

GTNA Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

**6:30 – 7:35 p.m. meeting at the Meadowridge Public Library Branch
Community Room A**

Attending: Dana Russell, Chuck Kime, Kathy Batha, Donna Miller, Mayo Ewanowski

Guests: Stan White

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

November 2019 Minutes were approved for posting.

County Supervisor Matt Veldron was not able to attend the meeting.

Holiday lighting contest was coordinated by Mr. Jay and Ms. Dana Russell with the assistance of Phillip and Kristen Cowles. Prizes were awarded to 1st place, 2nd, and 3rd place.

There was a discussion about including children's names in the directory. We reviewed the application and determined that the applicant includes the option of adding the names of their children. It also provides an opportunity to tell if a child is available for babysitting, pet sitting, snow shoveling, lawncare, etc.

Ms. Batha advised that the deadline for contributing to The Stump is February 14.

Mr. Kime explained the history of his involvement with Neighborhood Watch. It was founded in 2008 by a UW Law Student as Greentreewatch using Yahoo group for communication. Shortly after that time, the student graduated and left the Madison area. Ms. Barb Erdman took over and Mr. Kime assisted her. In November 2009, there was a major burglary problem with 34 burglaries in Greentree. Most of the incidents were the work of two young men that the police caught and released multiple times. At that time, Mr. Kime became the coordinator for Greentreewatch.

In addition, the SW Madison Police Liaison is multi-neighborhood organization supporting interactions with West District and Midtown District Madison Police and Fitchburg Police. It includes Greentree, Meadowood, Prairie Hills, Orchard Ridge, Midvale Heights and Hill Farms as well as a large neighborhood west of Gammon Road/McKenna Boulevard. The SW Madison Police Liaison communicates using a private Google Group which Mr. Kime manages.

Mr. Kime advised that he wants to step away from Greentreewatch and will be also asked to be relieved from the management of the SW Madison Police Liaison. He advised that, if Greentree wants to continue with the Greentreewatch, we should try to find a replacement from the Greentree neighborhood. We should post an inquiry in the Stump and announce that we are seeking a volunteer replacement during the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting. The Board needs to select a date and location for the Annual Meeting. Suggested guest speakers are Alder Christian Albouras, County Supervisor Matt Veldron, someone from Exact Sciences, our Police Liaison, and someone from the Faulk Elementary PTO.

Ms. Batha advised that the Garden Club noticed that someone has been driving a car along the walking path in Norman Clayton Park. It is unclear if the City is aware of this occurring.

Ms. Batha also advised that Alder Albouras arranged to have a trash can placed at the bus stop at Hammersley Road and McKenna Blvd. The amount of littering has been reduced.

Ms. Ewanowski has officially become the GTNA Treasurer. Ms. Sarafiny will work with Ms. Ewanowski to make the transition.

The next meeting will be Monday March 2, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next GTNA Board meeting is Monday March 2, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room A of the Meadowridge Branch Library.