

**Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 20, 2005  
7:00 p.m. Urban Ecology Center**

**Attendees:**

Else Ankel  
Birger Pahl  
Rebecca North  
Peter McMullen  
Deborah Slakes  
Sheldon Opperman  
Jim Lewis  
Leslie Fillingham

**1. Housekeeping**

October 2005 Executive Board meeting minutes - Ankel moved to approve with the correction that Pahl's first name be corrected to show Birger. North seconded. Passed unanimously.

Introductions - New Executive Board members welcomed.

2006 General Meeting and Executive Board Meeting Dates:

<u>General Meeting</u>	<u>Executive Board</u>
January 17	February 21
March 21	April 18
May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15
September 19	October 17
November 21	December 19

Elections will be held at the November 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting.

**2. Discussion Items**

There was a brief discussion about what to schedule for the summer general meetings that may be different or interesting, and perhaps a special activity for the Executive Board. It was decided that as the dates approach the Board will decide. This is in compliance with the Bylaws with regard to the number of times the Board must meet. All General Meetings will be held at the Urban Ecology Center (UEC). Board meetings will continue to be held at Ankel's home.

Bylaws Revisions - Draft Bylaws with revisions made by the Bylaws Committee during December 2005 were reviewed by the Executive Board. There was discussion on the proposed changes. Boundaries of the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) are still under discussion with the recently reconstituted Riverside Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA). Specifically, is the southern boundary of CWNA Locust Street or the southern-most point of Riverside Park. In the alternative, will CWNA and RPNA share jurisdiction over the park? After review by the Board tonight, Ankel will e:mail the revised Bylaws to the membership for consideration and adoption at the January 2006 General Meeting.

Annual Report - The content is acceptable to the Executive Board. Fillingham was requested to provide a paragraph on the activities of the Fun and Games Team during 2005. The Annual Report will be published in January 2006 and sent to the CWNA e:mail list and it will be posted on the CWNA website. The annual CWNA budget will be included with the Annual Report.

January 2006 General Meeting - It will be held on January 17, 2006, at the UEC. The featured speaker will be Martin Collins, Commissioner, City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services. Ankel volunteered to solicit questions from the membership for the meeting.

### **3. Team Reports**

Communications Team - CWNA webmaster Pahl reports that he placed a tab on the website for the Safety Committee so they will have a place to put information for the membership. Ankel requests that Executive Board members contact (or does someone specifically want to volunteer to do this?) neighbors who do not have e:mails and give them a hard copy of minutes and other content.

Fun and Games Team - Fillingham to investigate getting the chili fest going for February 2006. She will speak with Mary Ellen. Ankel volunteers to send out an e:mail asking for volunteers to work on the chili fest event.

Neighborhood Quality Team - Ankel's personal attorney will research deed restriction issues. Possible presentation on deed restrictions at a future General

Meeting when the topic has been fully developed. Ankel is advocating for more money to be used to implement the rain barrel program in more neighborhoods in Milwaukee. Ankel is corresponding with Tom Chapman of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD).

Membership Team - The tee shirt/membership promotion continues during the holidays. There was a brief discussion about the membership dues - membership dues are set by the Executive Board, not the Membership Team.

Safety Team - After calling the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to report an incident, please call CWNA to alert the Safety Team. They keep tabs on the crimes/incidents occurring in the Cambridge Woods neighborhood. The MPD computer system does not work and we need to keep statistics to be best of our ability in order to keep neighbors informed.

Outgoing Treasurer Fillingham moved that the Executive Board allow incoming Treasurer North to change the CWNA depository to TCF Bank. Seconded by Slakes. Passed unanimously.

#### **4. Umbrella Groups**

Oakland Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) - Nothing to report.

University Neighborhoods Association (UNA) - Northeast Area Plan - The question of whether to contribute funds in the amount of \$100.00 to the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) to help finance the Northeast Area Plan was brought up. Fillingham moved to contribute the funds. Seconded by Ankel. Unanimous vote to send check when NEAP begins accepting funds.

#### **5. Comments for the Good of the Order -**

Ankel proposes that the Executive Board nominate east side neighborhoods as being a "Gem of Milwaukee". Anyone can vote on the [gemsofmiwaukee.com](http://gemsofmiwaukee.com) website to designate ten "Gems of Milwaukee" to help celebrate the City of Milwaukee's 160<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Ten different "gems" will be selected by vote.

**Adjourn - 8:45 p.m.**

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