



Walnut Grove Homes Association, Inc. Madison, Wisconsin

Annual Meeting Minutes January 25, 1999

1. Meeting began with Alderperson Susan Hamblin reporting that the new shopping mall and library at High Point and Old Sauk Roads and the Attic Angels building at Junction and Old Sauk Roads are among the new elements that are changing the face of our westside neighborhood. Those facilities – in addition to two hotels and service station — will impact our area in both added services to residents and to the volume of traffic flowing through our area.

2. Madison City and Traffic Engineers followed with a report on the expanded roadways planned for the Old Sauk Road area west of the Beltline. Funded primarily by Federal funds, several options have been proposed to widen the roadway from the Beltline to Pleasant View Road. Sidewalks, bike paths, parking, median strips and traffic flow are all considerations in the plan options presented to those present at the meeting. Using large scale blueprints the engineers explored the options open to the planners. Work will begin after area environmental studies and parking studies of the Pleasant View Road intersection have been completed.

3. Joe King — representing a bicycle transportation group — presented an alternate view of the plan. His point of view was based on the assumption that if the city builds the new road traffic will automatically increase...an “if you build it, they will come,” philosophy. Using traffic counts, King illustrated the fact that Old Sauk will become a “magnet” for traffic. Audience discussion followed based on the building to needs – or needing to build – controversy.

4. The City's Tom Walsh addressed the issue of speeding traffic on Westfield Road. The fact the Westfield is a “collector street” for other neighborhood streets is the basis for the traffic volume. While there seems to be no easy answer to the speed problems noted by street residents, he did note that options to help control speed do exist — among them: a speed watch program, using volunteers and display boards to visually remind drivers of their speed; mailbox signs to remind drivers of posted speed limits; speed bumps and other traffic calming devices. The Walnut Grove neighborhood would have to collectively and solidly support any of the options before the City would take action — it was noted that the problem is a neighborhood problem and must have a neighborhood-based solution. The City is enhancing its speed enforcement unit with additional officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5. FINANCIAL

Financial statement was reviewed and approved. Budget for the Association has remained the same for the past two years.

6. GREENWAYS

Glacier Landscaping (fertilizer and weed control) and Hill Electric (light maintenance) were selected as vendors for the coming year. A search for a new source for greenway mowing will be conducted before spring. In the past, the Board has made an effort to use local youths as summer greenway mowers. Because of liability issues, we will probably seek a professional source for future greenway maintenance.

7. BLOCK CAPTAINS

Two additional volunteers are needed to complete the captain network.

8. SOCIAL

Easter bunny volunteers is needed.

9. NEWSLETTER:

No report

10. GENERAL:

Homeowner assessments of \$40 were approved at current rate for the coming year.

11. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:

This six member group reviews building and land use in the neighborhood. There is more diversity as the area matures. The group reviews issues as they pertain to the architectural guidelines and covenants set up when the area was initially developed — including additions, fences, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Vandalism of area cars was noted and a brief discussion was held concerning a neighborhood watch program. Since nearly all of the neighborhood would have to participate for the program to be effective, it was decided to promote a more informal program within the area, possibly using the newsletter and block captains to get the word out.

13. Five Board members retired: Jean Abrams, Pam Sproat, Bridget Booske and president Sandi Robins (6 years!). All were thanked for their years of service. Shelley O'Rourke, Steve Suleksi and Kathy McComb were added to the board. Sandi Robins would continue as newsletter publisher.

**WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin**

February 8, 1999

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Shelly O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Dianne Wilkinson, Debra Wynn

Not Present: None

Election of Officers:

President	-	Tom Senatori
Vice President	-	Vacant
Treasurer	-	Shelly O'Rourke
Secretary	-	Steve Suleski

Appointment of Committee Chairs:

Greenways	-	Dianne Wilkinson
Block Captains	-	Kathy McComb
Social	-	Debra Wynne
Newsletter	-	Sandi Robins
Architectural Review	-	Dan Esser

Committee Report Items as Follows:

TREASURER (Shelly O'Rourke)

- WGHA Financial Report distributed showing receipts, disbursements, cash balance and Walnut Grove Park Fund Account as of 1/31/99.
- Resolutions approved authorizing Tom Senatori or Shelly O'Rourke to act on behalf of WGHA with respect to M&I Bank account (see attached).
- Steve Whaylen has volunteered to assist the Treasurer when needed.
- Process for collecting annual dues outlined and discussed.

GREENWAYS (Dianne Wilkinson)

- Tree still not taken down at Oxwood Circle. If Jim's Tree Service does not follow up soon, Dianne will contact Dane County for removal.
- Suggestion approved to engage Glacier Landscape to provide fertilizer/herbicide service again this year if bid is reasonably close to last year's.
- Suggestions approved to obtain bids for 1999 mowing from Jim Brannstrom, Hobi Martini and Glacier Landscape.
- No reports of Greenway lights being out.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- No report.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynne)

- Decision made not to do Easter Egg Hunt this year because Easter is so early.
- Suggestion approved to look into scheduling WGHA annual garage sale this year in mid-May rather than in late August. Final decision on this suggestion to be made at March board meeting.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins)

- The Secretary was encouraged to keep a separate list of items discussed at Board meetings that should appear in the Newsletter.
- The Board thanked Sandi Robins for agreeing to be responsible for the Newsletter in spite of her retirement from the Board.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- No report.

Other Business:

Sandi Robins also agreed to take charge of putting together the new WGHA directory.

The annual board dinner is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. at Granita's.

Secretary instructed to notify Alder Sue Hamblin and Jule Stroick of Dane County regarding the election of new officers.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for March 1, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Completed by:

Steve Suleski

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

March 1, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:05 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson

Not Present: Debra Wynn e

Minutes: February 8, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items as Follows:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke)

- No change from last month's financial statements, except for expense of board dinner
- Process to change authorized signatories for WGHA bank account is ongoing; need to include copy of banking resolutions in minutes as approved.
- Shelley will follow up on obtaining a list of lot owners from Clifton Gunderson

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- Dane County Tree Service removed dead red oak tree east of Oxwood Circle for \$750. No damage to Greenway as result of the removal.
- Pursuing quotes for fertilizing and mowing from Hobi Martini, Matt Franke and Glacier Landscape. Jim Brannstrom indicated that he was not interested in mowing this year.
- No reports of Greenway lights being out, but no recent inspections have been made.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- Kathy, with help from Dan, will be contacting all existing block captains to thank them for their past service and to ask them to continue.
- New Neighbor Welcoming Packet needs to be updated. Kathy will look at content and Tom will redo the graphics.
- 25 copies of the New Neighbor Welcoming Packet will be printed and a packet will be sent to each family who moved into the neighborhood after January 1, 1999.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins, not present)

- It was decided that the next newsletter should go out in late March.
- Content of newsletter should include:
 - annual meeting report
 - reminder of need for architectural review
 - announcement of Neighborhood Garage Sale on weekend of May 15th
 - club announcements, including Garden Club, Bunco, Walnut Grove Soccer
 - new form of directory update inviting people to update directory listing and indicating that new directory will be distributed by the end of summer

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- No report, but Dan reminded everyone of the importance of making sure WGHA members know they have to comply with the covenants and deed restrictions

SOCIAL (Debra Wynne, not present)

- No report, but the Board decided that the annual WGHA Garage Sale will be held on the weekend of May 15th.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence, but Tom indicated that he had notified Jule Stroick of Dane County Planning of his election as President of WGHA.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for April 12, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steve Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

April 12, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson

Not Present: Debra Wynn e

Minutes: March 1, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke)

- Financial Report through April 7, 1999 submitted (copy attached).
- Review of major revenues and expenses for March:

Revenues:

Homeowners' Dues	\$9,330.00
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Expenses:

MG&E (2 months)	\$ 723.18
Insurance	734.00
Accounting Fees	973.25
Dane County Tree Service	791.25

- 39 of 300 homeowners are late paying their annual dues; discussed when to send reminder letters and potential collection problems.
- Final form of banking resolution as approved by Board (copy attached).

