

CWNA Committee Annual Summary Reports 2005

COMMUNICATIONS

the CWNA website (<http://www.cambridgewoods.org>) was started in November 2004 and has been online for about a year now. Each of the teams has its own page within the site to use as a place for information. Meeting with most of the CWNA teams were held to find out how the organization can use the website. Everybody can send suggestions and concerns through the form on the website. This feature was used several times over the year and CWNA board members followed up with the questions. E-mail addresses were created and published on the site as a way to send a note to the teams.

The website serves the additional functions :

- Introduction of CWNA
- Archive of meeting minutes of team, board, and general meetings
- Team specific information
- Pictures of events

Other Communications elements include a bi-monthly CWNA President message (Neighborhood Notes) and oversight for the remaining website hosting for the Eastside Transportation Management Association.

Team members: Birger Pahl, Else Ankel, and Peter McMullen

FUN AND GAMES TEAM

The Fun & Games Committee shall focus on events and activities that will members of the Association together and shed positive light on the neighborhood and surrounding area.

-no report submitted

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

The Team works to create a neighborhood organization with a sizable and representative membership to provide political clout and human and financial resources for the work of the organization.

A. Increase 2005 CWNA membership to 120 paid members by November 17, 2005, the Annual CWNA Meeting (11.7.05. = 85 paid members)

1. Encourage 2002/2003/2004 members to renew their membership
2. Encourage 2005 members to talk to their friends living in the CW area about becoming CWNA members
3. Send out a membership solicitation letter to the CWNA e-mail list
4. Team members to solicit members at all CWNA events
5. Establish distribution system of e-mail CWNA information for CWNA members w/o e-mail address

B. Increase the present e-mail list to 250 e-mail addresses by November 17,2005 , the Annual CWNA Meeting (11/05 = 185 e-mail addresses)

1. Solicit e-mails from people living in the CW area who attend CWNA events
2. Distribute information about the CW area and CWNA to new neighbors and ask whether they like to be put on the CWNA e-mail list
3. Continuously update CWNA e-mail list
4. Sign up people with e-mails at all CWNA events

Membership Team Members: Rusty Smith, Matt Connell, Else Ankel, Adolph Paul
Meeting dates and times: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM, location

Neighborhood Quality Team

The Team works to maintain and increase the quality of the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood

A. HOUSING STOCK

1. Survey of housing stock in collaboration with DNS (annual)
2. Monitoring of existing ordinances e.g. illegal rooming houses and taverns (ongoing)
3. Maintenance of owner occupied housing in the CW area: "CW Houses for Sale" list (ongoing). Deed restrictions on CW homes (started spring 05).

B. NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

1. Access & enhancement of Cambridge Woods green area along the river (ongoing, need volunteers)
2. Planting and trash/graffiti removal on traffic circles: Circle Keepers (ongoing)
 1. Litter removal (ongoing, volunteers needed)
 2. Public art at entrance points and other locations in the CW area (volunteers needed)
 3. Plant exchange and recognition of beautiful gardens and their owners (volunteers needed)
 4. Rain gardens, green roof and rain barrels (ongoing)

C. GOOD RELATIONS AMONG NEIGHBORS

1. Distribution of welcome letter and pertinent information to new neighbors (Fall)
2. Dissemination's of "best practices" in interactions among neighbors (ongoing)
3. Highlight a neighbor (ongoing)
 1. Neighbors helping neighbors (ongoing)

D. GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORS, LANDLORDS, LOCAL BUSINESSES & SCHOOLS

1. Open Pantry (ongoing)
2. Businesses at the Oakland/Locust intersection (ongoing)
3. Schools: Riverside, Hartford, Maryland (parent volunteers needed)
4. Names, contact info. and track record of CW Home Ownership (started July 05)

E. UMBRELLA GROUPS

UNA = University Neighborhood Associations

CWNA is one of the 4 neighborhood associations represented at the umbrella organization UNA. Our representatives inform and solicit input from CWNA members on issues like the decline of owner occupied homes, enforcement of noise and rooming house ordinances, and increased police protection in fall and spring.

