

GREENTREE NEIGHBORGOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2007

Present; Laurie Perkins, Area 2; Rick Floyd, Area 4; Nancy Priegel, Area 7(President); Allen Youngwood, Area 9 (Treasurer); Steve Henningfield, Area 10; Linda Johnson, Stump Editor; Jeanne Howard, Area 3
Absent: Charlie Vaughan, Area 5; Danielle Gale, Area 11; Jay McClellan, member
Vacant: Area 6, Area 8

Treasurer's Report: Allen reported we have approximately \$8,000 in the treasury. He has placed \$3,000 each in 2 CDs at M & I Bank. One earns 4.25% and matures in 6 months. The other matures in 12 months earning 4.55%. Allen noted that we might get slightly better rates at another institution but this allows us to keep our accounts with M&I and the money will transfer back to the checking account upon CD maturity.

4th of July: Steve Henningfield, coordinator. Everything is on schedule. Info will be in June 1 Stump (deadline for submissions Friday May 11) the last Stump before the 4th.

Garden Tour: Lisa Johnson, head of the UW extension master gardener program and our garden tour lecturer, offered to have her publications available for tour participants. This would cost about \$35. The board voted to provide the funds.

Schroeder Road: Rick Floyd reported that while the plans for Schroeder Road are not yet finalized it looks unlikely that the city is willing to decrease the speed limit from 35 to 30 as we have requested. As well, they are unwilling to stripe intersecting streets for left turn lanes as they are unwilling to maintain that work. Still under consideration are locations for parking. Our Alder, Jed Sanborn, submitted a request that the City of Madison work with the Town of Middleton to get a sidewalk put in.

Beltline Project at Watts Rd/Forward Dr: Although this project was believed to have been postponed indefinitely, it was discovered to have been revived under a different project heading. It appears likely that the Watts Rd/ Forward Dr site will be selected for a pedestrian/traffic bypass of the beltline. It will be important to ensure that the increased traffic is routed down Struck not Forward Dr to avoid heavy traffic past Falk School and the playing fields on Forward Dr. GTNA members have been in close contact with state officials regarding this project. Jay McClellan suggested contacting local city officials as well. Plan is to await a response from the D.O.T. and on the latest plans for this area after which there will be an opportunity for neighborhood input.

Proposed Klink Cleaners at Schroeder and Gammon Rds: Rick Floyd attended the informational meeting and feels that this project should not be opposed by the GTNA both because it is a reasonable use of the land and because the project will require approval from enough regulatory agencies that any concerns will likely be addressed.

Pit Bull Incident at Falk School: Danielle Gale sent a letter to the owners of the property housing the dogs. She was not present to report. We will address via email.

Tennis Courts at Norman Clayton Park: It was previously thought that the courts were to be replaced by new courts at Elver Park however, Nancy Priegel reported that this is unlikely to happen in the next several years as the city does not currently own the proposed site but only has first rights to it upon sale by the current owner. Nevertheless, Sid Widsterand at the City Parks Department does not feel that his budget allows for either repair or removal of the courts at Norman Clayton. Resurfacing costs \$7,000- more for repair. He suggested submitting a petition. Such a petition was circulated last 4th of July. On a historical note and by way of explanation, the courts were not built by the city but by a private contractor and were intended to be part of a member's only pool. However, the company went bankrupt and the courts went to the city. Plan is to ask Danielle Gale about the petition and to ask Jed Sanborn for some help on this, as we are getting nowhere trying to fix our tennis courts.

Greentree Newsletter/Directory: Linda has labored long and hard and produced an excellent and vital newsletter. She has repeatedly tried to get help without success and has officially announced her retirement as editor of The Stump. In an effort to continue the literary lifeline of the Greentree neighborhood, Jeanne Howard will take over as editor of a simplified newsletter. This year, in order to make the Directory more useful, it will include all Greentree residents by street and name and member residents by street, name, children's' names and telephone number if desired.

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Association Member Dues: will remain a bargain at \$15 for 2 years. Our annual membership drive will occur in the June 1st Stump and at the 4th of July party.

Proposed Dog Park at the “Elver Prairie Restoration Site/ Greentree Dump”: A dog park has been proposed for the landfill site currently a prairie restoration site along McKenna Ave west of Saalsaa Rd. Although a dog park is a desirable addition to the southwest area, Jay McClellan brought some concerns about this site to the board. He notes that this is an area densely populated by both rental units and owner occupied homes and the noise and potential odors of a dog park will not be welcomed by many residents. As well, this landfill has been recapped once already (recall the unfortunate exploding house incident) and may need to be again, in the process destroying the park above it. Finally, it is questionable whether the financially strapped Parks System could maintain a dog park when it cannot afford to mow the existing parks. There are 2 other potential sites nearby that are less densely populated and would not necessitate the destruction of the prairie habitat already created at the landfill site. Jay will attend a meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Steering Committee tomorrow for more information. The board will consider its position when a formal proposal is available and members' opinions are heard.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Howard