

GREENTREE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2007

Present: Barb Chase, Area 1; Jeanne Howard, Area 3, Stump Editor; Rick Floyd, Area 4; Charlie Vaughan, Area 5; Earl Gritton: Area 6; Allan Youngwood, Area 9; Steve Henningfeld, Area 10; Danielle Gale, Area 11; Linda Johnson, Membership Chair

Guests: Larry Sperling, Marilyn Nieman

Absent: Laurie Perkins, Area 2; Nancy Priegel, Area 7, President

Vacant: Area 8

Earl Gritton sat in for President Nancy Priegel who could not attend.

Updates:

- Klinke Cleaners - Klinke Cleaners has decided not to build on the corner of Gammon & Schroeder Rd. There has been a lot of opposition from the apartments near the location.
- Copper Top Restaurant - The city Plan Commission turned down the Coppertop remodeling request due to the nature of their proposed exterior
- Madison Pain Management Clinic - There is no opposition to this and seems to be strongly supported. This is at the site of the former Boy Scout office on Schroeder Ct.
- Sidewalks on the one unpaved section of Schroeder Road - They will not be put in this fall but hopefully next spring. The city needs to coordinate with the Town of Middleton for sidewalk construction there. The Town of Middleton is not cooperating well so the issue may have to go to court to settle it. Watch for a possible public hearing.
- Tennis Courts at Norman Clayton Park - We had been told they would be resurfaced. There is no knowledge if the funds for that are in the Parks Department budget.

Proposed Dog Park - The Dog Park has not been approved for the Prairie Restoration Area. We have been asked where we would like to have a dog park in this area. There is an area in Elver Park near the Police Station that might be a possibility.

Yearly Activities:

- Halloween Party - Charlie will get the burn permit and park permit. There has not been a charge for the park permit but there is for the burn permit. It is probably too late for flashlights but Linda will check to see. The Johnson family will help with wood, fencing, etc. (9/23/07 update: Laurie Perkins has agreed to be in charge of cocoa and the containers.)
- Fourth of July - Steve will coordinate the picnic. Danielle will coordinate the parade.
- Santa Visits/Holiday Decorating - Nancy Godfrey has helped coordinate the Santa visits and will probably do it again. There will be no decorating contest again this year.
- Adult Party - The Adult party was Feb 22 this year. It was agreed that Vitense Golfland was a nice place to hold it and that everyone seemed to have a good time. Rick will coordinate it for next year.
- Roller skating - The scouts organize this and we commit to pay the difference if they don't break even. So far, it has been a success and we haven't had to pay anything.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee

Engravers are available at the Library for people wishing to engrave their possessions. A new person may take over from the current Neighborhood Watch coordinator. There is a Police Department liaison for the Neighborhood Watch program. There was a suggestion to run proactive articles in the Stump – What can people do to keep their property safe? Where are the problem areas?

Membership Drive

Linda reported that the membership renewal is at about ½ of what we usually get. The October Stump will go out to all neighbors and will include a membership form.

Membership forms are also available on the GTNA Website.

There are a few Block Captains. Linda passed out a listing of Block Captains for each area. Some are not confirmed. It was suggested to have Block Captains help with membership recruitment in their block.

Checks and membership forms should be sent to Linda. She will then inform the area representatives of paid members in their area and they can contact the people who have not paid.

New Neighbor Folder

This goes to new residents in the neighborhood. Linda will make them up for the Area Representatives &/or Block Captains.

They will include: Membership Forms, Information from the city on recycling, garbage pick up, etc, the most recent Stump and other items of interest to new neighbors. It was suggested to include a list of who to contact for issues that arise. There will not be a directory as that goes out only to paid members.

Directory

This will be available in early 2008. The back part of the directory will include the last name and street address of all Greentree residents. Members will have a * by their name or their name will be in bold print to indicate they are a member.

Treasurers Report

Allen has rented a PO Box, which will be the official address to be printed on checks and for bills to be sent to. Allen will check it approx every two weeks. The address is Greentree Neighborhood Association, PO Box 45071, Madison WI 53744-5071.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1. However, that is the same date as the listening session at Falk School scheduled by Jed Sanborn and Jackie Woodruff. It has been decided to hold our board meeting immediately following that meeting in Falk School. Future board meetings will be held at Falk School rather than the Fire Station. The new principal at Falk would like community groups to use the school more. Since there is no charge for us to use the school because the principal has approved its use for this meeting, we agreed it would be a better location.