

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association
Feb 10, 2014

Call to order, 6:30 PM

Present were: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Marcia Gruenhagen, Carol Jones, Mike Clark, Sue Ley, Kathy & Larry Desch, Sharon & Pete Doherty Dan Drossart and Jill & Reed Hardy. Our *ex officio* advisory members: Sister Sharon Lasee and Sister Charlene Hockers were also in attendance. Ron Antonneau arrived late. Sue Ley left the meeting before adjournment due to a previously scheduled meeting.

Quorum established.

Approval of agenda: The motion to approve, made by Marcia and seconded by Reed, passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes of last meeting on 11/11/13: The motion to approve, made by Jill and seconded by Pete, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Our check for \$155.82 for printing/ mailing our newsletter has cleared the bank. We have a current checking balance of \$565.60. Our current savings account balance is 4046.19. The motion to approve, made by Reed and seconded by Carol, passed unanimously.

Report of Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council February meeting: Dick, Marcia, Carol and Sue attended the meeting. The new GBNLC contact in the Mayor's office is Caitlin Green. We NDNA board members want to send along our best wishes to Andy as donor and Cheryl as recipient after their kidney-transplant surgery. May you both heal fast and come back to us soon.

A range of other NLC meeting information was discussed.

Our very own Carol Jones will be leading the next 3 year NLC fund-raising campaign. The kickoff event awaits the return of our heroic leaders, Cheryl and Andy.

Reminder: Volunteers for upcoming NLC meetings are: Mar 6, Jill and Reed; Apr 3, Carol; May 1, Mike; Jun 5, TBA; Aug 7, TBA; Sep 4, TBA; Oct 2, TBA; Nov 66, TBA; Dec 4, TBA.

Old Business: Spring Function/other activities planning: Marcia reported that the VA Center is not available for any meetings. No formal motion was passed, but we seem to agree that the Riverside Ballroom would be a good venue. Plan B venue options are: Mackinaws, Wally's Spot, UWGB, etc. We will need facilities for a speaker and power-point or other slide presentation technologies. We are aiming for April 29th as the date for our Spring neighborhood celebration. Several different program possibilities were discussed.

National Night Out Aug 5th: Jill has volunteered to be our contact person this year. Organizing meetings will begin next month.

Candidates for the board vacancy: Members of the board are encouraged to seek a candidate for this opening. The appointment will be made by the board and will continue until our annual meeting at which time they will stand for election if they wish to run.

We will be joining the East Shore Drive for their Fighting Phragmites program on April 5th. One speaker will discuss Phragmites. Dick is working to find a speaker to discuss invasive species in general and/or flood plain issues.

Next NDNA newsletter: We need articles for the next Newsletter. Larry is looking for an article outlining the impact of the VA Clinic on local traffic and businesses, an article discussing the spring social inviting neighbors to submit ideas for informational speakers, entertainment and/or fun activities, a discussion of road repair plans for Nicolet Drive, etc... Send your suggestions and article copy to Larry as soon as possible.

Web site: Larry and Reed will attend the training if their schedules allow.

Fund raising: We will have to keep this in mind going forward.

New business: Community support for Joliet Park cleanup. Larry led a discussion of Joliet Park development planning. He revealed a plan for the park developed by students and faculty experts at NWTC. He reported that he had nearly 700 signatures on a petition to clean up the park and make it accessible to citizens. If the plan receives the Mayor's approval it will begin this spring with the removal of invasive species from the park. Later, efforts to control erosion by replacing invasives with better native ground-cover and shrubbery species. When the project is complete there will be a trail, and a modified and enhanced parking area with a kayak launch ramp. A presentation by the plan's development team will be done for our NDNA, the Mayor and other representatives on Feb 27th at 3:00 PM at the Hayatt in Green Bay.

Carol reported that this project has "taken on a life of its own" as we have folks from UWGB, St. Norbert, NWTC and many others wanting to pitch in to make it happen! Paul Hartman said, "This is the right thing to do." Interested neighbors should arrive for the park plan meeting at the Hyatt by 2:45 PM. It will start promptly on the hour. The park and forestry department's representatives will be there as well. This is a community project not an NDNA project. Any volunteer work will be done under the supervision of the City and costs will be met through fund raising, not City tax dollars.

The planning graphic document was rolled out for board members to review with detailed explanations by Larry and Dick.

Motion by Larry, second by Pete: Based on the community-wide support and the park design by the NWTC Horticulture & Landscape Design program, the NDNA will take the leadership role for the Joliet Park Development Project and coordinate the community effort to implement the plan. Passed unanimously by all 13 members of the board who were present for the vote.

After some discussion, A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Carol, instructing our treasurer to file our ongoing corporation paperwork together with our \$10 fee. The motion passed unanimously.

General Notes: All are invited to the Mayor's State of the City at 5:30 at the Meyer March 19th.

Folks are reminded to be aware of the deepening frost line as the cold weather persists. If anyone has a problem with frozen water supply lines, notify the city immediately.

Also, all are encouraged to link up with the city police department's crime watch web site. More information about this will appear in our next newsletter.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn, made by Reed and seconded by Sharon, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Reed Hardy, Secretary on February 21, 2014.