

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
of the
WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

March 14, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Present: John Pinto (President), Susan Ames (ACC Chair), Liz Fenster (Block Captains), Diane Littman (Social), Eric Lewandowski (Secretary), Amelia Tastad (Communications), Dave Phillips (Greenways), Elizabeth Albano

Excused: Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Birgitta Larson Gamez (Treasurer)

Convening of Meeting J. Pinto opened the meeting at 6:30p.m., distributed an Agenda and requested approval of the draft Minutes of the last regular Board meeting previously e-mailed to the Board by K. Bidwell.

Secretary's Report/Quorum/Approval of Minutes L. Fenster acknowledged the presence of a quorum. D. Littman moved approval of the February 7, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes as presented; seconded by A. Tastad; Approved unanimously by members present.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: E. Lewandowski reported no activity.

Treasurer's Report: L. Fenster reported on behalf of B. Larson Gamez that all dues notices have been sent out to the 314 households in the subdivision. Already receiving payments.

President's Report: J. Pinto noted that we received a notice from the Senior Center requesting to put information in our next newsletter.

Architectural Control Committee Report S. Ames reported no activity.

Greenways Report: D. Phillips reported that he attended the Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration Public Information Meeting on March 13, 2018. Meeting was concerning the greenway coming through Walnut Grove and Sauk Creek, the longest greenway in the city. Located behind Walnut Grove Park. Reconstructing the waterway. There is runoff from the concrete, resulting in a lot of erosion. Fixing it from Mineral Point Road to beyond Old Sauk. Plan is to stabilize the runoff. City will hire a person to do the maintenance. They are entertaining a bike path and restoration of exotic plants and existing native trees. A lot of the indigenous trees and plants are not thriving. The plants growing are not ones the animals consume. Currently mostly invasive species. Planning to start with engineering next year (2019). City funded project.

Block Captains/Communication Committees Report: L. Fenster reported website is due to expire on March 17, 2018. B. Larson Gamez is determining how to maintain it as a functioning website. Currently in the process of designing a new website. Working email address for the website is Walnutgrovemadison@gmail.com. Beginning new project of writing down all the logistics for the year. Writing job descriptions for each role on the Board of Directors. Reducing

the number of newsletters from 3 to 2 per year. Some residents opted for digital newsletters. Will still deliver paper newsletters to those who requested them.

Social Committee Report: D. Littman noted that we had a Bowling Ally event on February 25, 2018. 31 people attended. Cost of \$335 for the event. Half of the attendees were children. Discussed potential Easter Egg Hunt. Unable to reach social chair on Sauk Creek board to discuss previous Easter events. Possibility of combining events with Walnut Grove and Sauk Creek. Could use garage sale signs for event advertisement. Discussed \$5 donation for events to compensate for costs.

Old Business:

>No update at this time regarding general liability and DNO insurance. B. Larson Gamez gathering more information which will be discussed at the next meeting on April 11, 2018.

New Business:

2018 WGNA Board to be voted on.

> Secretary: J. Pinto had nominated E. Albano for Secretary and D. Phillips seconded the nomination. The board voted and passed unanimously.

>E. Lewandowski resigned from Secretary position on March 14, 2018.

Garage sale confirmed for the 3rd weekend in May (Friday/Saturday). Communications will work with Derek Pavelec to set up and provide communication to the neighbors.

Reminder 'Coffee with a Cop' takes place at 9am at Steep and Brew on Odana Road in the Market Square Shopping Center.

ADJOURNMENT J. Pinto noted that the next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Stark Company Realtors.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Submitted by E. Albano