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- Tree limb blown down near Oxwood; Madison Horticultural has removed most of it and will return to finish the job soon.
- Light 25 is out; Diane will contact Hill Electric to repair or to remove that particular light post altogether because it is out so often; cost of removal and repair will be compared.
- Three bids received for mowing greenways; after comparing bids, motion to hire Matt Franke for 12 mowings at \$130-\$140 per mowing was unanimously approved.
- Only one bid received for fertilizer/herbicide treatment; motion to hire Glacier Landscape at \$765 for the year unanimously approved.
- Diane to request contracts from both Matt Franke and Glacier Landscape reflecting the terms of their accepted proposals.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e, not present)

- No report.
- No update on plans for May garage sale.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- Revised New Neighborhood Welcome Packets are done.
- 3 have already been passed out.
- So far, all of last year's block captains that have been contacted have agreed to continue.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- No new activity to report; only one project outstanding.
- Discussion about 150 foot flagpole proposed to be erected on Walbridge Academy property, to include communications equipment for Sprint Communications; no official request or proposal received yet.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins, not present)

- Tom to contact Sandi to find out when newsletter will be ready; Sandi has been working on it.

Correspondence:

- Brochure on 24th Annual Neighborhoods USA Conference to be held at Madison Convention Center on May 26-29; possibility of sending one or more board members discussed.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for May 3, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steve Suleski, Secretary

Attachments

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

May 3, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:15 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson

Not Present: Debra Wynn^e

Minutes: April 12, 1999 minutes approved with one minor correction.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke)

- \$1,450 additional dues collected in April.
- Still 30 left uncollected; time to send out first reminder notices.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- Matt Franke submitted contract which Diane initialed and returned; but no mowing seems to be done yet.
- Glacier Landscape also submitted contract which Diane initialed and returned; not known if first application done yet.
- Hill Electric to look at Light #25 and possibly Light #30 within next week.
- Madison Horticultural has cleared rest of downed tree near Oxwood.
- Diane recently walked the greenway and reported that the trees seem to be in good shape.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e, not present)

- Kathy McComb reported that at least 10 to 12 people have signed up for garage sale.
- July 4th picnic discussion; need to discuss with Debra Wynn about coordination and with Sandi Robins about need for newsletter by late June.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- Over 12 New Neighbor Welcome Packets have been distributed to block captains to cover the new residents since January.
- Rick Black, recent new neighbor, works at Copy Max and is willing to give WGHA a discount on copying for packets, newsletters, etc.
- Newsletters successfully distributed to block captains last week.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- Preliminary discussions held with representative of Sprint regarding 70-foot flagpole on Walbridge Academy grounds; Architectural Review Committee has raised concerns about this project because it is not residential in nature—it's twice as tall as the tallest

commercial flagpoles. No formal proposal has been received from Walbridge Academy.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins, not present)

- Tom to contact Sandi about publishing another newsletter by late June.

Correspondence:

- Notice of Meeting received for Needs Assessment for Verona Road re Home Depot Project—postponed until early June.
- Respect for the Law Awards Luncheon invitation received to attend in June.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for June 7, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steve Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

June 7, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson

Not Present: Debra Wynne

Minutes: May 3, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke).

