

Minutes November 11, 2013
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association, Inc.
6:30 pm, monthly meeting, Room 301 MAC Hall, UWGB.

A Quorum was established in that 9 of 14 current board members were present. Those present were: Marcia Gruenhagen, Sue Ley, Larry Desch, Cheryl & Dick Pigeon, Sharon & Pete Doherty and Jill and Reed Hardy. Also in attendance were *ex officio* advisory members of the board: Sister Sharon Lasee, Sister Charlene Hockers and Diane Auger. Absent/excused were Kathy Desch, Mike Clark, Ron Antonneau, Dan Drossart and Carol Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Introductions: Marcia was introduced as a new member of the board.

Election of Officers: Marcia moved to re-appoint last year's officers. The motion was seconded by Jill, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Pete, seconded by Larry and passed.

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Sharon, seconded by Cheryl and passed.

Resignation: Stacy White submitted a letter asking us to accept her resignation from the board as of November 9, 2013. Pete moved that we accept Stacy's resignation, Sharon seconded and the motion passed. We will advertise the vacancy in our next newsletter and otherwise spread the word. The appointment of the replacement board member will end in September, 2014 at the time of the election of new board members.

Treasurer's Report for both September and October. Our current balances are: Savings, 4045.89; Checking, 748.54. See attached full reports for details:

Marcia asked some questions about our expenses related to publications and mailing expenses. Dick, these costs seem high, but we are solvent and the City does a good job with our printing and mailing.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Reed, seconded by Marcia and approved.

Annual meeting comments review/discussion: We reviewed the comments and discussed the merits of each. The one that got the most discussion was the "Poachers in Joliet Park" item. We need to check with the City regarding the noise ordinances and park opening time. The check-boxes reflected the same concerns voiced in the comments. Removal of invasive species was checked 8 times.

General comments about our annual meeting: All comments were positive. Good food, good location, good price, enjoyable presentation and fun social gathering. Diane suggested we extend kudos to Carol Jones for organizing the venue and meal.

Dick will contact Captain Galvin regarding the police issues mentioned in the comments and check boxes. We will also publish the comments in the Newsletter and ask for additional commentary.

GBNLC Report: The December meeting of the NLC will occur on Dec. 5th. Cheryl and Dick will not be able to attend. We can send 4 volunteers. It is more a party than a meeting. Awards ceremony. Our representatives will be Sharon & Pete Doherty, Larry Desch and Sue Ley. The following were discussed at the November meeting:

- 1) Award Nomination: The City's Neighborhood Awards Program was reviewed at the NLC meeting. We reviewed several past awards and found that there have been a wide variety of creative ideas and initiatives. The competition is stiff. We may submit our association for awards in one or two of the categories.
- 2) Web hosting training. In addition to a traditional web page, facebook is being used by some associations. The possibility of offering a training in how to host the community on facebook was mentioned.
- 3) Some neighborhood association activities were discussed: Welcome packets are a positive activity but it is difficult to know when new neighbors are moving in. Connection with Realtors a possibility. Sue says she may be able to provide a listing of recent closings in the area. One way to enhance security in the neighborhood is to know our neighbors. One neighborhood association asks folks, "Do you know your nearest neighbors names, where they work and their children's and dog's names?" This would be a good article for our newsletter.
- 4) The most common crime in the area is burglary during daylight hours. Knowing our neighbors and keeping an eye on homes that often are empty during the day can be helpful.
- 5) Some associations have specialty clothing with their logo that they sell to raise money and increase neighborhood awareness.
- 6) Neighborhood gardens are an activity that build friendships and teach basic gardening skills.
- 7) The Mayor announced Whole Food's visit to the area. No current commitment has been made by Whole Foods. They were simply here to explore possibilities.

New Business:

Newsletter—Deadline for articles is November 30th. Possible article topics:

- 1) Annual Meeting Recap
- 2) Comment Cards Summary
- 3) Real Estate Sales activity in the area—Sue?
- 4) Spring function: When? April? May? VA Clinic? We need to plan for an enjoyable program. One discussion topic could be future development plans for Nicolet Drive? It was suggested that we included board members in program. Reed suggested that we

consider having a talent show. He will do an article to determine if there are neighbors who would enjoy performing in a talent show.

5) Complaints: Is this an issue for us? If neighbors have complaints about things going on in their neighborhood, there is a place to file such reports with the City.

6) Board members elected/serving

7) UWGB Scholarship?

8) Neighborhood guides are available if folks want them.

Neighborhood Planning Document: See attached prototype planning document.

The prototype lists event dates and the deadline announcement dates for newsletter publication. Dick will create a similar document for NDNA.

Old Business:

Web site: An announcement was made at the GBNLC meeting that there will be a WordPress training for neighborhood web site management early in 2014. Reed volunteered to attend that training if possible.

National Night Out: Bob Tripp had been our representative on the NNO planning board. Given that Bob is no longer on the NDNA board, we need a volunteer to take his place representing us with the NNO program. It is possible that we could include our search for a volunteer in our newsletter.

Fund-raising: We need to raise \$250.00/Year. Payments for newsletter ads, profits from NDNA sponsored events and Donations from board members count.

Board Meetings Schedule for 2014: NDNA board meetings will take place monthly in 2014 except for the traditional off months of July and December. Motion to approve: Reed, second Sue, approved.

Other Business: We discussed recent real estate activity. The two restaurant properties were discussed. Eagles Nest and The Carlton/Patrick's property. At this point all anyone knows is that the Carlton/Patrick's property will be auctioned off.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Sharon, seconded by Sue and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Reed Hardy, Secretary.