

**General Public Meeting  
Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association  
Tuesday, September 20, 2005  
Urban Ecology Center**

I. Housekeeping

Minutes tabled until the next general meeting in November 2005 at Riverside University High School. CWNA President Peter McMullen gave introductory remarks which included information on the Columbia Hospital Re-use survey and other surveys he has recently distributed. Future speakers at general meetings and the election of CWNA officers at the November meeting were also discussed.

II. Team Reports

Communications - Birgir Pahl reported that he added content and other improvements to the CWNA website which can be visited at [www.cambridgewoods.org](http://www.cambridgewoods.org)

Fun & Games - Else Ankel made a pitch on behalf of the committee for new members. They may serve either as a regular member of the committee or to work on special projects.

Neighborhood Quality - Ankel distributed an information sheet on what the NQT is about and issues covered.

Membership - Matt Connell handed out a report on team goals and accomplishments and also gave a report about the status of the membership. There was a discussion on the floor about the issue of membership checks not being cashed in a timely manner. He also spoke about the kick-off of a membership/tee shirt promotion. They will be free to new members when they sign up and \$6.00 for current members. He is also looking for new Membership Team members.

Safety - Else provided a handout reporting on the activities of the Safety Team which includes regular attendance at 5<sup>th</sup> District

monthly crime meetings where incidents are discussed along with prevention strategies.

Before the main presentation was made by the guest speakers, there was extended discussion about the Housing Survey recently performed by the CWNA NQT. The consensus of those in attendance was that they were not happy about the results.

### III. Presentation

Allison Rozek, Senior Planner, and Kristin Krueger of the Planning Division of the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) spoke and provided handouts about the Northeast Side Comprehensive Area Plan. They gave a history of the planning process and stated the goals for the plan. They will be handling the implementation of the plan for DCD. They stated that the City of Milwaukee is partnering with neighborhood groups and others to plan and achieve implementation which will take about 18 months. They provided a description of the plan process which will include the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Columbia Hospital Re-use issues and all other important (though not intractable) issues. The UWM strategic plan will be separate and will continue to exist.

There will be two committees: the Contract Management Team and the Plan Advisory Team. The Contract Management Team usually is comprised of large financial contributors to the process, but is an equal partner with the Plan Advisory Team. Anyone can join the Plan Advisory Team. The general public is also involved.

The plan does not come with funding. The cost of the plan process is covered half by the City of Milwaukee and half by donations. Rozek is reviewing all plans that have ever been developed by anyone for this area to assure that all issues and views are considered.

Milwaukee County, the Village of Shorewood, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM), the School of Architecture and Urban Planning (SARUP) and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) will also be involved in the areas of green spaces and parks, transportation, affordable housing and with issues involving the lakefront and the Milwaukee River corridor. Other issues that will probably come up will be traffic problems, main streets and commercial strips and crime and police intervention. Ankel suggested that the Urban Ecology Center (UEC) Camera Club step in and take photographs of the area for the plan documents.

In the event that the plan is approved by the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee and is signed by the Mayor of Milwaukee, the plan is then a matter of record and will be considered a blueprint or master plan for the future. All City of Milwaukee Departments will be on notice that the plan items will be on the agenda for discussion and funding.

Rozek stated that DCD tries hard to obtain input from all citizens. The first meeting for the Plan Advisory Group will be in January 2006.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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