

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association, Inc.
June 10, 2013

Meeting place: Room 301 MAC Hall, University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

Present were: Dick Pigeon, Stacy White, Sue Ley, Carol Jones, Kathy and Larry Desch, Sharon and Pete Doherty, Reed Hardy, Bob Tripp, Ron Antonneau, Diane Auger and two new advisory members, Sr. Sharon Lasee and Sr. Charlene Hockers, who reside at the Sisters of St. Francis residence on Nicolet Drive. Excused for grandma duty were: Jill Hardy and Cheryl Pigeon. Quorum established.

Call to order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve made by, Ron, seconded by Carol, approved.

Approval of minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve, Ron, second Pete, approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking current balance = \$827.90. Savings current balance = \$4045.39. Because our participation was not quite as high as we had hoped, the costs of our Spring Social were about \$200 greater than income. See archived report for details.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Reed, second Bob, approved.

Introduction of new board members: Dick then introduced and extended a warm welcome to Sisters Sharon and Charlene from the Sisters of St. Francis residence on Nicolet Drive who are joining us as ex-officio advisory members of the board.

June meeting of the GBNLC: The report from the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council meeting on June 6, 2013 was discussed. Dick pointed out the seven features of a successful neighborhood. The Mayor reported that Green Bay was among the top three cities in the country for quality neighborhoods. Of major significance to us is the fact that the City is planning for further development along the University Avenue corridor especially near the new VA Clinic. Dick will inform us of the next meeting of this planning committee. We hope to have at least one representative at that meeting.

A City services representative reported that the City will soon require all home owners to have and use approved garbage containers. Residents will have to make special arrangements for any material that does not fit in the container. Crime issues were discussed. The recent increase in burglaries is a concern. The City may soon make "micro-dot" technology available for valuables. This would allow valuable items to be "tagged" via attaching an extremely small "dot" to the item so that it could be identified if stolen.

See the complete report that was distributed with the agenda for this meeting for details.

NDNA mini-grant issues: Our bird-feeder mini grant award was rescinded due to lack of DNR approval. It was suggested that if we see hunters shooting from the shore or even from the water if they are closer than 30 ft from the shore, then we should call the DNR hotline. Several board members suggested that the City's existing noise ordinance may apply or that a "disturbing the peace" complaint might be appropriate in the case of early-morning hunting. Stacy will continue to explore ways to mitigate this neighborhood nuisance. After some discussion the following

motion was made.

Motion: It is resolved that Stacy will submit a grant for migratory bird feeders to be installed on private property within the neighborhood. Motion by Stacy, second Sue. Passed.

At this time the City has invited us to submit a new mini-grant proposal.

Several ideas were discussed: security lighting grants, a grant to cover part of the annual-meeting dinner, a grant for hardware and software for the association, a shoreline-cleanup grant, a grant to purchase upscale road signage in the neighborhood, a grant to cover the cost of hosting a neighborhood event, etc.

Following this discussion Reed made the following motion: It is resolved that the NDNA President will apply for a grant to subsidize the meal for this fall's Annual Meeting and related costs. The motion was seconded by Stacy. Passed

Spring Social discussion: Dick read the thank-you letter the he sent to Chief Galvin. See archived copy for details. It was concluded that the venue was good but the food could have been better.

Nominating Committee: We need a slate of nominees for the board for the fall annual meeting. Our goal is to have a full board after the voting. We currently have one unfilled seat and Bob Tripp has indicated that he will not seek reelection. We want to have a full board going into the fall.

Old Business

Web site: Larry has plans to enhance the web page by adding the board members's email addresses. He encouraged us all to visit our web site to boost it's Google ranking.

Fall Annual meeting: The Mayor is enthusiastically working on getting us into the VA Clinic for our meeting. If not there we will explore a local privately owned business like Riverside Ballroom, the Bluff, Victorias or Rosatis. For catering for the VA Clinic Carol recommended Paul Biebel. Carol volunteered to work with Riverside and/or Mr. Biebel if needed. Stacy said she would explore to see what Victorias can offer.

Summer newsletter: Larry handed out copies of his new advertising solicitation form. He encouraged us to use it as we seek support from local businesses for our newsletter. He further asked that we notify him before July 8th if we have any announcements or article(s) for the summer newsletter.

National Night Out: Bob reminded us that this family-oriented event will happen at Baird School Park located behind Baird School on Humbolt Road on August 6th starting at 5:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. We need to decide what materials we wish to have available at our table. Those who wish to participate in the raffles need to register at their neighborhood's table. Bob will be there early to help set up for the evening. Dick and Cheryl, Pete and Sharon and Reed and Jill will man the table for one hour per couple. Dick will coordinate. Bob will produce a notice for publication in our newsletter.

A discussion of Joliet Park issues broke out initiating a number of side conversations but led to no motions or conclusions.

UWGB Scholarship: In the past, the NDNA contributed scholarship money each year to a

UWGB student. The University chose the worthy student and the NDNA merely contributed \$500 to the UWGB foundation in April of the year. Sue moved to approve a \$500 contribution to the UWGB foundation for a 2013 scholarship. Carol seconded the motion. Passed with one vote against. Dick will look into accomplishing this before the fall semester begins.

New Business

New initiatives/programming: We need to entertain new ideas for NDNA activities.

Fund raising ideas: Larry offered a fund-raising idea for a new technology “coupon card” that works like the old coupon books but resides on a credit-card size plastic card. Stacy suggested that we could sponsor bake sales at UWGB on voting days. Dick suggested we consider having a silent auction at our annual meeting.

Meeting schedule: There will be no GBNLC or NDNA board meeting in July. If we need action prior to August, Dick will coordinate a virtual meeting via email. Our next formal meeting will be in rm 301 MAC Hall at 6:30 PM on August 12.

Other business: None.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete, second by Stacy. Approved

Meeting ended at 8:04 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted,
Reed Hardy, NDNA Board Secretary
June 10, 2013.