

Minutes  
NDNA Board Meeting  
April 8, 2013

The meeting, which occurred in Rm 301 of MAC Hall on the UWGB campus, began at 6:33 PM.

Present were regular board members: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Sharon Doherty, Jill and Reed Hardy, Kathy and Larry Desch, Stacy White and Sue Ley; newly appointed members Diane Auger and Carol Jones and guest, Alderman Jerry Wiezbiskie. Excused were: Pete Doherty, Bob Tripp and newly appointed member Ron Antonneau. Quorum of 8 established.

Approval of agenda moved by Reed, seconded by Kathy. Approved.

Approval of Minutes moved by Larry and seconded by Tracy. Approved

Treasurer's Report – A \$10.00 check was issued to Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions for our annual report. Checking balance = \$1149.00 with no outstanding checks and our savings balance = \$4045.19 after depositing the CD money. The CD, which matured on March 13<sup>th</sup> was valued at \$1037.47. Report delivered by Sharon in Pete's absence.

Diane asked where the \$\$ comes from. Dick explained a range of income sources used in the past.

Dick pointed out later that traditionally there is an "Operating Grant" for each neighborhood association from the City in the fall.

Approval of Treasurer's Report moved by Tracy, and seconded by Jill. Approved.

GBNLC April Meeting Report – Dick, Cheryl, Pete and Sharon were there. Jerry was the only Alderman there. Please see the attached report for details.

Mini Grants –

1) Stacy – \$5000. Proposes to provide feeders for migrating water fowl along the Bay. Most agree that supporting our migrating water-fowl would be good for the neighborhood environment. The proposal calls for signs to warn away hunters because hunting is not allowed near such feeding stations. See attached copy of grant application for details.

Jerry asked, "How can you enforce this?" Stacy replied "Well most hunters are willing to obey the rules. If they don't, people can call the DNR."

We will ask Captain Gavin about how this fits with law enforcement during the Q & A at our May meeting.

2) Larry and Dick – \$2000. See attached copy of the grant application for details. In brief, the

proposal is to develop a plan for improving Joliet Park. Larry reported that he and Dick have spoken with the Director of Sustainable Development at UWGB and she is excited about doing some planning for the park. The Urban Planning Program might be willing to take this project on pro-bono. They are currently working with Oconto on their planning. When finished, they may be able to give us some time.

Larry also spoke with the Director of NWTC's Horticultural Design Program. He said that they will be happy to take it on next fall! He will visit the park in May to get the ball rolling for next fall. We may be able to get both NWTC and UWGB to work together. This may increase other grant funding possibilities.

Jerry, who signed off on both grants, pointed out that the Parks Department will have to be brought in on this. Dick reminded all that this proposal is only for planning. No action will occur without proper approvals. Getting a good plan is a necessary first step to addressing Park issues.

Web Site – Larry has updated our City hosted web page. We now have board members, meeting minutes, board meeting schedules, and our spring meeting listed there. Dick expressed the whole Board's gratitude for this work.

Earth Day 2013 – The Association has traditionally done something to celebrate Earth Day. East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association wants to team up with us to clean up their ditch. They have also set up some Earth-Day speakers from 1-3 on Saturday, April 20th at the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Previously the NDNA has promoted road-side clean-up activities. We might consider a future initiative encouraging members of the NDNA to pick up debris along the road in front of their own property. This could be accompanied by the placement of "No Littering" signs. We won't be able to get this off the ground for this year's Earth Day, but we can promote it at our May meeting, and consider re-visiting it for Earth Day 2014.

Stacy will do a paragraph or two for the Newsletter on the "broken-window theory." This is the notion that where people see a broken window they assume that the neighborhood is in decline. Her article will make the point that the same may be true for litter.

Old Business:

1) Association Spring Meeting: May 16. at UWGB Union's Middle Phoenix Rm.; Captain Bill Galvin will speak about police issues in the neighborhood. Invitations (see attached) were handed out at the most recent GBNLC meeting, and postcards will soon be distributed to all members of the Association. See handout for details.

2) Fall Annual Meeting: We need to set a date for this.

3) Newsletter: This will also serve as a May meeting reminder since it will go out before the

May meeting. Stacy will do her broken-window article. Dick will intro the new board and thank the Neusers. Dick will ask Ron Antonneau to write a small article about the WPS work being done along Nicolet Drive.

The City will print and mail the newsletter for us.

New Business –

1) National Night Out: Bob Tripp was to take care of this. Dick will contact him.

Jerry would like to see us do this with other Associations in the area.

Carol suggested the possibility of doing a tour of the new VA clinic. Maybe we could partner with Schmitt Park and East Shore Drive? A discussion of the possible impact of the Clinic followed. Jerry said that the City has asked for a traffic study. Dick will follow up with some of the other NA presidents to see if we can have a group tour.

2) Movie/Music in the park: Stacy sent an email to the Red Smith Neighborhood Association President asking if we could combine with them for this activity. She has not yet received an answer. Dick will contact them too.

3) Duck hunting: Discussed above.

4) Partnering with East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association on ditch cleanup: Discussed above. Dick will explore this further with East Shore Drive Association.

Other business? None!

Adjournment was moved by Sharon, seconded by Kathy, and passed unanimously at 7:59 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by  
Reed Hardy  
NDNA Secretary

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