

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING (Draft)
of the
WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

May 10, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Stark Company Realty
702 N. High Point Road
Madison, WI 53717

Present: John Pinto (President), Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Eric Lewandowski (Secretary), Susan Ames (ACC Chair), Gabe Anibas (Greenways Chair)

Excused Absences: Karen Kollath (Treasurer), Birgitta Larson Gamez, Liz Fenster, Diane Littman

Invited Guest: Captain Corey Nelson, Commander, Madison Police Department West District

Convening of Meeting J. Pinto opened the meeting at 6:35pm by introducing Captain Nelson, who provided background on himself and the West District since becoming commander, and gave a brief report on crime, safety and security in the area. Captain Nelson noted that since the beginning of the year: although city-wide crime statistics tracking indicates an uptick in activity requiring MPD attention (i.e., shots fired, burglaries, robberies, auto theft, and opioid use) in the West District, the overall volume of 911 calls in these categories is considered light. Q&A followed. Captain Nelson was excused at 6:52pm.

Quorum: E. Lewandowski noted a quorum was present; J. Pinto moved review and unanimous approval of April 12, 2017 regular board meeting Minutes, with minor corrections, seconded by K. Bidwell and G. Anibas; and opened the floor for business.

REPORTS

President's Report J. Pinto stated he had nothing to report as president, but that in light of K. Kollath's absence, he would distribute a Treasurer's report (hardcopy attached), which Karen had provided him, while reserving specific Q&A for a future meeting when she is present; he noted that as of 4/30/17, approximately \$40,000 in total assets are available, including \$17,500 in new annual fee receipts deposited, and roughly \$23,000 on account; WGHA finances overall are sound.

Vice President's Report K. Bidwell noted nothing to report

Secretary's Report E. Lewandowski noted nothing to report

ACC Report S. Ames noted nothing to report

Greenways Committee G. Anibas noted that (1) seasonal mowing and lawn treatments had started, (2) he had convened a Greenways Committee meeting on May 3, and reported on it via NextDoor, (3) Pam Conrad has volunteered to coordinate a walkways pavement assessment including repair bids; (4) he had received a \$500 Foxboro Circle improvement grant request,

which he moved approval on, K. Bidwell seconding, and passed unanimously, with K. Bidwell noting that such projects are good for community building; no other issues to report.

Communications, Block Captains & Social Committees J. Pinto noted the excused absences of all three board members responsible for reports in these areas and said he had nothing substantive to report on them. He stated that L. Fenster had inquired about the prospect of collecting all available secretarial minutes and consolidating them into an “online archive.” In the general discussion that followed, it was noted that such information, while useful, would need to be acquired from diverse sources, such as previous secretaries’ and others’ electronic and personal files, e.g., especially from Mary Nellis and Mark Schmitt who reportedly have been holding onto them. E. Lewandowski stated that he could provide some electronic materials, which he had been maintaining in hopes of a WGHA 50th anniversary brochure or historical publication being produced by 2019. K. Bidwell stated her interest in coordinating such an effort and said she could contact Mary and Mark. J. Pinto then entertained general questions/comments about communications, with K. Bidwell noting that Tina Hogle would be relinquishing control over the WGHA website, and several board members noting the potential usefulness of (A) more widely and timely postings of new board and block captain information, (B) listing of upcoming WGHA activities (e.g., greenways initiatives, social, etc), (C) an updated Directory with a more easily read format, (D) updated welcome packets, and (E) specific information about the upcoming Walnut Grove neighborhood garage, which Derek Pavelik is coordinating.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Pinto noted no new business other than scheduling the next regular Board meeting on the second Wednesday in June (June 14) at Stark Co.; K. Bidwell and S. Ames agreed to work in tandem to arrange and post appropriately.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted online for Board review by Secretary E. Lewandowski on May 15, 2017.