

Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association
Executive Board Meeting
February 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
3368 North Bartlett Avenue

Attendees: Else Ankel, David Kahn-Pettigrew, Karen Martinsen, Peter McMullen, Rebecca North, Sheldon Oppermann, and Deborah Slakes
Minutes Prepared by: Peter McMullen

I. Housekeeping

- Minutes: The December Board and the January General Meeting Minutes were approved. Peter will pass final copies to Birger Pahl for website posting and Else for general email distribution.
- Else indicated she has asked two individuals who would good candidates for the vacant Secretary's position and is awaiting confirmation. (Note: since the meeting, Nick Blavat was nominated and confirmed to fulfill the position)

II. Discussion Items

- Update on the two Kenwood Boulevard homes in the 2000 block was given. At this time historical designation continues and Hillel House is in the process of seeking other sites.
- Thoughts were shared on the approval of the Downer Avenue Plan Area Development before the City Planning Commission. Peter indicated that the process and the CWNA position provided the opportunity to work with two neighborhood associations and a workgroup. A follow-up email was sent to the Alderman promoting application for green building principles for whatever is developed. Alderman's response was that he was sorry we did not agree with the proposal, but spoke with several residents at the Chili Fest who did.
- Discussion of the January General Meeting and idea for the March meeting. The January Image Preference Survey was well received. A recommendation was made to invite the Oakland Avenue Business Improvement District be invited to the March meeting to discuss the Walgreens, proposed streetscaping project, and other developments along Oakland Avenue. Peter will confirm the speaker. Else indicated that Hilary Chavez met with Else and is developing a questionnaire for members to respond to for future meeting topics and speakers.

III. Team Reports

Communications

Else provided a list of items needing attention including; ability to send email distributions from the website, updating of CWNA brochures, and development of a neighborhood newsletter.

Fun and Games

Chili Fest was another hit and was well attended.

Membership

A mailing will be developed to promote committee participation and thanking members for renewal. Suggestion was made to look at developing a neighborhood welcoming letter for new residents. Peter will contact Murray Hill NA for a possible resource to use as a template.

Contact with Alderman regarding the licensing of landlords will be done by Sheldon to volunteer assistance.

UWM Neighborhood Liaison, Oscar Perez will attend the next committee meeting to discuss solutions regarding noise nuisance problems.

The committee is considering sending a letter of commendation the reconstruction of the housing units that were damaged by the gas leak at Providence and Bartlett Avenues. A decision will wait until after landscaping is complete.

Residential Preferential Parking program is supposed to be in place beginning April 1st.

Safety Committee

There have been a series of hold-ups and garage break-ins throughout the area. A small group met with County representatives to discuss solutions for the dangerous intersection at Locust and Cambridge. County Supervisor Gerry Broderick indicated that we should be hearing from the City soon.

Treasurer Report

There is approximately \$2600.00 in CWNA fund. Peter mentioned that some of these funds could go to improving the access to Oak Leaf Trail at Hampshire and Cambridge.

Umbrella Groups –

Peter will distribute minutes received from the Oakland BID as he receives them. In addition, Adolph Paul has started to attend the meetings as CWNA representative.

A university workgroup has been formed to look at possible revisions of Chapter 17 which deals with Code of Conduct for student behavior to include off-near campus incidents.

Peter to share planning process updates to the Northeast Area Plan for distribution.

IV. Adjourn - Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.