

# CAMBRIDGE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2006



### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The CWNA website (<http://www.cambridgewoods.org>) has been up for about 2 years now. Over the past year it has been accessed by an average 200 to 300 visitors a month. The website is used to make information available regarding the neighborhood and CWNA has received feedback and information from visitors to the website from both residents and people outside of the neighborhood. Over the course of the past year content has been added for our teams and meeting minutes, event information, and pictures have been added. The layout of the front page was changed to highlight current activities better.

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

### **FUN & GAMES**

The Fun & Games Team will see a new leader in 2007, but can never have too many members. Some events that occurred over the past year include:

- Chili Fest
- Neighborhood Rummage Sale
- Summer Potluck
- Neighborhood Clean-up
- Caroling

Team members: Leslie Woodruff and David Kahn-Pettigrew

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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.

*Areas and activities of work:*

#### **INCREASE MEMBERSHIP**

- Mailing to 2002-2005 members to renew their membership
- Planned windshield organizational campaign
- CWNA T-shirts promotion during solicitation drive

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- Keep CWNA e-mail list current
- Solicit e-mail addresses at CWNA events, mailings, and outings
- Plan Membership Survey

Team Members: Rusty Smith, Adolph Paul, and Else Ankel

## **NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY**

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

*Areas and activities of work:*

### **HOUSING STOCK**

- Conduct annual survey of housing conditions in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhood Services
- Monitor of existing ordinances e.g. illegal rooming houses, underage drinking
- Promotion of owner-occupied housing in the area through the distribution of CW 'Houses for Sale' list.
- Research tools for increasing home ownership, i.e. Deed restrictions

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION**

- Access & enhancement of Cambridge Woods green areas
- Planting and trash/graffiti removal on traffic circles using Circle Keepers concept
- Litter removal through residents and in collaboration with UWM
- Planned return of plant exchange along with recognition of beautiful homes and gardens
- Assistance and encouragement of rain gardens, green roof and rain barrels

### **NEIGHBOR RELATIONS**

- Planned distribution of welcome letter with pertinent information to new neighbors
- Dissemination's of "best practices" in interactions among neighbors
- Highlight a neighbor on CWNA website
- Work with Oakland Avenue businesses area schools, and landlords

Team Members: Else Ankel, Cathy Arney, Deb Jacobson, Sheldon Oppermann, Judy Pier-Lybeck, Joanne Sellon, Deb Slakes, and Debra Verhagen,

Project Members: Barbara Lucius, Peter McMullen, Maryellen Shea, Debbie Zinke, Abbie Fishman, Chris Christie, Debra Weltman, Mike Barrett, and Lynn Thomas

## **SAFETY**

Purpose: To decrease incidences of crime in the Cambridge Woods area and to increase the feeling of safety among Cambridge Woods residents.

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. Residents are encouraged to forward the same information to the Cambridge Woods Safety Team at [sSafetyteam@Cambridgewoods.org](mailto:sSafetyteam@Cambridgewoods.org). The information will be used to notify the CWNA e-mail list without giving your name or address.

*Areas and activities of work:*

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

- Attendance of monthly Crime Prevention and Block watch Council meetings at 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station
- Organization of an annual Public CWNA meeting with a crime prevention topic
- Distribution of template for reporting crimes to the police (also posted on website)

## DISSEMINATION OF CRIME INFORMATION

- Inform residents about how to obtain crime data from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police (CWNA website)
- Encourage & train residents to correctly report crimes to the police and CWNA
- Notify CWNA e-mail list about crimes in the CW area

## SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- Alley Light Project- Notify and encourage alley lighting CW area
- Alley House Number Project- Encourage attachment of an alley house numbering in CW area

Team Members: Patti White, Karen Martinsen, Chris Breihan, Else Ankel, and Rusty Smith

## Treasurer's Report- Rebecca North

January 1 – December 31, 2006

2005 Ending Balance		\$1843.41
<b>2006 Income</b>		
2006 Memberships	935.00	
2007 Memberships	30.00	
Other Income	<u>122.54</u>	
		\$1087.54
<b>2006 Expenses</b>		
Administrative	14.99	
Dues		130.00
Communications		119.75
	<b>Fun &amp; Games Team</b>	<b>20.38</b>
Membership Team	242.81	
Neighborhood Quality Team	<u>54.49</u>	
		\$582.42
<b>2006 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,468.28</b>	

## CWNA Umbrella Groups

### University Neighborhoods Association

Background: 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.

In 2006, a new University Neighborhood Liaison (Oscar Perez) was hired by UWM and a new neighborhood association (Riverside NA) joined as another stakeholder, representing the neighborhood south of Riverside Park. In addition, a workgroup was formed to meet with state representatives to address concerns with student activity off-campus, potential use of Columbia Hospital for student dorms, and enrollment growth at UWM. There has not been much progress in addressing these issues.

The neighborhood associations, the City, and UWM Administration were able to get state legislation and a City Ordinance passed that will allow the beginning of residential parking plan that would allow parking on one half of residential streets around UWM to permit daytime parking for residents only. The number of spaces will be limited to spaces created by UWM based on an understanding made under a past umbrella group, Eastside Transportation Management Association. Implementation is planned for April of 2007.

Area residents were also successful for the time being in saving two single family homes on the 2500 block of Kenwood Boulevard from being demolished for the creation of a new student center. The success is based on receiving interim historical designation not only for the two homes, but the remaining block. The designation was based on developer and architect who did development in early 1900s, including several homes in Cambridge Woods Neighborhood. Permanent designation will take additional effort.

Attached is an excel worksheet that lists the Action Items listed in the Partnership Study and status as of October. The report was given and reported to the City Planning Commission as part of the periodic updates given to the commission. In the coming year, UNA will revisit the Action Items and evaluate priorities.

### **Oakland Avenue/University Square Business Improvement District**

The Oakland Avenue Business District saw the loss of a neighborhood grocery store. The old Sentry/Ben Franklin store will be replaced with a newer and bigger Walgreens and will vacate the location from the south end of the commercial district. The student housing that was initially planned to go above the new development will not occur due to lack of funding by the developer.

CWNA has not been able to get someone that can attend and report to CWNA the BID meetings. Contact has been made to the secretary to receive minutes from the meeting that can be shared with CWNA email list. If someone is interested in attending the weekday BID meetings, contact CWNA President.

### **Northeast Side Area Plan**

The Northeast Side Area Plan is a neighborhood plan that along with other area plans of the city will be woven together to become the City's Comprehensive Plan. The area covers a broad and diverse segment of Milwaukee from Riverworks and UWM on the north to Brewers Hill and Brady Street on the south, Bronzeville and King Drive on the west to the lakefront (Bradford Beach to Pier Wisconsin) on the east.

The plan will provide a blueprint for future development of the area and will identify specific projects that will be undertaken to support that development. The plan will provide policies based on shared values that will shape the character of development for years to come. The plan will also outline an implementation strategy and a framework for community partnership.

Cambridge Woods will be an active participant in the planning effort as a representative on the Plan Advisory and Public Participation Group. For more information on the planning process and related documents, visit the website at:

<http://www.mkedcd.org/planning/plans/Northeast/index.html>