

Reston Heights Homeowners Association
Annual Board Meeting Agenda
January 11, 2014

Meeting called to order by Board President Julie Weston at 10:02

Board members in attendance were Gloria Ward- Vice President, Karen Kucharz-Treasurer, and Susan Gille-Secretary.

The 2013 Annual Meeting minutes were approved by majority.

John Rolfsmeyer approved and Tony Polare seconded

Guest Speaker Lauren Cnare

- New Capps Center (Metro Market) will open in the June-July timeframe since asphalt was not installed prior to winter.
- Economy is improving which means new construction is back. Apartments are going up frequently in the city of Madison. Property between highway and neighborhood will probably submit a proposal to build an apartment. Connecting Milwaukee street to the highway may come up in the near future. There are pros and cons to that and neighbors are encouraged to be engaged.
- Police and the parks department are working together to monitor parks due to inappropriate driving and possible drug dealing in the area. Squad car will be parked to prevent activity. Parks and police departments are going to do a safety assessment for the park. There is conversation about building gate in the park. Police would like to have behavioral patterns reported to help with the safety assessment.
- People are reading the signs and parking enforcement is enforcing the new no parking signs by the new apartment buildings. Lauren will check with streets department to see if there are any issues with garbage pickup. No parking sign placement is a compromise among all of the neighbors in the area.
- The intersection of Sprecher and Milwaukee street is already wired for street lights.
- New fire station will be staffed this summer.
- Traffic volume will be measured this summer to determine if the street lights should be installed. Sprecher under the bridge will not be installed until more traffic, but the traffic is heavy during rush hours and when church service gets out.
- A Reston Heights member requested a left turn signal from Cottage Grove onto Sprecher. Some residents feel the stop lights are too short heading east at intersection of Cottage Grove road and Sprecher. The intersection of Wyalusing and Sprecher is difficult.
- Snow piles on little medians should be removed in a more timely manner to ensure safety.
- Sprecher will no longer be the main through fair to the south. The road will go through the horse farm and intersect with highway AB. Construction to occur in 2019. The land purchase will occur in 2018 and will require both city and county funding. That will change the intersection of Cottage Grove and Sprecher.
- There is a new City website to look up the budget, report issues.
- Neighbors would like to remove the brush in the park. The City does not want that brush removed since the brush protects the habitat for the animals. The city also fears that people remove they do not know what they are doing and it is a liability issue for the city. The city is willing to assess it and if they find it should be cleaned they will clean it.

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- Questioned if the school will be built in the neighborhood. There is not a current plan to build a school in the neighborhood but there is a school board election this year and neighbors were encouraged to get involved. This would impact street planning in the area.
- The city is going through a library master planning process. The Pinney library is moving by the YMCA and Kentucky fried chicken in 2016. There was a piece of land donated by the developer in Grand View commons to build a library, but libraries cost about \$1 million a year to run. They require a fair amount of fundraising. The new library is in the budget for 2018 for Grandview Commons.
- One of the members of the neighborhood requested better one way signs on the corner of Broad Creek and Wyalusing. People are going down Broad Creek the wrong way.
- Veridian is planning for development on Milwaukee street. It includes a dog park and expansion of Northstar Park. Development is needed for Milwaukee street to accommodate this development.
- Lauren encouraged people that are using “Next Door” website to not post when they will be gone.
- Laruen will send out an email, if residents sign-up on the city website, which will inform people about meetings and opportunities in the area.
- Residents are encouraged to ensure that their street lights were working. Want to deter car break-ins. Keep your cars in the garage as much as possible.

Police Liaison Derek Jones did not attend.

Discussion of 1 year Temporary Approval of Chicken Coop

Dave Krueger discussed the one year temporary approval. At this meeting we will decide if that is permanent change to the covenants. City ordinance allows 4 hens and must be in enclosure. Owners must apply for and receive approval for the coops each year. The coop must be 25 feet away from property lines. Slaughtering of chickens is not allowed. The coop structure must be sound to prevent vermin from entering the coop. The ACC should approve of the aesthetics of the coop. The coop should measure no larger than 5x8. The coop must be connected to house or deck. Owners must have all adjacent neighbors approve. Owners can have chickens within garage or house. The ACC did not address the allowed height of coops, but sheds cannot be taller than 10 feet.

Vote to allow the chicken coop for an additional 1 year temporary period

12 yes to keep the chicken coop
9 voted to not keep the chicken coops

Julie Weston motioned, Gloria Ward seconded the motion to have ACC instructions regarding chicken coops in writing.

1 did not feel the need to have the instructions in writing
20 felt the instructions should be in writing

2013 Financial Report

Julie Weston approved and Dave Krueger seconded the motion to approve the 2013 financial report.

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Karen Kucharz posted asked if the expenses for mailing and copies are too much. She recommended post cards for properties which had not turned over, and letters for properties that had turned over as well as those that are not prompt with dues payments. Karen also recommended the neighborhood association create welcome packets for properties that do turn over.

Use of Propay to pay dues on line would cost approximately \$100 a year to maintain. Karen suggested we look into PayPal as a possible lower cost option.

Pam Wallenfang volunteered to research maintain the website. Julie Weston will reach out to the previous web administrator to get access for Pam.

2014 Budget

Tony Polare approved and Dave Krueger seconded

- Association dues-Were reduced this year since we have 3 times our expenses in the bank account.
- Due for apartment complex – We need to get a handle on how many multi-unit properties are in the neighborhood. We are looking into if we have the authority to charge the multi-unit properties more. We also question if there are more dues paid by the multi-unit properties do they get more voting rights. Researching if other neighborhood associations charge more for multi-unit properties and how they handle votes for those properties.
- Landscape bids
 - Second letters to six people. Should be returned early part of March. We have had good luck with Mad City which has maintained the landscape over the last couple of years.
 - There was a question on maintenance of green space along the creek in Wyalusing. It is believed that that is City property up to the owner's lot line.
 - City will not treat the parks for dandelions.

2014 Election of Officers

Tom Breister motioned to keep all board members. The motion was seconded by John Rolfsmeyer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.