

**GTNA Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2022**  
**6:30 – 7:40 p.m. meeting via Zoom**

**Attending: Jane Sarafiny, Helen Sheahan, Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Mayo Ewanowski, Dave Ewanowski, Danielle Gale, Serene Arena, Scott Reitmeier (Madison Police Department Burglary Crime Unit)**

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

**October Minutes** – Ms. Sheahan recommended a change to the October meeting minutes. The minutes have been amended and will be submitted for approval at the December meeting.

**Scott Reitmeier – Madison Police Department Burglary Crime Unit.** Mr. Reitmeier requested a discussion as part of the MPD community outreach program. Mr. Reitmeier is a Detective Sergeant, Investigative Services Unit – Specialty Investigation Team, based at the Mineral Point Road Midtown District. He has been tasked with burglary investigations for the entire city. He stated that Greentree is on par with other areas of the city. The current numbers are below property trends from 2017. There have been three motor vehicle thefts in Greentree in 2022. There have been fewer thefts from vehicles in Greentree as residents are locking their cars when parked in driveways. 2020 was the peak year for theft. Summer is the peak season for car thefts. He advised that during winter months car thefts increase due to people leaving warming cars unlocked.

We requested that someone from MPD attend at our April annual meeting to give a 15-minute presentation. Mr. Reitmeier said he will prepare a presentation and have someone available for our Annual Meeting.

Mr. Russell asked why there are two different car theft designations: Car Theft and Operating a Vehicle Without Owner's Consent. Wisconsin changed focus for car theft. Operating is the key word. Joyriding is also a category of criminal charge with a lower penalty. Usually, it is kids joyriding and then they dump the car. Mr. Reitmeier advised everyone to lock your car and house. These are crimes of opportunity. It has been found that the Ring doorbells discourages theft.

Mr. Reitmeier stated that the Burglary Crime Unit got their funding extended. He is always available for questions and will send his contact information to Mr. Russell.

**Welcome** Serene Arena as a new Board member.

**Halloween Bonfire Review** – The bonfire went well. There were about 100 to 125 people participated. We had lots of help. Special thanks to Bonnie and Steve Henningfield for suppling the hot cocoa, cocoa servers Barbara and Andrew Torres, Helen Sheahan, Maddy Scott; fire management by Mayo and Dave Ewanowski, Ian Scott, firewood provided and delivered by Kathy and Joel Batha, permits, set up, and breakdown by Jay Russell, Barbara and Andrew Torres and Allan Bricker; Betty Zahid for allowing us to use her water to extinguish the fire.

**Change By-laws** – There was a discussion to amend the GTNA Bylaws to acknowledge Board Members without assigned Areas. Our goal is to have the amendment finalized by the April Annual Meeting. These changes will be made official by August 2023. Mr. Russell will work with Mr. Cowles to change/redirect

the President email address from Ms. Sarafiny to Mr. Russell. Alan Youngwood advised he will no longer be on the Board. There was a discussion to change the number of Areas from 11 areas to 8. All representatives will be At Large.

Ms. Russell suggested the creation of a new officer title of Social Media Officer. Ms. Paulson has done a wonderful job of managing the GTNA Facebook page, the Garage Sale website, and the Fourth of July website.

**1021 Hampshire Place Sale** – There are 3 lots for sale and possible redevelopment: 1021 and 1022 Hampshire Place plus an additional vacant lot. (Zillow: [1022 Hampshire Pl, Madison, WI 53711 | MLS #1945020 | Zillow](#)) The Zillow posting stated the 3 parcels will be sold as one lot and could be redeveloped into as many as 27 separate lots. Ms. Russell contacted Alder Matt Phair who stated he was aware of the property for sale and that, as of today, there have been no inquiries to rezone the site. The current zoning is for single family homes. Under the current zoning the total five acres could accommodate as many as 27 lots of 8,000 square feet. The site would require subdividing into smaller lots, and installation of roads and utilities. Ms. Russell also contacted the listing agent (who is a Greentree resident). He stated that, if sold, the property most likely will stay as is. One lot is not accessible. Zoning is single family. To redevelop, it would involve installing roads, utilities, subdividing the lots, etc.

**Membership Update** – Ms. Ewanowski stated that we have added one more member for a new total of 212.

**Holiday Lighting Contest** – Ms. Paulson has been doing a great job managing the publicity for the contest. It was decided that, in addition to membership fees, we would provide gift cards to the First, Second, and Third place winners.

**Treasurer Report** – We collected membership dues for 2 new members. Expenses include costs for printing extra directories, printing the Stump, website fees. We anticipate costs for Halloween expenses including the park permit fee and the burn permit fee. The current balance is \$2929.70.

**Future Budget Discussion** – Mr. Russell suggested creating an Anticipated Spending Calendar – postpone to December meeting. The calendar will include anticipated expenses for the quarterly Stump costs, Annual Meeting expenses, advertising costs for the spring garage sale, Fourth of July permit fees, food fees, Gallop expenses, Halloween Bonfire expenses, Holiday Lighting Contest gift cards, etc.

**Other:**

- **Greentree Google Account** - Ms. Arena will set up a Google account and calendar for GTNA. This will also include a site to share documents for review.
- **Annual Meeting:** Make changes final by the April Annual Meeting – Jay/Dana can begin to create an agenda for the meeting – who to invite, topics for discussion, reservation of room, suggested date.
- **Hammersley Road Project** - Ms. Sheahan updated the board on the Hammersley Road Project. The City has approved Phase 2 (Gilbert Road to Verona Road) to begin in April 2024.
- **Sunridge Park** – The City removed several trees along the east side of the park. A berm has been constructed in an effort to redirect water away from homes on east side of park.
- **Website Updates** – there was a discussion to assign everyone one page to make suggested updates. The recommended updates will be forwarded to Mr. Russell who will then coordinate with Mr. Cowles for completion. Mr. Russell stated that his goal is to submit requested website changes to Mr. Cowles by the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month.

- **Stump deadline** is November 14 – please submit articles to Ms. Batha by that date.

The meeting ended at 7:40pm

**The next GTNA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday December 5, 2022, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom.**