

**Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Urban Ecology Center**

I. Housekeeping

CWNA President Peter McMullen requested that members who need to renew their memberships do so soon.

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of November 2005 General Meeting minutes tabled to the March 2006 General Meeting. Amended Bylaws were presented to the membership at the General Meeting and put to a vote. Leslie Fillingham moved to adopt the amended bylaws, Rusty Smith seconded. Bylaws were passed and will be posted on the CWNA website.

III Team Reports

Communications Team - No Report

Fun and Games Team - Leslie Fillingham reported that the 4th annual CWNA 5 Alarm Chili Fest will take place at the Park Place Fire Station. The tentative date is February 19, 2006, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make chili, for set up and tear down, and someone with a truck is needed to deliver tables and equipment to the fire station. Volunteers will be needed between 2 and 4:00 p.m. and again between 7 and 8 p.m.

Neighborhood Quality Team - No Report

Membership Team - Six new members accepted at the January 17, 2006, CWNA General Meeting. Thirty-one percent of members have renewed. Seven rain barrels remain and new members can see Adolph Paul for a free rain barrel with a paid membership.

Safety Team - The Safety Team has a new member.

University Neighborhood Association (UNA) Umbrella Group - One Hundred Dollars has been pledged to the Northeast Area Planning Group. CWNA will be

part of the Plan Advisory Group. UNA members will be meeting with four State Legislators in the UNA area on January 15, 2006. Carlos Santiago will also meet to discuss the re-use of Columbia Hospital. Other topics the UNA will want to speak about will be the increased number of enrolled students at UWM and the impact of that on homeownership on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Jane Raymer Director of Inter-Faith Older Adult Programs Eastside Senior Services Office was on hand to distribute their brochure and to describe services available to seniors on the Eastside. There is no charge for services. Their program is supported by donations and local churches. Eligible recipients must be 60 years and over.

Guest Speaker Marty Collins, Commissioner of the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) spoke to the General Meeting and took questions from the audience. Specifically, he spoke about what the Department of Neighborhood is all about, he explained the enforcement process and he explained neighborhood housing surveys. In addition to these topics he mentioned that \$1 Billion in new construction of all types was completed in the City of Milwaukee during 2005 and his office inspected it all. There is a graffiti war going on in Milwaukee now. Report and remove all graffiti immediately. The DNS issued 50,000 correction orders. The cost of running the DNS is covered by fees generated by the Department. Please call 414-286-2268 to make complaints to his office. He presented McMullen with six litter stix to aid in the collection of litter by CWNA members.

Alderman D'Amato also attended this meeting and took questions from the audience. Many of the questions were about traffic on Locust Street, City of Milwaukee Recycling collection and the bike path issues. He reported that the street construction on Linnwood Avenue will be completed by the end of February 2006. This is a significant sewer project. A traffic circle may be installed on Linnwood and Bartlett Avenue. Also, UWM is hiring a neighborhood liaison person.

Meeting Adjourned.

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