

**Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 19, 2007 – 7:00pm
3368 North Bartlett Avenue

Informational Only- No Quorum

Attendees: David Kahn-Pettigrew, Hilary Chavez, Else Ankel and Leslie Woodruff (Guest)

Excused: Peter McMullen, Rebecca North, Debra Slakes and Nick Blavat

Absent: Karen Martinsen, Sheldon Oppermann

Minutes Prepared by: Leslie Woodruff

Housekeeping

April meeting minutes from the last Board Meeting were sent out via email but were tabled until the next meeting: August, 2007.

Discussion Items

- Milwaukee River Group is looking for formal support approval from the board.
 - There is unanimous support from the Common Council.
 - Else sent out an email of a newspaper article by Whitney Gould entitled *Keeping it Natural*.
 - Responses about the article back from Adolph Paul in support. Else hoping to hear more from others.
 - There are 9 important endorsements: Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition, Milwaukee River Revitalization Council and Murray Hill Neighborhood Association; Preserve our Parks, Rivercrest Condominium Association, Riverwest Neighborhood Association, SWRPC, WI DNR and Groundwork Milwaukee.
 - Recommend support of Milwaukee River Greenway Corridor Interim Study Overlay District [MROD]. The 3 attending Board Members were in favor of support.
 - Hilary also suggested we write a letter to MROD offering more support through use of our email list to pass on their information and communications.

- Hampshire/Cambridge access plan
 - Peter Godfrey has materials pending at this time. It is a question of looking good while preventing erosion – it is a matter of money.
 - Hilary proposes that we as an association make it clear/known that we want a say in how it will look.

- Recruitment for CWNA Nominating Committee
 - Peter McMullen is already on the committee. Deb S. & Else have also volunteered
 - David Kahn-Pettigrew and Hilary Chavez have agreed to be on the committee.
 - The seats coming open are President & Treasurer and 5 At-Large positions.

- Love in the Neighborhood
 - Focus on the positive trying to broaden our neighborliness.
 - Hilary presented a spread sheet showing some of the ideas she has collected from neighbors for “things we want to do” and “low effort ideas of implementation.” Some of what we discussed follows.
 - Animalfest was an event created and organized by a group of our young people which was held in May to raise money for the Humane Society. The kids raised \$336.36! There were at least 10 letters from various neighbors all touting how wonderful the event had been. These will be sent to the email list and posted on the website.
 - Putting containers on the bike path offering recycled bags for dog clean up. Else will send Kevin Haley’s name as someone to contact about this idea to Leslie. She in turn will contact Kevin.

- Utilizing & connecting our young people who want to earn money with homeowners who have small jobs: making the website a place for posting things (like a neighborhood “Craig’s List.”) Also creating some type of neighborhood directory. Beth Biskobing is willing to put it together! Hilary will contact Beth about it.
 - Perhaps part of the directory could be used to support folks in their businesses? There are many home based businesses: Kat & Mouse Design, general contractors, odd jobs – painting, floors, tiling, landscaping, dog walking, cleaning, etc. Hilary will follow up on this.
 - Creating Safe Houses and/or Block Contacts was suggested. Else also informed us that UWM is trying to put together contacts for the student population in the neighborhood that would be paid. Else will report at the next meeting about the CWNA Block Contacts.
 - Talked about bike path usage and possible need for rules or signs with instructions for proper etiquette and usage. This falls under city/county jurisdiction. Else offered that she is an advocate & attendee of the Bike & Pedestrian Task Force; she suggests putting what we think is needed in writing and she would be happy to pass it on to that group. Else will ask Peter to write a draft to be brought up at the next CWNA Board meeting.
 - The idea for a gardener’s discussion group came up. It was mentioned that the UEC has a group already that people might want to hook up with. Else will report at the next board meeting about the CWNA “Green Thumbs” group.
 - Creating a contractor/home improvement database was an idea. The posting site on the webpage might be an avenue for this as well as the directory. A NQT member has developed such a list. It will be presented by Deb S. and/or Else at the next CWNA board meeting
- Rummage Sale
 - There has been much interest in having another neighborhood rummage sale.
 - Leslie proposed Saturday, July 7th as the date and that seemed fine to all present.
 - We will create a notice for the email list and ask for volunteers who want to have sales that day.
 - We will put an ad in the Journal/Sentinel.
 - We will create some signage that can be reused in years to come. Hilary suggested Kat Grinker & Marly Gisser might be able to assist with the signage as well.

Team Reports

- Fun & Games
 - Will be getting the neighborhood rummage sale organized. As discussed previously the date is set for Saturday, July 7th, 2007.
- Membership
 - No time: To be postponed to next CWNA Board meeting
- Communications
 - Create a newsletter & new brochure. No time: To be postponed to next CWNA Board meeting.
- Safety Committee
 - There is a neighborhood walk happening Monday, June 25 from 9-10pm. People are meeting at the Open Pantry. The purpose is to see how things are and communicate that with the neighborhood. UWM Liaison, Oscar Perez will be leading the walk.
- Treasurer Report
 - **\$2,933.53** in the CWNA treasury as of June 11, 2007.
- Neighborhood Quality
 - Native plants: 50 native woodland plants were obtained from a plant rescue and replanted in areas near the river to replace the non-native Garlic Mustard.

- 5 members will be conducting the annual CWNA neighborhood housing stock survey in July.

Other Business

- Healthy Neighborhood Initiative_ To be discussed at next CWNA Board meeting
- University BID report
 - Bottom line looks like they are interested only in wider sidewalks and out-door seating at the expense of the bike lanes.
- UEC Teen Adventure Challenge (CWNA Sponsored)
 - Shawn Loughren, who lives in the CW area and attends Riverside High School, participated as part of the Riverside Team in the UEC Teen Adventure Challenge. He will be teaching soccer to 3 – 6 year old kids as part of the MPS Recreation program at Riverside HS

Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.