

AGENDA

Walnut Grove Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting (Regular)

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Lussier Community
Education Center
55 S. Gammon Road
Madison, WI 53717

- I. Welcome
- II. Quorum (M. Nellis)
- III. Review & Approval of December 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes (M. Nellis)
- IV. Election and Welcome of New Board Members (E. Lewandowski)
- V. Committee Reports
 - Treasurer (T. Wall)
 - Greenways (E. Lewandowski)
 - Communications/Block Captains (E. Goode/M. Battaglia)
 - Social (K. McComb)
 - ACC (D. Clearwood)
- VI. Old Business
 - 2012 Annual Meeting Report (E. Lewandowski)
 - Organizational Process Improvement Process Update (E. Lewandowski)
 - Liability/DNO Insurance Coverage Update (E. Lewandowski)
 - IRS 501 (c) (4) Tax Exempt Status Update (E. Lewandowski)
 - Dog Park Update (K. McComb)
- VII. New Business
 - Newsletter Copy Topics Discussion (All)
 - Website Discussion (A. Moser/All)
 - Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjourn

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LUSSIER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013
(Proposed minutes that will be approved at the next meeting.)

The meeting started at 7:08 PM. All board members were present. Erica Healey, Gabe Anibas, Joan and Al Liegel were also in attendance.

The minutes from the annual meeting were reviewed and will be posted on the website.

Election of Officers: With the approval of the board, Gabe Anibas and Erica Healey became members of the board of directors. Erica will assume the position of vice-president and Gabe will be the greenways chairperson.

Treasurer: Tom Wall will generate the dues notices and Mary will look into printing and envelope stuffing options. Dues notices are targeted to be mailed within the first week of March.

Communications: Mary Kay Battaglia will edit the newsletter. Information for the newsletter should be sent to her by February 27th so that a printed copy can be sent with the dues notices. March 5th is targeted for getting the mailing completed. This is the only time during the year when a hard copy is sent to residents. Otherwise newsletters are on the list-serve or sent via email by the block captains to people in their area.

Anne Moser joined the board for this meeting. She is a non-voting member of the board who assists in keeping the website updated. At the annual meeting there were some suggestions about adding more information to the website, such as the time and place for the annual meeting and all board meetings in addition to putting this information on the list-serve. The minutes of all board meetings will also be on the website. Mary Kay Battaglia will forward information she receives from the City for Anne to post on the website. These are usually family social events. Eileen will send Anne a map of the greenways that she can also put on the website.

A March social is being planned for the block captains by Eileen Goode. This is also a time to update information for the block captains and to answer any questions or concerns.

Social: Kathy McComb does not have a specific activity or date in mind, but is looking at a Spring gathering for neighbors. More details will follow on the list-serve and website.

Greenways: The light on "the sledding hill" behind Whitacre is blinking. There was a discussion about the need to replace the transformers for the lights on the greenways. There are approximately 12-14 transformers so the replacement will have to be done over several years. Gabe Anibas and Eric Lewandowski will consult with Greg

Peterson who was the previous greenways chair and who did some of the initial research on replacing the transformers. The electric company that WGHA previously used for the lights has gone out of business and that has complicated the issue. Denise offered that we should see if there are any programs in which we could partner with MGE.

Architectural Control Committee: Denise Clearwood reported that she had a call from a realtor and a potential buyer somewhere in the neighborhood who wanted clarification of the fence restrictions. She gave them the information in the ACC guidelines and noted that in some instances there are exceptions for hardship (i.e. commercial building adjacent to a residential lot).

The ACC guidelines should be revised this year to reflect current issues (i.e. chicken coops, bees hives, satellite dishes, etc). A discussion could be held in combination with a Fall social.

President's comments: Our most immediate issues are:

1. to decide on whether we should have liability insurance for the Board of Directors of the WGHA. Six other neighborhood organizations are struggling with this same issue. Eric will get cost estimates from a few insurance companies.

2. to resolve our 501c4 status. Eric will seek legal counsel to help us determine what to do next.

Ongoing issue: Continue to document the activities, timelines and responsibilities of the directors and to standardize our procedures.

Dog Park: Kathy McComb and Eric have not heard anything from the city since the annual members' meeting in January. The Liegels asked if Eric or the Board had been contacted since the flow chart from the city indicated that the Neighborhood Association president would be contacted for support. Eric reiterated that neither he nor any of the board has been contacted.

