

GTNA annual Meeting Minutes.

April 7, 2011, 7 p.m. at Meadwood Community Center, Meadowood Shopping Center

Attendance: 16 plus GTNA area representatives: Larry Sperling, Nancy Priegel, Earl Gritton, Chuck Kime, Gary Becker, Jane Sarafiny and Dann Petersen, and membership chair Linda Johnson.

Welcome by Pres. Larry Sperling.

Larry passed around clipboard listing volunteer opportunities.

Larry introduced **Neighborhood Police Officer Liaison**, Officer Alex Bol. He says to feel free to call with issues and concerns. Officer Bol's general observations: Burglaries are often crimes of opportunity. Make sure to lock houses, close garage doors, lock cars and put boards in sliding door tracks to thwart opening. Burglars have been very bold, walking into garages and houses that are occupied. For non-crime related issues such as juveniles in parks after hours making noise you may call the Westside District's nonemergency number at 266-4275 or email Officer Bol at ABol@cityofmadison.com. Officer Bol usually works the 2-10 pm shift. Any crime in progress should be called to 911. GTNA wants communication from Alex, which we can post in our Neighborhood Watch. If reporting a crime involving a car, try to get license plate numbers.

Katie Place spoke about possible site for a small **neighborhood orchard project**. Neighbors near a site that seemed quite suitable near the Greentree baseball diamond off the bike path are concerned about people cutting through their yards to get to the trees. Another possible site is Hammersley Park near the community gardens. Sunridge Park parcel was also considered. We could split trees into different spots but would need to keep like trees together for pollination.

Greentree Fruit Tree Project, Katie Place, 6602 Sutton Rd. Katie_place@hotmail.com, 274-1227

Community Garden spots are available for rent at Hammersley Park near Falk School. Contact Pat Sheahan, 271-8437.

GTNA has gotten approval from the city to update the 1970s master plan for **Sunridge Park**. On Piping Rock Road If interested in participating, please write suggestions on a park map that was distributed and send suggestions to Gary Becker. If you include your email, Gary will keep you updated. Drainage is poor near the southeast edge of the park and there was no landscape plan to remedy that issue or plot the park's future. Potential park improvements include: replacing hard pea gravel with softer material under playground equipment, installing a rain garden to help improve drainage, maintaining a large central open space, consider constructing a small stage/platform for plays or musical events, replace old playground equipment, add new benches and an informational kiosk. All has to be planned and submitted for city approved standards.

Gary has historical maps and aerial photos of GTNA if anyone is interested.

Chuck Kime reported 7 burglaries in the Greentree area in past 6 months of which three were within the Greentree boundaries and four along properties along the neighborhood borders.

Dane County Supervisor, Ronn Ferrell and City of Madison District Alder Lisa Subeck attended the meeting and discussed upcoming issues including the likelihood of redistricting political boundaries as populations have shifted farther west.. Lisa's contact info is: district1@cityofmadison.com or alder@gtna.org. Ronn can be contacted through the neighborhood email system at: supervisor@gtna.org

Submitted by Jane Sarafiny