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Neighborhood Association

Since we're neighbors, let's be friends.

Zoom Virtual Meeting - May 4, 2020 - 7 pm to 9 pm

1a. 7 pm Call to Order

Vice President Pomeroy called the Zoom meeting to order shortly after 7 pm.

1b. Roll Call by Secretary to establish Quorum

Members Present: Rachel Barker, LaVonne Bennett, Carol Buelow, Dennis Comerford, Marian Hessman, Kevin Pomeroy

Members Absent: J Humphreys, Mary Odell, Susan Ridley, Karen Zweizig

Guests present: Pamela Wilson (Westminster Presbyterian Church), Alder Zachary Henak (District 10)

2. Approval of the Agenda for May 4, 2020

LaVonne made a motion that the proposed Agenda be approved. Dennis seconded the motion. The members voted to approve the Agenda.

3. Approval of the March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes – motion

Carol motioned that the draft minutes for the March meeting be approved. Dennis seconded the motion, and in voting, the motion passed.

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

Pamela reported that due to Covid 19, the existing food programs at Thoreau and Cherokee have been substantially changed. Rather than focusing on only the two schools in our neighborhood's boundaries, it has expanded to serve approximately 475 families from the entire West High feeder area. They are calling it the Madison West High Area Food Collaborative. Since the schools are closed, Westminster Presbyterian is serving as a staging area. Personal donations of food have been suspended, with all food coming through local food pantries. Volunteers are supplied through United Way. People in the neighborhood who wish to contribute can also do so through

1. donating gift cards (\$50 limit). If it's the kind of gift card that requires a name – not all do – it should be made out to United Way.

2. donating grocery bags (paper preferred).

3. individuals who want to donate through the CMNNA can send a check to the CMNNA treasurer asking that the same amount be passed on to the food program.

5. Reports

A. Report of the President, Mary Odell – Due to President Odell’s absence, there was no President’s report.

B. Treasurer’s Report, Karen Zweizig – Karen’s report was emailed out before the meeting. Kevin relayed it for the record – since the last meeting we have had neither income nor expenditures.

C. Committee and Administrative Reports and Updates:

a. Fundraising / Membership – no report

b. Green Spaces – Carol has started the Cherokee median project (on the part of Cherokee opposite the middle school). She has prepped the soil and placed weighted cardboard over it until the city can deliver bark mulch. She plans to “foster” the plants intended for the area at her home until they can be planted this fall. Due to Covid 19 the volunteers are having to work alone, instead of in groups.

c. Information, Education & Communication – The board is still in the process of setting up our google group. J has done the original creation, and Kevin and Dennis volunteered to assist in the process.

d. Neighborhood Safety/Good Neighbor – open chair

e. Storm Water Infrastructure – no report

f. Transportation & Safe Streets – no report

6. Unfinished Business

· Grant Proposal

Rachel said that she has not yet heard back from the city as to whether our proposal was accepted. She did receive one question: had we asked Wisconsin DoT for any funding? Carol said that she could not recall us ever doing so. During this waiting time, Carol, Rachel, and Dennis have been narrowing down possibilities for the eventual signs. DoT engineers and City Parks mowing departments have been consulted to make sure that our choices meet their needs for the property maintenance.

· Little Library Mapping

LaVonne believes there are about 15 Little Free Libraries in the neighborhood. Rachel has also been mapping and the two will combine their efforts to produce the definitive count.

· Welcome Packet

Dennis is organizing the materials he has been sent. Kevin will pass on the items he has in his archive. Welcome packet. Carol said that she will send Dennis the permits for the gardening we’ve been doing.

· Traffic Safety Plan

The Traffic Safety Plan is on hold until Covid 19 closures ease up. In the meantime, members have noted that the volume of traffic has been reduced – though speeds have increased.

7. New Business

· Alder 10 Updates

Alder Henak reported that the city is continuing to move forward on the projects that they have budgeted for, but with some added caution due to the uncertain future.

Several pedestrian safety/sidewalk proposals were recently taken up by the City Council. For example, Yuma Drive will receive an additional 25 mph speed limit sign. The intersection at Nakoma and Whenona is slated to get a flashing light to aid crossing. The proposed sidewalk extension along Nakoma opposite Thoreau will need more input from the engineering department to establish feasibility.

· CMNNA Response to Covid 19

Dennis lives near Oak Park Place and has spotted some touching family interactions – residents on the inside, visitors on the outside. However, as a concern, he has also noted actual games in progress on the Cherokee MS athletic fields. He suggested putting a reminder on the CMNNA website that we all be considerate of our neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole.

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

LaVonne and Dennis asked to place on next month's agenda, the suggestion that the CMNNA make a contribution to the Madison West High Area Food Collaborative.

9. Adjournment

LaVonne motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Carol.

Minutes approved at the 1 June 2020 Board meeting.