Erica Healey indicated that the dog park survey was not available for the full time due to the city computer system problem on February 7th and 8th. She will contact the Parks Department to request more time for our residents to complete the survey. She will also ask for the following information:

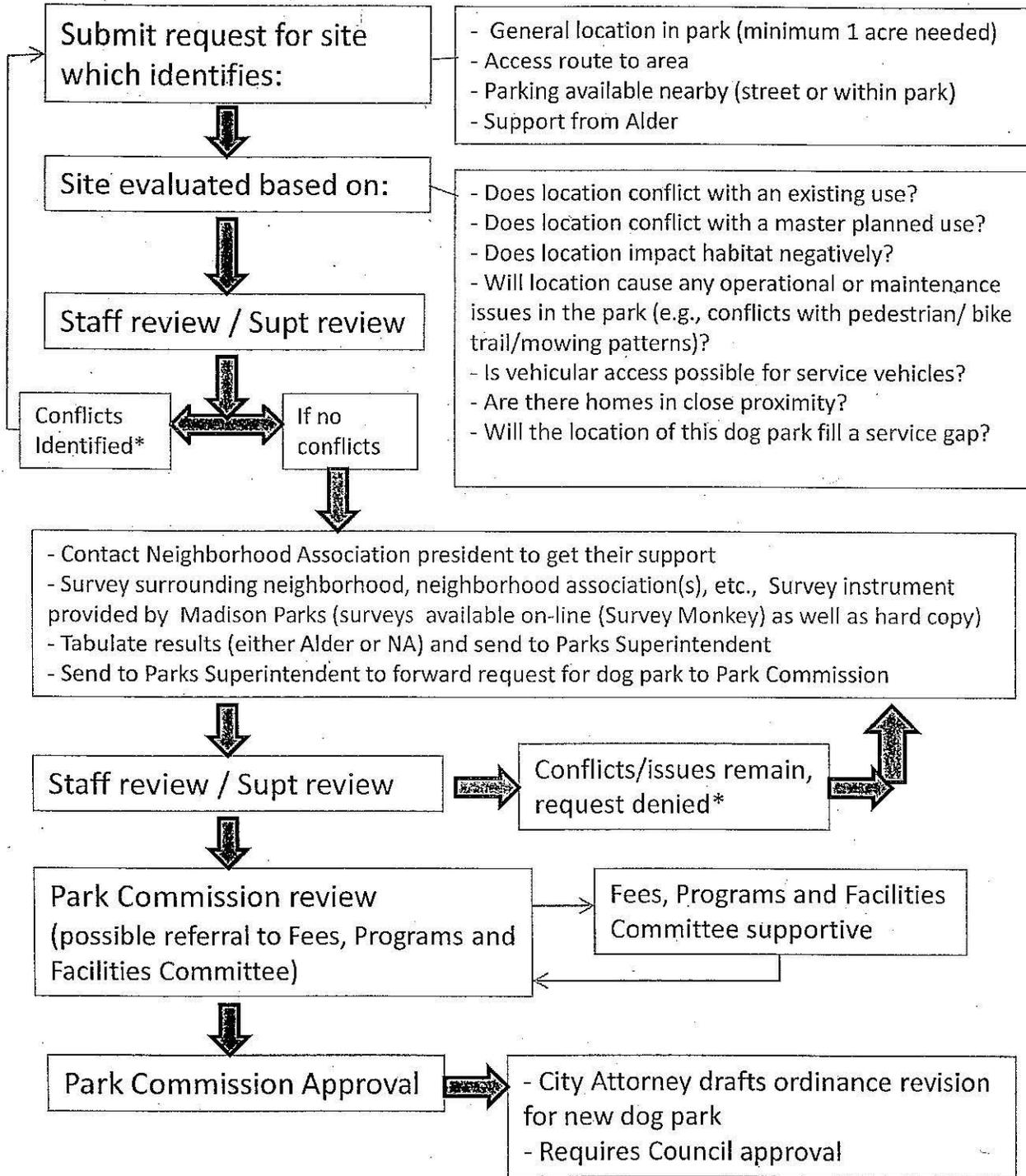
1. Where are we (Walnut Grove Park) in the process laid out on the flow chart?
2. How will the Parks Department keep us informed of the progress in making their determination?
3. Can we see the survey information and when will that be available?
4. Notify us of open meetings about the selection of west-side sites.
5. Provide minutes of these open meetings so that we can inform our residents.
6. Is there a website for the selection of west-side dog park sites?

A motion was made by Eric to establish a committee that would work with the City regarding the dog park issue. Erica Healey, Al and Joan Liegel and Kathy McComb agreed to do this work. Besides the questions that Erica will be asking there is a need for us to know the role of the neighborhood association in regard to this issue.

The meeting ended at 9PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th.

Submitted by,
Mary Nellis
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Establishing an Off-Leash Dog Park



* Any requests not recommended by Parks Superintendent can be appealed to the Parks Commission