

**GREENTREE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING - April 2, 2007**

Present: Barb Chase, Area 1 (Secretary); Laurie Perkins, Area 2; Rick Floyd, Area 4; Nancy Priegel, Area 7; Allen Youngwood, Area 9 (Treasurer); Steve Henningfield, Area 10; Linda Johnson, Stump Editor

Absent: Jeanne Howard, Area 3; Charlie Vaughan, Area 5; Danielle Gale, Area 11;

Vacant: Area 6, Area 8

Treasurer's Report: Allen reported we have approximately \$8,000 in the treasury. He would like to see some of that invested in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) to help earn some money. He suggested taking \$6,000 and buying two CDs of \$2,500 each and laddering them for different time frames. The question arose that if we earn interest would we have to file a tax return? We need \$25,000 gross receipts before we would have to pay taxes. Are we an official non-profit Association? We would need to file papers of incorporation to be official. Allen will check with the bank to see for sure if we need to file a tax return. Would we like to spend some of our treasury – take on a neighborhood project or something?

Rick Floyd moved to place \$6,000 in two laddered accounts at M & I Bank provided there are no tax issues. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4th of July: Steve Henningfield, coordinator. Everything is on schedule. We will discuss this more at other meetings.

Garden Tour: There are four gardens so far with more probably coming. These will be toured front and back with lecturers present. Four others are walk-by. There will be a brochure telling what homeowners or landscapers have done. GTNA is to handle the money. The Garden Club will pay for the expenses and be reimbursed by GTNA. It was agreed to charge a fee of \$1.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. There will be approximately a \$50.00 printing fee. People can join GTNA when they buy their tour tickets if they wish. Ticket sellers will have a list of members. This is open only to Greentree residents.

Schroeder Road: Schroeder Road is scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. The city has proposed one lane of traffic in each direction, a bike lane at each curb, pedestrian islands at major intersections and a left-turn lane at all intersections. This is not intended to be like Odana Road. Some bus stops will probably have to be moved so they don't block the intersection. There is concern that the bike paths will end by Whitney Way with nowhere for the bikers to go. It was decided to have the city look into this and see what they can do.

There is a house near Stop N Go with no sidewalk. This is in the Town of Middleton and the Alder for this area will need to request that the City of Madison work with the Town of Middleton to get a sidewalk put in and it probably will get done.

It was decided to have the pedestrian medians be no-maintenance (solid cement). There was a suggestion to have the intersecting streets divided with a stripe and turn arrows at the intersection with Schroeder Rd (Saybrook, Chapel Hill, Struck, etc.)

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The speed limit now is 35 mph. If we suggest lowering it, the city will probably look into it and try to have it lowered. We would like to see the speed limit lowered to 30 mph. Right now, the police only ticket if a car is driving 15 mph over the speed limit, or at least 50 mph. By lowering the speed to 30, police could ticket at 45. Some cars do drive 50 down Schroeder now. It is hoped that by lowering the speed limit, cars will be driving 35 or 40 rather than 40 or 45.

The land along Schroeder Rd by Spectrum is zoned retail-conservancy.

Rick will write a letter to the City Engineering Department saying we are in agreement with the proposed changes for Schroeder Rd with some clarification:

- A solution for the bike lane at the east end of the street
- Set back bus stops
- Concrete pedestrian islands
- Added marking at intersecting streets
- 30 mph speed limit
- Sidewalk all along the north side – including the property without a sidewalk that is in the Town of Middleton

Proposed Klinke Cleaners Development: Klinke Cleaners has proposed building a new establishment at the corner of Schroeder and Gammon Roads where a house now is. The property is zoned multi-family and would have to be re-zoned. There will be a public meeting on this proposal Monday evening 6 Pm at Klinke Cleaners present location on Gammon Road.

Greentree Stump: The coming issue will be Linda's last Stump. She has repeatedly said she will be quitting as editor with this issue. The woman she thought would take it over has declined due to health issues. It was suggested maybe having just an email Stump but not everyone reads their email and not all GTNA members have email.

Reorganization: Less and less people are willing to volunteer – not just in the neighborhoods but also in school, church, etc. A survey will be in the June Stump with a preface saying we are concerned about the organization going static and asking people to please fill out the survey. There will also be copies on the membership table at the 4th of July picnic. There was a suggestion to have the survey be two-sided with the membership form on the backside.

Next Meeting: Do we want to continue the directory? If so, how should it look? Does someone want to look up all the Greentree residents – not just the members so they can be included in the directory too? Or should we leave it as just GTNA members?