

**Greentree Neighborhood Association Meeting  
April 6, 2009**

Present: Nancy Priegel (President), Danielle Gale, Earl Gritton, Steve Henningfield, Allen Youngwood

(Ms. Gale took minutes in Mr. Sperling's absence. The meeting was moved at the last minute to Ms. Priegel's residence because Falk School was closed for Spring Break.)

1. Treasurer's Report Including Summary of Income and Expenses for the Past Two Years

Mr. Youngwood provided handouts of GTNA Revenues and Expenditures, and GTNA Stump and July 4 expenditures in 2007-09. He noted the GTNA checking account has a balance of ~\$400. The association holds ~\$7,500 in Certificates of Deposit, with one of ~\$2,100 coming due this month. As discussed in March, funds from this CD will be moved into the checking account until after the July 4 revenue and expenses have been finalized, and will be reinvested at a later date. There was discussion about the consistency of incoming revenue (e.g., biannual membership drive and advertisements) and expenses (July 4th/Greentree Gallop, Halloween bonfire, and Stump and GTNA directory printing and mailings) over the past several years. It was found to be fairly consistent with some exceptions, including an \$800 deficit for last year's July 4th activities. This deficit was felt to be a result of lower participation in the Greentree Gallop and associated T-shirt sales; and several businesses that agreed to help sponsor the Gallop (and got their logo on the T-shirts) but did not pay. Also, the recent raise in postage rates has slightly increased the cost of Stump mailings. There was agreement that reserves should not be used for recurring expenses, and should be used for one-time costs (e.g., park benches, trees).

Mr. Youngwood provided follow-up on last month's discussion of outstanding advertising revenue from MG&E. Mr. Youngwood was informed by MG&E that they will not process payments without an Insertion Order, which is provided by MG&E upon confirmation/approval of the ad layout. Mr. Youngwood provided an example, and will forward this information Ms. Howard to ensure proper reimbursement in the future.

2. Greentree Stump

The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of reducing the number of Stumps from five to four annually, which would come out in June, September, December and March. Ms. Priegel will follow-up with past Stump editor Linda Johnson to see if there was a rationale for publishing five per year. She noted there is nothing in the by-laws requiring a certain number of printings per year. There was discussion about possible businesses to pursue for ads in the Stump and directory, and who would contact them. It was agreed that if more ads were sold, the Stump would pay for itself, and thus reducing the frequency of printing would not be of concern.

3. Planning for Annual Meeting

The annual Greentree Neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27 from 7:00-9:30 PM in the new Meadowood Neighborhood Center, located in the Meadowridge Shopping Center next to the library (formerly Jacobsen's).

Potential topics and invitees were discussed, including: Neighborhood Watch – Barb Erdman (confirmed); Hammersley Community Garden – Joe Mathers from CAC (not yet confirmed); invite Larry Nelson to give a Beltline update; invite Alder Jed Sanborn (who

could also be asked to provide input on his knowledge of the proposed West Beltline upgrades) or Dane County Supervisor Ron Ferrell; invite Hammersley Rd Neighborhood Officer Mike Hanson; invite a representative from the Meadowood Neighborhood Center to talk about the center and its programs.

4. Update on Community Garden and Farmers' Market

Ms. Priegel said the CAC continues to look for someone to lead the Hammersley Community Garden. It was questioned whether there was still interest from Falk School, and Ms. Gale will follow-up with Ms. Winn (Falk's principal) at week's Falk PTO meeting. Removal of trees, brush and some stumps occurred in mid January, but it does not appear that invasive roots have been pulled or otherwise dealt with. The status of the repair of the water lines is also unclear.

Ms. Priegel reported that Kim Neuschel, a public health nurse that serves the Meadowood area, was not successful in obtaining a Community Development Block Grant funding to start a Southwest Farmer's Market at Toki Middle School.

5. Fund Raising for Trees at Norman Clayton Park

Ms. Priegel indicated a group of Greentree neighbors organized a fund-raising drive to collect funds to plant trees in Norman Clayton Park as a memorial to Michael Sheahan, which raised \$703. The Greentree Garden Club assisted in the purchase of six trees and a plaque through the Madison Parks Department. The Sheahan family has ordered a bench, which will be installed by the playground equipment, and a large "autumn blaze" maple tree will be planted next to it.

In addition, Ms. Priegel indicated that the Garden Club is planning to put more trees and plants in Norman Clayton Park, especially along the bike path, including flowering crabs and lilacs, and "service berries" in the prairie area (i.e., in areas where the city limits mowing). Funding will be matched by the city's People for Parks program. They are hoping to be able to identify the trees with metal tags, similar to what is done in the Arboretum, or by a plaque at the beginning of the trail.

6. Fourth of July Party

Mr. Henningfield indicated planning for July 4th continues. Ms. Floyd is planning to organize games for the kids and hopes to provide small prizes. Ms. Place will do food again. Mr. Henningfield is reconsidering hiring entertainment. Ms. Gale noted the parade start time will definitely move to 11:00 AM (had been 11:15 in previous years) since the Madison Fire Department has initiated a new policy for having fire trucks in neighborhood parades. It was thought there could be lower participation this year for both the Greentree Gallop and the picnic, since July 4th is on a Saturday this year.

7. West Beltline Upgrades

Mr. Youngwood reported that he continues to have difficulty getting responses from the DOT manager on questions he has about the proposed interchanges between Whitney Way and Mineral Point Rd. He noted that Phase II plans, which were to deal specifically with interchanges and design changes and were expected to provide more detail and possibly address some of the questions he had raised, were to have been released in March but have not yet been released nor posted to the web as of this meeting. He noted the last

update removed the Watts Rd. Extension and the Struck St. Crossing. He is concerned that a proposed Forward Dr. underpass may still be under consideration. This would go past the Little League fields and come out on the north side of the Beltline crossing Odana Rd. near Research Park Blvd. This site has a lower projected usage (and affect on Gammon Rd) than other sites, and would be at a higher expense. He indicated a recent presentation did not include proposed upgrades to Gammon Rd., Mineral Point Rd. or Whitney Way, although a Gammon interchange redesign had been previously proposed. He said the D'Onofrio Crossing is still on the plan, although it would be likely impossible to locate it there because of the new hotel and Princeton Club. He noted other alternative designs not previously presented could be part of the Phase II plan.

8. Garden Tour

Ms. Priegel said that the Garden Club is hoping to have a garden tour this summer. The last tour took place in the Summer of 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Danielle Gale