- Four more dues collected; 26 left.
- May garage sale proceeds totalled approximately \$125 to go to Park Fund.
- Additional \$100 check received for Park Fund. Park Fund now totals nearly \$2,000.
- MG&E and Madison Horticultural Services were major bills paid in May.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- So far this season, Matt Franke has mowed three times; he submitted bill for \$427.28. There have been mixed reviews with two complaints—one for mowing on homeowners yard on Winterset and one from Millstone for uneven cutting. These issues have been brought to Matt Franke's attention. Question raised whether whole area has actually been mowed three times.
- Bill received from Glacier Landscape for application of herbicide for total of \$269.03.
- Hill Electric was called. One light fell over because the pole rusted through; new pole has been ordered; the other light needed photocell. Light No. 1 is out now. When the pole comes in, this light will also be fixed.
- Issue re maintenance of circles (mowing and pruning). This should be a topic for the next newsletter and Block Captains. There is a question as to whether the City or WGHA is responsible for the circles.
- Dead tree north of Harwood Circle; Diane will check to see if it is on WGHA's property or a homeowner's property.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynne, not present)

- July 4th kid's bike parade and ice cream at WG Park was approved again this year, but with popcicles instead of ice cream. Need to get flyer about event out to Block Captains for distribution.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- No report, except handed out a few more new neighbor welcome packets.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- Colony Circle deed restrictions can be terminated in year 2000, but takes 50%+ vote or automatically renews.
- No more information on the Walbridge Academy request for a flagpole.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins, not present)

- No need for newsletter until mid-August to announce September 12th picnic.

Correspondence:

- Madison Area Crime Stoppers would like to come to our meeting to discuss their program to us. We will invite them to the next annual meeting.
- There is a new campaign to raise money to purchase books and furniture for the new library. A meeting is scheduled for June 15th at CUNA.

New Business:

- Report received re a dead tree in Walnut Grove Park. Tom called the City and they agreed to cut it down. He also asked about flower plantings, etc. around WG Park sign and Tom will do this.
- Questions raised as to our tax exempt status.
- Question raised re work on church property, whether just reseeding or expanding parking lot.
- Lyn Mussallem sent a proposal to spend approximately \$50 for mulch for Stone Crest Circle. This was approved.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 26, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steve Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

July 26, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski

Not Present: Shelley O'Rourke, Diane Wilkinson, Debra Wynn^e

Minutes: June 7, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke, not present).

- No report, but Tom indicated that Lyn Mussallem submitted a bill for approximately \$75 for mulch for Stone Crest Circle. Shelley will pay in due course.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson, not present)

- Bills will be coming from Hill Electric.
- Contract let to Dane County Tree Service for \$550 to take care of trees near Oxwood Circle.
- John Jenson called to report that a ball diamond was built (mowed) on Greenway near Harwood Circle. Question whether this is appropriate to do to Greenway. Dan raised the issue of whether to go with Diane to speak with the people who created the ball diamond.
- Questions raised about whether mowing is being done frequently enough—the grass seems to be very long. ^{Dan} Tom to call Diane and ask her to ask Matt Franke to mow more frequently.
- Question about whether Greenway ^{Dan} near Springwood and another spot south of Walnut Grove Drive are becoming overgrown—branches seem to be growing into pathway. Might be buckthorn. Tom to contact Diane about this. Board approved spending funds to thin Buckthorn on these paths.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e, not present)

- July 4th kids' bike parade went well.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb)

- New block captain: Maggie Hoyer is replacing Charlotte Martin on Walnut Grove Drive. We will put a blurb in the Newsletter thanking Charlotte for her years of service and welcoming Maggie.
- Some areas did not receive distribution of announcement about July 4th event.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- Concern re boat in summer and snowplow in winter in driveway at corner of Greenhaven and Westfield. Dan to send them a letter indicating boat must be moved within seven days or we will contact our attorney.
- Issue re request for fence on Colony Circle abutting church. Architectural Committee will follow guidelines and discourage chain link fence.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robins, not present)

- Need for Newsletter to be out by Mid-August to announce September picnic.
- Also want to include announcement re new directory and invite people to submit updated information.
- Tom to contact Sandi to get newsletter out.
- Include announcement that we need two additional board members.

