

Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
Willow Creek Coffee Shop- Open Pantry
Hartford & Oakland Avenues
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Attendees: David Kahn-Pettigrew, Karen Martinsen, Peter McMullen, Sheldon Oppermann, Hilary Chavez, and Nick Blavat
Minutes Prepared by: Nick Blavat

I. Housekeeping

- February and March meeting minutes were sent out and approved.

II. Discussion Items

- It was discussed to have July Meeting pot luck similar to last year.
- It could be a picnic at Riverside Park with mixed activities (baseball, music, and kid's games) to attract an array of people.
- Hilary suggested sending an email called "Love the Neighborhood", to see what programming CWNA members would like to see in a response to the increase negativity in the neighborhood lately. This email would be a vehicle to promote the good things in the neighborhood.
- Preliminary draft will be sent for board response with a final draft sent to the CWNA members.
- May Speaker is Milwaukee River Working Group. They will present a PowerPoint presentation of a plan to preserve the River Corridor from North Dam to Silver Spring Drive. The Plan protects river with standards including 'viewshed'. Peter is confirming the speaker will attend.

III. Team Reports

Communications

CWNA Board would like the website to become a better tool to incorporate club like activities to our members (i.e. Dog sitting, odd jobs, babysitting, ways people can get common interests addressed). CWNA could use budget to get website updated. A cost effective way to do that would be to hire a UWM student in graphic design to do it on the side. People come to our meetings to issue opinions or to get information; the website could be made better to communicate that. The website could help provide services to the neighborhood similar to Craigslist.

A grass roots approach of having a CWNA kiosk like in Chicago could be alternative.

Fun and Games

UWM Cleanup was Saturday (4/15) and it was a huge success. Fall Cleanup was a poor outing.

Membership

It was mentioned to have a Welcome Letter similar to Murray Hill. CWNA discussed the possibility to get signage from the City to denote our neighborhood of Cambridge Woods.

Safety Committee

CWNA discussed the possibility to get signage from the City to denote we are a traffic calm neighborhood with signage.

Neighborhood Quality

Solutions to make the intersection of Locust and Cambridge more pedestrian safe were discussed. An email was sent to the board members about this issue. Possible solutions were to make the street a one way, length the stop bar, create a speed bump, and have steps to bike path to cross under Locust. These solutions may assess residents to put in. Peter was going to forward D'Amato and the county on this issue.

The traffic circles have not been getting maintained by the Circle Keepers. Many have graffiti or are damaged. CWNA Board decided a Circle Master was needed to be in charge of the Circle Keepers. Circle Keepers jobs are to plant / maintain the circles. David volunteered to be the Circle Master.

Improving the access to the bike path at Hampshire and Cambridge was brought up. Peter Godfrey has agreed to donate materials and time to build gateway from Cambridge Woods to the Bike Path. County has not done any work on it. CWNA would like to see a switch back path. Currently there is a huge erosion problem at this location. Sheldon volunteered to try to get a plan created. This could be a possible location for a gateway sign for our community. Long term goal would be to connect over river.

Treasurer

Currently \$3,338.00 is in the CWNA treasury.

IV. Umbrella Groups

UNA Chapter 17 Expansion

A public meeting will be held at UWM in a couple weeks. It will be from 4-7 PM. Hackett Incident is provoking the vote to give more authority to UWM to discipline students who are committing disturbances. UWM campus policy would expand their boundaries from Lakeshore Dive to the Milwaukee River. CWNA would like UWM to cap enrollment, not make Columbia a dormitory, pass chapter 17, and license Landlords.

Mike D'Amato Report

Five people were arrested on the Eastside who the police believe is responsible for 40 break-ins UWM added more patrols. Four homes on Kenwood were deemed historic.

V. Adjourn - Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.