

**Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association
Executive Board Meeting
June 20, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Sheldon Oppermann, Peter McMullen, Birger Pahl, Else Ankel, Deborah Slakes, Karen Martinsen.

1. Housekeeping

Executive Board minutes of April 2006 amended to read “Peter requested, through UNA, a presentation on the UWM Campus Plan, and that it also be presented to residents for review and input.” The April 2006 Executive Board meeting minutes are further amended to indicate that the UWM Housing Fair will be attended by UNA Representatives to present neighborhood information rather than to present information about available off-campus housing.

Opperman moved to approve the minutes as read with the corrections. Seconded by Ankel, approved unanimously.

McMullen will send the March and May 2006 General Meeting minutes out in time for the July 2006 General meeting.

Agenda adjustments will be stated at the end of this meeting under new business.

2. Discussion Items

Organizational Items – Ankel to digest the information from the May General meeting about the topics suggested for future CWNA general meetings and will report out. There was a brief discussion about some of the topics brought up. At the July general meeting we will host the development coordinator of the new Walgreen’s project on Oakland and Locust along with Jim Plaisted and Clark Kaufmann from the Oakland Avenue Business Improvement District. The meeting will be held at the Urban Ecology Center. A pot luck dinner will be served after the briefing. Ankel stated her concerns about convenient grocery shopping opportunities since Sentry is gone. Many neighbors must walk to the store and are now without a store for staples. She wants to do a survey of the Maurice Surlow Residences located at Linnwood and Bartlett Avenues about shopping needs. Oppermann suggested a survey of the whole of Cambridge Woods. He is willing to work with Ankel to develop survey questions for presentation to the Executive Board for clearance. He will then send it out and do the analysis of the responses.

3. Team Reports

Communications Team – Pahl will import content from the ETMA website and place it on the CWNA website; he is missing meeting minutes for CWNA meetings and needs them e:mailed to him. He will send out a list of the missing minutes. Pahl also wants to improve the CWNA home page appearance and change current information to “About Us”. He also suggested news blurbs for the home page to change as necessary. There was further discussion about spam and its impact on the CWNA e:mail address. The entire Communications Team will meet later this summer.

Fun and Games Committee: A CWNA-sponsored rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006. McMullen moved that the Board authorize payment for ads in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for both the Spring and Fall sales. Ankel seconded. Unanimous.

Neighborhood Quality Team – We are ready to start on the Housing Survey. A letter to neighbors who have violations was approved by the Executive Board.

Traffic Circles – There is a new traffic circle on the intersection of Linnwood and Bartlett Avenues. McMullen to investigate if the City of Milwaukee will plant a tree or other material on it. Shall we approach the residents of Maurice Surlow Residences on the corner of Linnwood and Bartlett to see if they would be interested in the traffic circle project? Currently, Joe Kaminsky maintains the traffic circle at the intersection of Kenwood and Newhall; Vicky Stratton maintains it at Hartford and Newhall, and Jim Lewis maintains the one at Bartlett and Kenwood. Meanwhile, Mary Ellen maintains the circle at Hampshire and Bartlett, but we need a volunteer for Hartford and Bartlett. The volunteer will maintain the circle by planting flowers, reporting damage and graffiti and picking up trash.

Trail/Woods Access – The Americore crew who was supposed to work on the access project at Hampshire is now gone without doing the work. There were three student conservation crews working in Milwaukee County recently, but they did not work for us. The design of the access ramp can be done by Milwaukee County staff, but the materials and labor are costs that others must bear. McMullen to follow up with Guy Smith of Milwaukee County Parks to draw a final plan for the access, but then we have to come up with the labor and materials.

Membership Team – team members to present a proposal to the Executive Board about changing the mission of the Membership Team soon.

Safety Team – Martinsen reported that crime trends show theft is increasing especially car break-ins. Pahl to post vehicle safety tips on the CWNA website. Jacob Corr, Assistant District Attorney for the City of Milwaukee will address the 5th District Safety Committee on August 3, 2006.

Protecting Our Public Spaces (POPS) – McMullen discussed his plea to Sheriff Clarke to patrol the Oak Leaf Trail more frequently. The Sheriff's Department states that their responsibility is to the County Parks, but on a priority basis. This means how many calls for service do they receive.

4. New Business

There was discussion regarding whether or not CWNA should actively support County Supervisor Broderick if he bring up legislation that directly benefits the Cambridge Woods. He is proposing to create a Milwaukee County Parks advisory panel to advise him and others on park issues.

McMullen and other CWNA members will have a table at the Eastside Market on September 9, 2006, in honor of “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” Day.

5. Adjourn - Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Next meeting is August 15, 2006.

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