ETMA= Eastside Transportation Management Association

CWNA is one of the 4 neighborhood associations represented at the umbrella organization ETMA. Our representatives inform and solicit input from CWNA members on traffic and parking issues. ETMA supports the use of mass transit and bicycles as means of transportation, the increase of UWM satellite parking lots, and a resident parking permit program. In fall 2005, the ETMA became a subcommittee of UNA

NQT Team Members: Else Ankel, Cathy Arney, Chris Christie, Deb Jacobson, Deb Slakes, Lynn Thomas, Debra Weltman
NQT Project Members: Barbara Lucius, Peter McMullen, Maryellen Shea, Debbie Zinke, Abbie Fishman
Meeting dates and times: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM, Location TBA

CWNA SAFETY TEAM

The Team works to decrease incidences of crime in the CW area and to increase the feeling of safety among CW residents

A. CRIME PREVENTION TRAINING OF RESIDENTS (COLLABORATION WITH POLICE)

1. Attendance of monthly Crime meetings and Block watch Council meetings at 5th District Police (ongoing)
2. Preparation and distribution of written report of monthly Police crime meetings (ongoing)
3. Recruitment of Block watch captains in every block of CW (postponed until volunteers can be found) and Coordination of regular meetings of Block watch captains (postponed until volunteers can be found)
4. Organization of an annual Public CWNA meeting with a crime prevention topic
5. Distribution of template for reporting crimes to the police (copy attached)

B. DISSEMINATION OF CRIME INFORMATION & IMPROVEMENT OF CRIME REPORTING SKILLS

2. Obtain & disseminate crime data from 5th District Police among CW residents (Police Computer Data not yet available)
3. Encourage & train CW residents to correctly report crimes to the police and CWNA (see Attached Form)
4. Establish monitored CWNA webpage to be used for timely crime incidence notification (ongoing)

C. INCREASING FEELING OF SAFETY AMONG RESIDENTS

1. Alley Light Project: Encourage attachment of an alley light at every residence in CW (ongoing)
2. Alley House Number: Encourage attachment of an alley house #at every residence in CW (ongoing)

Safety Team Members: Patti White, Karen Martinsen, Chris Breihan, Else Ankel,

Meeting dates and times: Fourth Friday of the Month, 7:30 – 9 PM

HOW TO REPORT SAFETY CONCERNS AND INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE

It's important to report all incidents to the Police Department at 933-4444 or 911 if it is an emergency; otherwise the police do not know what is happening in the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood.

WHEN REPORTING INCIDENTS, PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND INCLUDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:

5. DATE, TIME of incidence
6. WHAT HAPPENED?
3. LOCATION (Exact address; OR 3000 block of Bartlett OR corner of Oakland & Locust, etc.)
4. DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT (S) (Gender, race, height, weight, Approximate age (teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, etc.), hair color & style, clothing.
5. VEHICLE DESCRIPTION (color, make, model) and LICENSE PLATE # if you have it.
6. DATE and TIME when police was called.

For more questions contact Officer Bruce Scott, Community Liaison Officer of the 5th District at Tel: 414-935-7258 or e-mail: bscott@milwaukee.gov

CWNA Umbrella Groups

Eastside Transportation Management Association

In October of 2005, a decision was made to fold the Eastside Transportation Management Association (ETMA) into a subcommittee of the University Neighborhood Association (UNA). Members of ETMA Board included representatives of the four area neighborhood associations and residents, UWM Administration and Students, an Oakland Avenue/University Business Improvement District, Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital, and a transportation consultant. Since prior to the formation of ETMA in 1998, representatives from the neighborhood, City of Milwaukee, Columbia Hospital, and UWM have met regularly to discuss short and long-term solutions to parking problems in the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Early surveys and focus groups decided that keeping the status quo concerning parking was unacceptable, and that a more acceptable outcome included a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program.

