers for a technology/social media committee. All comers are welcome.

We have 4 SVCA meetings/year. We have 4 standard social events (ice cream social, garage sale, block party, Halloween Parade). We have 4 newsletters a year.

Brian Andersen: Treasurer's Report

Brian submitted the budget update to Sue Reynard. The starting balance as of the end of 2016 was: \$6,717.00. Budgeted items include: The Sunset Playground \$1000, Printing Newsletters \$2500 and Social Events \$500.

We also voted to budget \$500 for the Westmorland Fourth of July Festivities and want to be recognized for this contribution. We voted unanimously to contribute \$250 to The Sunset Garden Club for The Pollinator Garden.

Tim Gruber: Alder Report

The Midtown Police Station is on schedule for demolition and building. Construction starts this year. The storm water work is scheduled to go on as well.

The Spring Harbor area had elevated salt levels and they are doing a study to see how we can reduce salt.

A resolution was passed making Madison a welcoming city. The police want to have the trust of the people so no questions are asked about immigration.

The formal application was submitted for the hotel on Frey Street with 11 to 12 stories as well as parking. There is concern about pedestrian and traffic safety. It is the planning commission that makes a recommendation for the approval of a building.

There is no new information about the development at Hill Farms.

Hilldale Construction has a new general manager. The Hilldale Farmer's Market will most likely be by the parking lot temporarily.

Anne Badey Raffa: Friends of Hoyt Park

Sue and Anne presented Tim Astfalk's grant application for approval. It is the Dane County Environmental Council Community Partners Program grant to continue the restoration efforts of the Oak Woodlands at Hoyt Park. This was unanimously approved by the SVCA members present. This information will be sent to Tim from SVCA in support of this grant and project.

The City of Madison has a park and open space plan that is updated every five years. This is to stay current with the changing recreational trends, demographics and park needs. There are a series of meetings where the public can have input. Google: City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan to see where they are in this process.

The Hoyt annual meeting will be on Thursday, April 27 at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3300 Mineral Point Road. The speaker will be Deborah Lawson. She will talk about Hoyt Park from a realtor's perspective and how the work being done in Hoyt Park

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encourages recruitment of people to this neighborhood. We are hoping that the newly elected alder will be present as well.

The annual picnic is at the Roys Shelter in Hoyt Park on Saturday, June 24.

Work days for Hoyt park are the third Saturday of each month through November. There will be one on April 22 that corresponds with Madison's Earth Day Challenge.

Sue Reynard and Liz McBride: The roundabout on Hillcrest Drive and Owen will have native plants. Sue and Liz will maintain this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Minutes submitted by:

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