Correspondence:

- Response from Parks Division re Tom's request to fix area near sign.
- Tom has been working on Walnut Grove Park sign (trimming, weeding, etc.). Tom requests that he be allowed \$50 for mulch, a new tree, etc. to spruce it up more. This request was approved.

New Business:

- None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 13, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steve Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

September 27, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Attending Board

Members: Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson

Not Present: Dan Esser, Kathy McComb, Debra Wynn^e

Minutes: July 26, 1999 minutes approved, with minor corrections.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke).

- Letter delivered to all homeowners whose dues are still unpaid. Seventeen left to be paid.
- Still have amounts left to pay to reimburse Deb Wynn for expenses of picnic (at least \$113).
- Bill paid to Matt Franke for mowing.
- As of August 31, 1999, balance in all accounts for WGHA was \$37,263.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- All lights are now working on Greenway.
- Tree needs to be trimmed near Oxwood--will be done by Dane County Tree Service after second frost.
- A complaint was received from homeowner near Harwood Circle about crabgrass from Greenway spreading into their yard, and request made to use an herbicide next year to take care of crabgrass. Board decided to respond by treating that particular area separately next year.
- Diane will follow up to make sure that ball diamond on Greenway has been removed.
- Diane is going to contact a homeowner about cutting down some Greenway bushes to make room for their construction work.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e, not present)

- Kathy and Debra have talked about arranging a bonfire for Halloween at Walnut Grove Park on October 29th with a pot luck. WGHA will obtain a fire permit and provide marshmallows and sticks. Recommendation was made that Kathy or Debra contact the Crestwood or Parkwood neighborhood (who have previously held bonfires) for information. The feeling of the Board was not to plan for a pot luck. Tom will put out a flier on the bonfire once arrangements are finalized.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb, not present)

- Kathy has requested additional new neighbor welcome packets.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser, not present)

- Review of Sprint flagpole issue, tabling of proposal by Plan Commission.
- Question raised regarding follow up on boat in driveway at corner of Greenhaven and Westfield.

NEWSLETTER

- Kathy might have a candidate to take over responsibility for the newsletter.
- Request made that a reminder be put in the newsletter regarding the bonfire.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Madison Fire Department to support their effort to purchase Fire/Smoke Camera.
- School Vote informational letter.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

- Shelley has determined that WGHA is not tax exempt, per her phone call to an authority at Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 1, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steven R. Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

November 1, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:05 p.m.

Attending Board

Members: Dan Esser, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski, Diane Wilkinson, Debra Wynn^e

Not Present: Kathy McComb

Minutes: September 27, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke)

- Only two have not paid their dues yet and one of these is selling their home, so will have to pay before closing (title company has already contacted Shelley).
- M&I has begun charging WGHA a monthly checking account maintenance fee (since August). Questions raised whether we should change the type of account or whether we should look for a new bank. Shelley will call a few banks to see if we can get a better deal. She will also call M&I to see if we can get these fees reversed.
- All bills are currently paid.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson)

- Light out near Whitacre and light near Harwood has loose head. Hill Electric has been called to fix these.
- Oak tree near Oxwood has not been trimmed yet. Dane County Tree Service will do the work after the second frost.
- We are done with mowing and fertilizer/herbicide application for the year. Shelley will give a summary of the number of mowing and applications for the year.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e)

- Bonfire was a success; 50 to 60 people attended.
- The cost was around \$100 for permit, food and drinks.
- Bonfire should be on next year's social calendar.
- Picnic cost was \$1,200, now that all costs have been submitted.
- Next suggested event would be to offer neighbors a visit by Santa Claus. WGHA owns a Santa Suit and Greg Peterson and his wife Danielle have volunteered to play the part and visit neighbors who want Santa to visit their homes. We would need to get newsletters out before mid-December to announce this opportunity. Board decided to go ahead with this event.