Currently, the City of Milwaukee has a RPP Program that allows permitted vehicles to exceed posted time limits. For the UWM Commuter Impacted Area, this program is so exasperated that nearby residents experience difficulty parking on their own block, much less near their residences. Several years ago a plan was proposed that would provide one side of the street reserved for permitted residents, and public parking on the other side. There has been a long standing disagreement on how such a plan would be implemented. The City of Milwaukee has insisted that State enabling legislation is needed and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has insisted on specific language on how such a program would be implemented and that it has to be tied with campus related parking on a one-for-one basis. A RPP bill has been reintroduced this year based on an agreement among the ETMA Board on the legislation language and recently received a public hearing before a Senate Committee. If the bill is signed into law next year, it then will need to go through a local ordinance process.

The process presented above has prevented work on other transportation solutions, such as more uniform parking limitations, but has been able to transfer the UWM Bike Loan Program from an ETMA subcommittee to an UWM in-house operation. The ETMA decision to fold into a subcommittee of UNA was based on a lack of continued leadership among stakeholder groups and is in line with study elements presented in the *Partnership for Change Feasibility Study* done with oversight of UNA members.

Implications for CWNA: The County has recently passed a fare increase to the UWM UPASS bus program. This program allows unlimited use to students and has helped reduced the amount of vehicles coming into the UWM area. If the fare increase is not accepted by the students, the program will not continue and would likely result in more congestion and fewer bus routes going to UWM. The RPP program if successfully implemented would be limited to 720 on-street spaces throughout the surrounding UWM area. Some of these spaces would be available to CWNA, if agreeable to residents.

University Neighborhoods Association

The University Neighborhoods Association (UNA) formed in 2001 as a collaborative effort to discuss issues of importance to all stakeholders including representatives from UW-Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee, Columbia-St. Mary's, Milwaukee County, and the leaders Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association, Mariners Neighborhood Association, and the Water Tower Landmark Trust.

In June 2003, with the completion of the planning feasibility study, "*A Partnership for Change: A Strategy and Vision for the UWM Neighborhoods*," which examined the neighborhood issues of parking, transit, housing, and quality of life, UNA became the main entity responsible for implementing recommendations from the study. The study strongly conveys the concept that very little can be

accomplished without collaboration and cooperation, which is the notion behind the creation of the University Neighborhoods Association. Thus UNA takes on the initiatives brought forward by the study and work to make them a reality. UNA reports periodically on the progress made or not made to the City Planning Commission and rely heavily on Department of City Development to facilitate progress.

Implications for CWNA: Since the formation of CWNA, the University has grown by about 4,000 students. Cambridge Woods has two representatives that attend bi-monthly meetings to discuss problems and solutions in the surrounding neighborhoods. UWM is interested in acquiring the vacating Columbia Hospital facility in 2009. Whatever the re-use of the facility by UWM, it is likely to have both positive and negative implications to the area. The goal would be to minimize any negatives.

Oakland Avenue/University Square Business Improvement District

The Oakland Avenue BID has shown some recent improvements in filling business vacancies and has developed into a large variety of eating establishments. The BID does have regular business meetings and is facilitated by an Executive Director. A CWNA resident attends the meetings and business minutes are shared with CWNA President as made available.

Implications for CWNA: It is important for both groups to hear from one another and establish good lines of communications. The meeting minutes should be shared with both CWNA Board and the Neighborhood Quality Team. More detailed periodic reports from someone that attends the meeting regularly would strength the relationship.

CAMBRIDGE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET 12/31/2005

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$935.66
Savings	907.75
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>1,843.41</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,843.41</u>
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LIABILITIES	<u>0</u>
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NET WORTH	<u>\$1,843.41</u>
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INCOME STATEMENT 2005

INCOME

2004 Memberships	\$15.00
2005 Memberships	874.00
2006 Memberships	60.00
Interest Inc	1.63
Other Inc	223.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1,173.63</u>

EXPENSES

Dues	\$150.00
Fun & Games	68.19
Membership Team	406.94
Neighborhood Quality Team	49.22
Office Expense	85.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$759.35</u>

NET INCOME	<u>\$414.28</u>
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