

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
MARQUETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD  
WIL MAR COMMUNITY CENTER  
Thursday, January 15, 2009

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES: Scott Thornton, David Hecht, Julie Spears, Troy Pickl, Amanda Schwoegler, Anne Walker, Sara Ishdo

GUESTS: Ted Voth, Marsha Rummel, Twink Jan-McMahon, Peter Wolffe, Tom Christensen, Susan Frikken, Deb Hanrahan, Tom Putzer.

1. WELCOME

Introductions were made by Scott Thornton, president of MNA, and welcomed those present at 7:07 p.m.

2. Review agenda

Anne Walker mentioned David Sparer contacted her about creating and submitting the application for tax-exempt status. The board explained we already submitted the document, so David can close out the request. Anne will relay the message to David.

3. Minutes Approval

No minutes were available to approve.

4. Treasurer's Report

No reports were reviewed.

5. Informational Membership Meeting

Traffic will be the first topic for the informational meeting. Wilmar is interested in the Willy St Coop egress onto Jenifer St issue. The Board decided to focus the meeting the following:

- a. Traffic Committee present current documents and products.
- b. Gather feedback from membership as to direction it could go.
- c. Update from Anya about Willy St Coop egress issue
- d. Eastwood Park Initiative Committee progress
- e. City Repair Project

Scott Thornton will look for a date to schedule the meeting in late February/early March. There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 17, to plan the event. There will be a lit drop coordinated to promote the event and other MNA events for the year, ex: Chili Dinner.

Tom Christensen spoke about the Willy St Coop issue and requested the Board take a stance on the issue. He has sent a letter to neighbors asking if they were for or against the Willy St Coop egress and received 26 letters against the egress. Lastly, Tom wanted to have the traffic committee examine the Baldwin and Willy St intersection with the "no right on red" sign. He didn't understand its purpose and felt the intersection was being treated differently from other intersections in the city.

6. Preservation and Development Committee Report

Anne Walker reported on the last P&D meeting. She explained a developer approached the group about creating housing on Willy St, near the gas station, that uses "green" materials. It would require a change of the roof line, which is an issue for P&D.

A letter was sent to the developer of the Thornton Ave property.

Anne Walker reported on the Merry St Townhouse proposal by APEX. She explained the proposal was to take out the apartment building and a house and moving the turret house on Winnebago. The proposal includes putting in 91 underground parking stalls. There will be a meeting on Monday, January 19, at 6:30p.m., at the Bethany Evangelical Church. There was a suggestion to invite APEX to the February Board Meeting.

Marsha Rummel reported on the rezoning on E Wilson St. A few areas need to be rezoned to turn it into a residential parking area.

Also, Central Park will be adding an entry off of Few St. There will be a meeting at the end of the month to discuss the railroad crossing that would be impacted.

7. Values Committee

Jodi McCaan, director of the Yahara River Parkway, will be coming to the February Board Meeting to discuss the Tenney Park Shelter.

8. FFF Committee Report

Volunteers are needed at the Chili Dinner. Julie Spears sent a sign up sheet around. Try to coordinate with SASY for next year's chili dinner.

9. Membership Committee

Membership Committee will examine the "guidelines" for conduct on the listserv. It was suggested that the Northside Planning Council's guidelines be referenced. A request for editing the brochure to include more information about benefits for membership was suggested.

10. Schools Committee

Carol Hoyer resigned from the Board.

11. Traffic Committee

An Eastwood Park Initiative Committee is meeting next Wednesday.

12. Alder Report

MG&E wants to have a neighborhood meeting. They are planning to burn shrubs along the Patterson St facility. John Coleman is working with them on this issue. This will eliminate the need for spraying. A landscape architect has been hired to do prairie restoration.

Eastwood Park is interested in having the city examine the potential for a park area instead of road. There needs to be a study that must be approved by the Common Council. It will take 1 year to do the study.

The Thornton developer must show proof of financial ability before he is allowed to move the house or dig up the area. A neighborhood meeting will be setup.

The Shoreline Referenda will be on the ballot to allow for approval of the arts incubator.

The bus fares may be increased. An issue is the bus is not getting the same contracts for bussing at festivals etc. Losing money.

13. Adjourn

**MOTION: David Hecht, seconded by Julie Spears, to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Submitted Respectfully By,

Sara Ishado