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Neighborhood Association

Since We're Neighbors, Let's Be Friends

September 14, 2020

4025 Cherokee Drive 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

1A 6:30 pm Call to Order by the President

President Odell called the meeting to order shortly after 6:30 pm.

1B Roll Call by Secretary to establish Quorum

Members Present: Rachel Barker, Carol Buelow, Dennis Comerford, Marian Hessman, J. Humphreys, Mary Odell, Kevin Pomeroy, Susan Ridley

Members Absent: LaVonne Bennett, Karen Zweizig

Guests Present: Pamela Wilson (Westminster Presbyterian Church)

2. Approval of the Agenda for September 14, 2020

Kevin moved that the Agenda be approved, seconded by Dennis. The Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the August 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes – motion

Carol, seconded by Dennis, moved that the August 3 draft Minutes be approved, and the motion carried.

4. Public Comment 5 minutes a person (No Board discussion except to request an item be placed on the agenda)

Pamela Wilson gave a status report on some of the programs being supported by the CMNNA which have resulted in donations of paper bags for the ongoing food deliveries, donations of school supplies, funding to purchase ukuleles for Cherokee Heights Middle School, and publicizing the recent Chocolate Shoppe fundraiser for Thoreau Elementary School.

5. Reports

A. Report of the President , Mary Odell

Nothing new to report.

B. Treasurer's Report by Karen Zweizig

In August we received 3 donations (\$150 directed to the 2020 Grant, \$185 unrestricted) for a total of \$335.00. Our balance is now \$1576.33.

C. Committee Reports/Updates

1. Fundraising - open

no report

2. Green Spaces – C. Buelow

Some weeding has taken place this month at the Butterfly Garden, but no "work sessions" with more than one person at a time. A few new plants were added to the Rain Garden last week.

Martin Ostrowski has completed the paperwork to Adopt the Median on Wanetah Trail. I have a few plants from seed to give him, and he can order others this month and get reimbursed by the City.

Planting on the Cherokee Median will start Sept 15.

3. Information, Education, Communication – K. Pomeroy

Kevin reminded everyone to spell out the organization name when posting. J and Kevin will work on our logo. Kevin received a bill for \$28.98 for renewal of our domain name registration. Dennis, seconded by Susan, moved that Kevin be reimbursed for the expense. The motion passed.

4. Neighborhood Safety/Good Neighbor - open

Discussion of the recent car theft on Tumalo.

5. Storm Water Infrastructure – M. Odell

No report

6. Transportation/Safe Streets - open

No report

6. Unfinished Business

► Strategies to implement and complete the Grant

Carol is coordinating the permit process for our installations.

J has recent experience in contacting firms for donations, so he will begin that process (emails, not in person).

Rachel will serve as coordinator/agent for any purchases we need to make.

Kevin will donate the bat house. J will donate a Leopold bench.

J, Kevin, and Dennis will work on pinning down the materials/parts list for the remaining construction projects.

For the picnic table, we can either seek a donation (of a used one), purchase and build from a kit, or build from plans. All options will be pursued and we will choose the one most likely to succeed.

Everyone will work on outreach to invite neighbors to participate.

7. New Business

A. Karen Zweizig has notified the board that she is resigning at the end of September. Rachel Barker volunteered to serve as Treasurer. According to the CMNNA by-laws Section VII.A., the Board of Directors “shall elect the officers of this Association.” By unanimous voice vote, Rachel was elected, her term of office to begin on October 1.

B. Marian Hessman retrieved the CMNNA notebook, held by the Sequoya branch of the Madison Public Library. Since the library is currently closed to the public, this is a good opportunity to review and update the contents.

C. Ideas to jump start new interest in the CMNNA? Public safety measures necessitated by Covid-19 have made many of our normal activities (forums, committee meetings, board meetings) difficult to conduct. Events we helped to support, such as Make Music Madison, have been cancelled. President Odell asked that the Board members brainstorm to think up new ways to reach out to, and engage with, our neighbors.

8. Announcements by Board members. No discussion permitted other than to place on October Agenda

The October meeting will be held on Monday the 5th, at 4025 Cherokee.

9. Adjournment

Dennis moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Marian seconded.

Minutes approved on October 5, 2020