

GREENTREE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2004 Minutes

Present: Barb Chase, Area 1; Jack Sherman, Area 3, Denise Clearwood, Area 4/President; Charlie Vaughn, Area 5/Vice President; Earl Gritton, Area 6; Ann Strauss, Area 7; Tom Sullivan, Area 9; Linda Bellman; District 1 Alderperson ; Joel & Sarah Weitz from Vitense Golfland.

Absent: Cynthia Bates-Schaffer, Area 2; Robin Kite, Area 10

Vacant: Areas 8 and 11

Linda gave a brief update on city/neighborhood happenings:

The controversial inclusionary zoning, a plan to diversify school-age student population. passed the city council.

The city and county are still working on a health merger. There are still some details to be ironed out.

Linda and her husband have purchased a condo out of the district and will be moving sometime this summer. Linda will be resigning from the City Council and her seat will be temporarily filled by County Board Supervisor, Richard Brown, who also is a Greentree resident.

There is a proposed new development, Pioneer Village, at Hwy M and Mineral Point Rd. It needs an environmental impact study for traffic before construction can begin.

There was a discussion on the Watts Rd overpass that has been proposed. This is still in the planning stages and probably won't happen until 2014.

Joel Weitz, grandson of George Vitense, the founder of Vitense Golfland and present owner of the business, spoke on planned renovations to the club house.

They would like to add on 1,000 - 1,500 sq feet to the first floor of the club house, making the building approx 3,700 sq ft when completed. This would allow them to develop George Vitense Golf Academy for all ages and have more comprehensive golf lessons. It also would allow room for a food & beverage area with a grill and scoop ice cream and an open area that would over look the golf course, for seating. Construction would start in October of 1004 and take approximately five months to complete, finishing in February 2005. It would be done in time for the 50th anniversary of Vitense Golfland. Joel is unsure if they will apply for a beer license or not. They are not interested in a full liquor license. It is not felt the food and beverage area will compete with other restaurants in the neighborhood.

Denise introduced Ann Strauss, new area 7 representative, replacing Barb Shelbrack who recently resigned from the board. Welcome Ann!

Update on January Neighborhood Forum:

Approximately 18 people attended. A decision on whether to continue the forum next year was tabled following a discussion on what would draw people out. An annual neighborhood meeting was suggested. We will discuss this at future meetings.

Neighborhood Adult Party

We would like it at the end of April so information can go out in the April Stump. What kind of party would draw people? A dart tourney and bowling were suggested. Denise will contact Ten Pin Alley to see if arrangements can be made.

Neighborhood Signs:

Denise has not gotten any information on city grants for this year so is assuming there is no money available. We won't apply for the other three signs for various reasons but will concentrate on getting the sign built to be put by the bike path at the end of Schroeder Rd. That was budgeted in the grant we received last year.

The directory will be coming out in April. There was frustration expressed at not getting the names of people who have not updated their directory data sooner. It was felt that if we could get the names and addresses of those people sooner after the deadline, we could have another chance to canvas our area again to try to reach those people and have them update their information, whether or not they join the neighborhood.

We need a coordinator for the new neighbor packets. This person would assemble the new neighbor packets and distribute them to the area reps to give to new neighbors in their area.

The April meeting is scheduled for April 5 which is Spring Break for the Madison Public Schools. Denise asked if this would present a problem for anyone. Since no one felt it would be a problem, the meeting date stands as April 5.