

Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Urban Ecology Center
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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I. Announcements

- Due to limited time for Business portion of meeting, President gave a quick summary of Team Reports and mentioned the several handouts and material available to pickup.
- The Milwaukee River Workgroup materials were made available along with planned Workshop dates for public participation.

II. Team Reports

Communications

- No Update.

Fun and Games

- Fun and Games Chair announced that another neighborhood wide Rummage Sale was scheduled for later in the month but was still looking for additional participation.

Membership

- Present membership is around 80 and new or renewing members should sign up tonight. A reminder was given that you need to be a paid member in order to vote in the coming elections in November.

Safety Committee

- Safety Committee is the host of the September meeting and will facilitate the evening's discussion.

Neighborhood Quality

- Data has been collected on housing regarding non-owner occupied property in CWNA. The idea is to share contact information on a block by block basis so residents know who to contact if problems arise as well as recognize good landlords.
- Alderman mentioned that there was a meeting the previous night at the Mariners NA on strategies to strengthen home ownership.
- Good cooperation with UWM Neighborhood Relations, Oscar Perez, has occurred in a number of instances in CWNA area.
- Creating list of absentee landlords and giving the landlords report cards. They will highlight good landlords.

Treasurer

- No Update.

III. **Safety- Neighborhood Concerns Addressed**

- The meeting was turned over to Safety Committee members to introduce the invited panelists:
 1. Raymond Robakowski- MPD Community Liaison Officer
 2. Oscar Perez- UWM Neighborhood Liaison Officer
 3. Art Koch, UWM Police Sergeant
 4. Gerry Broderick- County Supervisor [Supv. Broderick also brought to the meeting representatives from the Milwaukee County Sheriff and Trails Manager]

Each of the speakers gave a brief introduction and perspective on dealing with crime and safety in the area. The following questions that were submitted by CWNA residents were discussed by each of the panelist:

1. How are the threats of people coming into our neighborhood to rob and assault people out walking and to burglarize our homes being addressed?

Summary responses: Crime analysis is evaluated, UWM patrols in the neighborhood along with overtime being paid by UWM for MPD patrols, many tickets being served.

2. What preventive measures are being taken?

Summary responses: Continuous patrols

3. What can we do to prevent crimes and reduce our vulnerability?

Summary responses: Lock doors, don't walk alone, report suspicious behavior, and block captains and networks.

4. Who are the criminals and what do you know of their patterns of criminal activity?

Summary responses: Ones who are looking to take advantage of students in the area.

5. How do traffic/crime issues relate to the alcohol and other drug use in our neighborhood?

Summary responses: a lot

6. How does our proximity to the bike path impact the types of crimes and crime waves that occur in the CWNA area?

Summary responses: Problems arise from time to time, patrols have increased, and use has increased which helps preventing and reporting crime.

7. What are your thoughts on the proposed pedestrian bridge across the river and on the improved access point to the bike path?

Summary responses: mixed, several concerns raised by audience on potential or proposed river crossings in the recent CWNA survey as part of the North East Area Plan. No comments/concerns were raised by improved access point to the bike path.

8. What steps can be taken to improve safety and reduce reckless driving in our neighborhood?

Summary responses: discussion of traffic circles and need for more information.

Additional questions were taken.

IV. **Adjourn** - Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.