

**Greentree Neighborhood Association  
GTNA Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 15m 2007 meeting  
Westside Fire Station**

**Board members present** – Nancy Priegel, Linda Johnson, Rick Floyd, Allen Youngwood, Jeanne Howard, Larry Sperling

**Treasurer's report** – Mr. Youngwood reports a balance in the GTNA checkbook of approximately \$3,500 as well as a Certificate of Deposit that matured with an additional balance of \$6,062. GTNA CDs mature in April and October and are reinvested unless anticipated expenditures are pending.

**Halloween Bonfire Party** – The annual bonfire in Norman Clayton Park was held Halloween night. Thanks to volunteers for securing permits, cutting wood, preparing the site and safety barrier, tending the fire and serving hot chocolate and coffee. Volunteers for the fire were Kurt & Greg Johnson Ron & Sam Riese, Earl Gritton, Bob & Barb Bryant, Nancy Priegel, Charlie Vaughan, John LaBreche, and Rick Floyd. Hot drink servers included [Who?] More than 100 Greentree neighbors and families attended the event.

**Santa Visits** --- Visits are scheduled for the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Drive** – Linda Johnson reports 264 Greentree families have elected to join or renew membership. Visits to neighbors to encourage 2007-9 memberships are underway. Typically about half of Greentree's 700+ families choose to join the association.

Ms. Johnson distributed and has available new member packets. The association is wrapping up the biennial membership drive. Remember that new members should get a copy of The Stump and a reduced membership rate. Snowbirds need to make arrangements to continue receiving The Stump in the winter, AND to perhaps have their 2007-09 membership directory held until their return, as bulk mail is typically not forwarded to winter addresses by the postal service.

The updated Greentree Neighborhood directory will be issued by mid-January. Survey results -- Some 225 respondents completed a survey with the membership form. Of these 188 said they read all or parts of The Stump (GTNA newsletter) on a regular basis/ Half of the survey respondents said they use the neighborhood directory. Eighty of the 225 respondents do not subscribe to the GTNA listserv and about 100 do subscribe to that update service. Most popular neighborhood events continue to be the Forth of July Picnic, the Greentree Gallop run/walk and the Halloween bonfire. Greentree Garden Club tours are also popular .

**The Stump** – Editor Jeanne Howard reviewed dates for upcoming events including the neighborhood forum in March (date to be determined), the adult party at Vitense Golfland (February 22<sup>nd</sup>), the May garage sale.

Stump liaison from Falk school is Karen Deaton, who will contribute columns for Stump readers.

**Southwest Neighborhood Plan** – A draft summary and recommendations on the Southwest Madison Neighborhood Plan was discussed, though the Board did not take any formal action to endorse the plan in its entirety. The plan will be presented to the City Council on Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> before being referred to nine council committees. Following committee review, the timetable calls for returning the amended plan to the council for consideration and a vote in later February or early March.. Mr. Youngwood noted that the one issue the GTNA Board continues to take a strong stand on has been formal objection to provisions from city traffic engineers for potential beltline crossings through the Greentree neighborhood at East Watts Road and Forward Drive. The issues are the same as those raised in the draft 2004 Environmental Impact Statement on the Verona Road interchange. The Board's concerns included:

- Possible substantial increase in cut-through traffic on local streets, especially past Falk School.
- Parking, access and safety issues near the West Madison Little League Fields on Forward Drive, potentially leading to the relocation or loss of this facility.
- Potential high-density redevelopment of the Spectrum Brands and Pyle properties induced or promoted by the crossing.
- Increased traffic on Schroeder Road and the attendant noise, safety and accessibility implications.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation is in the process of reassessing these crossing options and other interchange improvement options including examining local road connections and access points that do not require raising or lowering of the Beltline profile. Consequently, several of the crossing options in the EIS and SW Plan may be dropped from further consideration.

Mr. Youngwood expressed concern that the Southwest Plan does not fully explain the uncertain status of the crossings and also seems to endorse the crossings Concept.

**Whitney Way/Hammersley Road intersection** – Neighbors who wish to review options and recommendations for reducing potential crashes at this intersection can view alternatives and comment on recommendations at the City of Madison's Traffic Engineering web site. [http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/trafficengineering/documents/Announcements/Hammersley\\_Whit/HammersleyRdWhitneyWayForum.cfm](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/trafficengineering/documents/Announcements/Hammersley_Whit/HammersleyRdWhitneyWayForum.cfm) The matter will go out for public hearing this winter.

**Westside community center** – Alder Thuy Pham-Remmele had forwarded a resolution seeking funding to consider and plan a community center on the southwest side as part of city budget considerations.