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb, not present)

- No report, but Tom reported that he provided Kathy with eight more Welcome Packets.
- Tom also indicated that his block captain is quitting and will need to be replaced.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- Dan indicated that he was not able to get a letter to the homeowner with the boat in the driveway on the corner of Westfield and Greenhaven. He said the boat has now been removed for the winter. Dan will keep an eye out for the snowplow the homeowner usually has in the driveway for winter and will take action if that happens.
- Dan reviewed the Sprint flagpole issue and indicated that the Plan Commission had unanimously rejected Sprint's proposal because of the potential harm to the neighbors. Spring has decided to appeal to the City Council where a public hearing will be held on November 30, 1999 at 8 p.m.
- Also a push is on to locate other communication facilities on county siren towers including the one at the corner of Gammon Road and Farmington Way. Dan is looking for input on our reaction to this proposal. It would extend the siren tower from 45 feet to 65 feet. Diane mentioned that she would like to know what residents near the Gammon Road site think about a larger tower.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robbins, not present)

- Need a newsletter out in early December to announce Santa's visit.
- Tom will discuss timing and content of the newsletter with Sandi.
- Diane suggested that the newsletter include a reminder to shovel the sidewalks.
- Newsletter needs to announce the Annual Meeting date, time and location (will be held January 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the M&I basement).

Correspondence:

- Letter re questionnaire for Celebrate Madison, a proposed multi-cultural event.
- Letter re availability of grant for seed money for juvenile delinquency prevention.
- Letter re grass roots advocacy/community leadership workshop.
- Letter re holiday blood drive scheduled for December 24, 1999.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

- None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 6, 1999 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steven R. Suleski, Secretary

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION
Madison, Wisconsin

December 6, 1999

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Attending Board

Members: Dan Esser, Shelley O'Rourke, Tom Senatori, Steve Suleski

Not Present: Kathy McComb, Diane Wilkinson, Debra Wynn^e

Minutes: November 1, 1999 minutes approved.

Committee Report Items:

TREASURER (Shelley O'Rourke)

- Only one bill received since the last meeting (from Hill Electric).
- M&I has switched our money market account from a personal account to a business account, resulting in an interest rate decrease from about 2% to about 4%; also, Sandi Robins' name is still on the account as the designated signatory and needs to be changed to the current officers.
- Shelley has checked out Capitol Bank as an alternative, but its rates are not significantly better than M&I's; she will check out other banks like Park Bank soon.

GREENWAYS (Diane Wilkinson, not present)

- No report.
- Tom indicated that the city will be replacing some of the weed trees recently cut down in Walnut Grove Park with oak trees; planting will occur next spring and the city has asked WGHA to provide some help with the planting.

SOCIAL (Debra Wynn^e, not present)

- Santa Claus visits will go ahead as planned with Greg Peterson playing the part. There will be no Mrs. Claus this year.
- An evening social gathering for the Board will be planned to take place at Tom's house sometime in February (after the Annual Meeting).

BLOCK CAPTAINS (Kathy McComb, not present)

- No report, but Tom indicated that two replacements have volunteered to fill the present block captain vacancies.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (Dan Esser)

- Dan reported that Sprint's effort to build an antenna/flagpole on the Waldbridge Academy property was finally defeated at the City Council meeting on November 30, 1999; he indicated that Alderperson Sue Hamblin's efforts to defeat the proposal were invaluable.

NEWSLETTER (Sandi Robbins, not present)

- The next edition of the newsletter should be at the printer tomorrow and should be able to be circulated next weekend (Dec. 11-12).
- The newsletter will announce the Annual Meeting date, time and place (January 24, 2000, 7 p.m. in the basement of the M&I Bank on Mineral Point Road). A presentation will be made at the meeting by a representative of Crime Stoppers.

Correspondence: None.

New Business/Miscellaneous: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2000 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Completed By:

Steven R. Suleski, Secretary