

GREENTREE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2007

Present: Barb Chase, Area 1; Rick Floyd, Area 4; Nancy Priegel, Area 7; Allan Youngwood, Area 9; Steve Henningfeld, Area 10; Danielle Gale, Area 11; Linda Johnson, Stump Editor; Jed Sanborn, Alder
Guests: Kate Burr, Earl Gritton
Absent: Laurie Perkins, Area 2; Jeanne Howard, Area 3; Charlie Vaughan, Area 5
Vacant: Area 6, Area 8

Tennis Courts at Norman Clayton Park

Jed reported that the tennis courts at Norman Clayton Park will be put in the budget for 2008. Plans are to completely reconstruct them. The project should be started next spring or summer. There is a possibility that they will be moved to Elver Park in approximately 20 years.

Proposed Dog Park

A dog park has been proposed for the former landfill area on Hammersley Road. There is some opposition from neighbors abutting the land. There is another dog park proposed for the former landfill by Memorial High School and Jefferson Middle School. The board has no opposition to either dog park at the present time.

Kelly Market Alcohol License Request

Kelly Market, the former Kwik Trip, has requested a license to sell beer and wine. Other stores and restaurants in the area already have a liquor license. There is to be a public hearing Thursday evening, June 7 at 7 PM at the Fire Station. Kwik Trip did not sell alcohol – never applied for a license. The request will go before the Alcohol Review Board June 20. A question re security close to 9PM to be sure people don't come in and buy liquor after hours. Also to prevent sales to under-age people. The license would be renewed annually. The board voted to take no action and wait and see how things go.

Copper Top Restaurant Remodeling Request

The Copper Top wants to change their façade. They want to use imitation stucco that does not meet Urban Design Commission guidelines. There is a public meeting Wed, June 6. The board decided to take no action pending the Urban Design Commission decision.

Hammersley Road/Whitney Way Intersection Proposal

The city does not see that intersection as particularly dangerous despite a fatal crash and another serious accident there and numerous cars crashing into the yard and house on the NW corner of the intersection.

However, the City Traffic Engineering Department is proposing a couple changes:

No left turn onto Hammersley from Whitney Way

No through traffic on Hammersley – traffic would have to turn onto Whitney Way at the intersection.

The City said they will suggest other options and there probably will be another meeting before final recommendations are made.

Pit Bulls on Hammersly Road

Neither Jed nor Danielle has heard from the property owner of the duplex where the pit bulls got out and scratched some Falk School students. The dogs' owner maintains the children teased the dogs and that is why they jumped the fence. Is there a regulation as to how many animals a resident can have? Is there an ordinance about animals near a school, especially animals such as Pit Bulls? There were 6 puppies on the property at the time the dogs got loose.

Schroeder Road

Rick reported that he has been pressing the city as to their reluctance to reduce the speed limit to 30 when they resurface Schroeder Rd this summer. Despite neighbors' requests to lower it, the city is

standing firm on keeping the speed at 35. There will be no center turn lane by Babe's but the parking there will remain. The bike path will continue past Babe's and Vitense to Whitney Way as it is now. The final option should be posted to the city's web site by Wednesday, June 6.

Fourth of July

The plans for the annual Fourth of July celebration are on schedule

Treasurer's Report

There is \$1,500 in the checking account. Allan opened two DS's earlier to help us earn some interest on our money.

Garden Club Tour

June 23, with rain date June 24. Everything is on track with several nice gardens for people to tour.

South West Neighborhood Plan Commission

The final draft of their plan was due two weeks ago but isn't out yet. This is a plan of what the city plans to do in the next five years in the Southwest part of Madison.

Expanding the Meadowridge Library

Community gardens on Arden near Gammon and Schroeder

Want to make better use of parkland near Chapel Hill

Better use of Hammersley Park near Falk School

Redevelopment of several areas

There will be a public meeting June 21 for comments on the final draft. The board decided to wait for the final draft of the plans before making any comments.

Beltline Upgrades

DOT and the city will work together on this. It will be in three parts:

1. Verona Rd interchange
 - a. Verona Road from PD to the beltline interchange and the interchange itself
2. Safety and Operation Study – now
 - a. Looking at interchanges and crossings to see where improvement is needed
3. Major project to add a third lane in each direction from Verona Road to Hwy 14 (University Avenue)

All the plans depend on funding. It would possibly be 10 years before the project is started. Allan will create a draft letter similar to the previous one for us to look at and sign. It will state our concerns over the crossings and ask DOT and the city to work with us.

American Transmission

American Transmission does not want to run the lined underground but if they do, the lines would run along Whitney6 Way6. If they run overhead lines along the Beltline, it would be difficult to expand the Beltline later on.

Stump

Linda and Jeanne will meet soon on the transition of Jeanne taking over as Stump editor. Linda will continue to maintain the Web Site and the listserv for neighborhood emails. If anyone has an email to send to the entire neighborhood, write it and send it to Linda to send out. She will not be composing the emails anymore. Linda will reserve the Fire Station for the 07-08 Board meetings.

Officers/Board Members

Most board members will stay on for next year. Areas 6 & 8 are still vacant. Charlie is planning on resigning from the board and is working on finding a replacement. Barb will be leaving the board in January and is working on finding a replacement. There was discussion about having one or two board members "at large" since it is difficult to find a representative from a specific area. It was agreed that it would be a good idea.

Minutes taken by Secretary Barb Chase