

Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association  
April 14, 2014

Call to order, 6:30 PM

Present were: Cheryl & Dick Pigeon, Carol Jones, Sue Ley, Marcia Gruenhagen, Dan Drossart, Sharon & Pete Doherty, Jill & Reed Hardy and our *ex officio* advisory members Diane Auger and Sister Charlene Hockers. Four members, Larry Desch, Kathy Desch, Mike Clark, and Ron Antonneau were excused. Visiting was Sr. JoAnn Williams standing in for Sr. Sharon Lasee.

Quorum established with ten members present.

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

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

Treasurer's report: We have a current checking balance of \$355.60. Our current savings account balance is 4046.38. The motion to approve, made by Jill and seconded by Carol, passed unanimously.

Report, Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council April meeting: Dick and Carol attended the meeting. A range of announcements were made. Rummage Sales were a major topic. Also the upcoming Green Bay Neighborhood Campaign is moving forward. The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation will handle all funds. The fund-raising campaign will launch shortly after Easter. A special strategy will be developed for neighborhood associations to help with this effort and many local corporations will participate.

Reminder: Volunteers for upcoming NLC meetings are: May 1, Mike; Jun 5, Larry; Aug 7, Sharon & Pete?; Sep 4, TBA; Oct 2, TBA; Nov 6, TBA; Dec 4, TBA.

Old Business: Spring social will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Ballroom. Troy Streckenback will talk about the planned Technology Park. Topics of discussion may include: The planned Research and Technology Center plan; improvement of Nicolet Drive and the East Shore Drive & Nicolet Drive intersection.

Carol has received the contract for this meeting. A/V equipment will be provided. Menu will be country-style roasted chicken. \$12.95 per meal is our cost, we are asking only \$10.00 per person so the Association will absorb extra cost.

Volunteers for registration table should arrive by 5:00 PM. Sharon and Marcia will be Registrars.

The Mayor and our local Alderman will be invited.

National Night Out Aug 5<sup>th</sup>: Jill has heard from the man who is leading this effort this year. Their planning meeting is set for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will present a report at our May meeting.

The collaborative Phragmites meeting involving NDNA and East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association occurred on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Wildlife Sanctuary. The main presenter, Professor Matthew Dornbush, Environmental-Science, from UW-GB, led a very interesting and informative discussion. Working as a neighborhood association may be more effective both in fighting this invasive species and for our ability to qualify for funding. Kevin Hendrickson from UW-Extension also explored related practical issues. In the long term, these experts expect the water level of the Bay to continue to drop creating more habitat for phragmites.

The Joliet Park Plan Update: The City Park's department has rejected the plan for invasive species removal this spring. Further negotiations are ongoing.

Candidates for current and expected board vacancies: Dick and Cheryl are expecting to move out of the area as early as July 1<sup>st</sup> so their positions and the existing board opening will need to be filled. No new nominations were made. There was no report on contacts with nominees from last month's meeting.

Web site: Larry and Reed continue to plan to attend the technology training class if/when it occurs if their schedules allow.

#### New business:

Flood Insurance is required for any mortgage-backed home that is judged to be within the flood plane. Sue reported that this has happened due to the withdrawal of the Federal subsidy for flood insurance. Some people have been forced to walk away from their homes because they can not afford the insurance. A recent bill was signed by President Obama that is expected to reduce these fees. Dick suggested that this could be a good topic for a Newsletter article.

The next Newsletter will come out in July.

Summer Meeting Schedule: The NDNA will not have a board meeting in July, otherwise, meetings will be held at the regular time (starting at 6:30 PM) in the regular place (Rm 301, MAC Hall, UWGB).

Mini-Grant funds are available for next year. We can apply for up to \$3000 for any kind of neighborhood activity. Dick reviewed a wide range of successful activities that have been funded in the past. Suggestions from the members of the board are solicited. Marcia suggests a "Pig Roast." Sharon suggests Pizza at the Bluff. Carol suggests a cookout at the golf course. Another possible venue might be Lambeau Cottage at UWGB. Reed suggested that to get people to come we send out free raffle tickets. The items that would be raffled off could be donated by neighbors or businesses. We are a non-profit corporation so donors could claim their donations

on their taxes.

Motion: To create a mini-grant application to underwrite the cost of our Annual Meeting at which we will provide a dinner and a fund raising activity to benefit GB Leadership Council fund raising campaign. Motion made by Pete and seconded by Sue, passed without dissent.

Ideas for raffle items: Home cleaning, lawn care, window washing, car wash, driveway plowing, landscaping, or items like lawn mowers,

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn, made by Reed and seconded by Dan, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Reed Hardy, Secretary April 15, 2014.