

## Minutes

### Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association

General Meeting - May 16, 2006

Attendees: Peter McMullen, Else Ankel, Deb Verhagen, Dan Christl, Birger Pahl, Sheldon Oppermann, Barb Notestein, Karen Martinsen, Marylou Parthum, Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Alderman Mike D'Amato and Adolph Paul.

Peter McMullen, President, convened the meeting at 7:09 pm. He made several announcements:

Invited CWNA members to attend next weeks Murray Hill Neighborhood Association meeting on May 23 at 7pm (at UEC).

Alderman D'Amato spoke at length about the closing of the Oakland Sentry grocery store and the plan for Walgreen's drug store to expand at that site. This new building will have 3 floors of apartments above the storefront with 47 apartments (1- and 2-bedroom). Apartments will be marketed to all, but thought is to attract married students and grad students. The current owners of Sentry will take over the existing Walgreen's space one block south of Sentry and perhaps put in a delicatessen. Building specs were shared with the group.

Feedback from association members was mixed: Despite a favorable City loan for store improvements and making use of the longtime vacant Ben Franklin space, the loan was never utilized after several years, so there was the desire expressed to see something done with the store. Concerns raised included the loss of a neighborhood food store, height of new building, sensitivity about how the architectural style fits into eastside landscape, as well as unease about bringing in more people into a dense area. Vice President Else Ankel stated her desire to see a healthy mix of all ages in Cambridge Woods area, and questioned the additional traffic and parking impact with this larger store/apartment. Ground breaking may occur in July.

The builder is expected to be attending the upcoming Murray Hill Meeting meeting (see above), along with Alderman D'Amato. Members were encouraged to attend and bring their thoughts.

Else addressed the Programs List, which was distributed to 191 neighbors on the CWNA e-mail list. She asked for feedback and completion of form filled out by members on what they would like to see as the association's ongoing focus. Suggestions for all-neighborhood associations summer gathering in Riverside Park was made and for a Cambridge Avenue Block Party. Low attendance at meetings brought forth several suggestions including timing of meetings—other associations meet monthly, some take summer off. Alderman D'Amato suggested this group tour the new Klotsche Center at UWM and/or Kenilworth building.

UWM will be updating its Campus Plan and it will be shared with this group. Concerns about lack of a UWM enrollment cap continue. Rep. Gerry Broderick mentioned he'd be talking with Tom Llujak at UWM about whether the closing St. Michael Hospital could offer a possible satellite site for student housing. Additionally, grant money will be sought for improved access to the bike path between Locust and Providence Sts. The Lake Park pavilion community room is up for improvements due to a recent audit, which located funds. Lake Park Bistro has over-used community allocated parking spots and signage has been erected as a corrective measure.

The CWNA May Team Updates was distributed to members by Else. Meeting ended at 9:10 pm. Next meeting: July 18, 2006.

Volunteer note taker: Marylou Parthum