

## Minutes

### MacArthur Heights Neighborhood Association Board Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at MacArthur Heights Elementary

#### **Board Member Attendance:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Hintz, Pres.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Vickman - Treas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Gilbert - VP
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Phillip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Vickman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Fierst
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Williams - Sec	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/> Jenna Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie O'Connell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Armbruster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Armbruster

**Other attendees:** County Supervisor John Vanderleest Jr., Julie Jansch – Candidate for County Supervisor, Alderman Brian Danzinger, John Vanderleest Sr. – Candidate for Alderman, Mary Hintz, Elaine Quick, Bryan Fierst, Steve Johnson.

1. Country Supervisor, John Vanderleest Jr. addressed concerns about snow removal on county roads, such as Packerland, and he provided after hours number for public works: 920-492-3735.
2. John Vanderleest Sr. introduced himself; he is running for Alderman of our district.
3. Alderman Brian Danzinger noted many city events impacting us.
  - The City has modified and improved snow and ice removal routes, and it seems to be working well. They will be continuing to focus on removing the accumulated snow at roadside. If you see city employees on the street working, they will be working to clear blocked drains in preparation for snow melt. Please call if you have a blocked drain that needs cleared.
  - His office will be sponsoring the Westside concerts again this year, and the Military Business district is interested in having their businesses partner with us. Also, Parkies can be involved with Kids activities. The Bull frogs are renovating and are looking to do more things in the neighborhoods. Let Brian know which if any of these organizations we would like to have involved at our Beaver Dam concert. He offered several dates. Discussion among the committee settled August 9 as our Concert in the Park date.
  - Mayor Schmitt on Mar 18 will be having the State of the City address, doors open at 5:30, starts at 6:00 at the Meyer Theatre downtown. Walmart will be a topic and your input is invited.
  - Downtown Development plan is being finalized now. Planning is entertaining detailed questions. As background, the Planning commission has been balancing the business needs of each district. The example of how the Burlington Coat Factory was chosen as a tenant on West Mason, vs other businesses that did not balance the needs of that area. Detailed discussion about Walmart and why they can't build above 2 stories downtown, in order to use a smaller footprint (overhead wires.)
  - Northland Hotel renovation contract has been signed and is finalized.
  - Titledown Brewery is also expanding on Larsen Cannery area, and some discussion about the canning equipment in place vs. the more popular bottling method.
  - Michael's Craft is moving in beside Burlington Coat Factory.
  - Fox Community Credit union was built on the corner of Western and Military.
  - Future projects not signed yet – One is in Perkins Park near old Military Business park.
  - Broadway Chevrolet is putting some money into their property on Military. The project is unknown, but is expected to raise the tax value of their property, which is a positive.

4. David Hintz Discussed the By-Laws, which were handed out. Changes were proposed last meeting. He suggested we take them home and look at them, and we can discuss changes and approve at our next meeting in March.
5. Treasurer Report (Mark Vickman):
  - Tax forms have been taken care of for 2013. There was no state filing required. In the future there will be a 'Non-stock Annual report' to be done –but it is not due until 3 Q.
  - Balance is same as previous month: 1472.47 checking, 38.75 Petty Cash.
6. Attendees separated into chosen Committees to start work on 2014 events:
  - **Social:** Megan Fierst, Mary Hintz, Bryan Fierst, Open to New Members!
    - Youth
    - Sunrise (Welcoming)
    - Special Events (Rummage Sale 7/18 & 19, Concert in the Park 8/9)  
Decisions: August 9 will be the Concert in the Park event. Mark Vickman will reserve and pick up the Popcorn Machine and all the supplies from the city for that event.
  - **Land Issues:** Julie O'Connell, Mark & Debbie Vickman, Warren & Julie Schultz, Open to new members!
    - Preservation/Conservation (Beaver Dam Clean Up 4/26.)
    - Beautification  
Discussion: Community Gardens are a possibility and Alderman Danzinger suggested we reach out to the Brown County UW Extension Community Garden Coordinator for more information. Brian Fierst discussed that Harbor Freight has very inexpensive solar lights (\$16 for a 2 pack, simply staked in the ground), and our sign is in deep darkness most of the time, since it gets dark so early. It might be worth it even if it is a temporary fix to put the lights up. It was approved to try this, and Petty Cash was assigned to Brian to purchase them for the Association.
  - **Public Safety** – Steve Johnson, Open to New Members!
    - Neighborhood Watch (There was discussion about this last meeting.)
  - **Media:** Julie Jansch, Cheryl Williams, Sam Bartels, Open to new members!
    - Newsletter,
    - Website,
    - Facebook
    - Nextdoor.com: Sam Bartels told about this product to the entire Association meeting. Currently it has 27 households within in our Neighborhood Association have joined.  
Decision announced at this meeting: We will endorse members of our neighborhood signing up for Nextdoor.com in order to share information about neighbor offered services, babysitters, items for sale, etc. We will demonstrate next meeting.
  - **Fundraising** - Need Leaders to ask local businesses for ads, and revisit previous advertisers, Open to New Members! Don Phillip may be willing to help here as well.
    - Newsletter Ad Sales
    - Donations
    - Other projects, tbd

John and Barb Armbruster will be available to do work on any committee as needed, and have been especially helpful with Newsletter distribution. Leaders can contact them for specific help needed.

7. Next Meeting: (originally planned for March 19 during Spring Break, CHANGED TO MARCH 26th)

Agenda: By Laws discussion and vote, Representative from the schools will speak on the \$20 million referendum for schools, demonstrate nextdoor.com if MacArthur will let us use their computers and internet.

**\*\* UPDATE!!!** Spring Break for MacArthur Elementary is during our planned meeting date.  
**Next meeting date is March 26<sup>th</sup>** at MacArthur Heights Elementary School Library.

### **2014 Events:**

**April 26: Beaver Dam Cleanup**

**July 18-19: Neighborhood Rummage Sale**

**August 9: Concert in the Park**