

ENA Board Annual Meeting Minutes March 9, 2013

Present: Board members Mike Digman, Greg Goke, Justin Martin, Ted Perttunen and Scot Whitney

Absent: Lynn Munsinger Brown, Tiffani Roltgen and Christina Mckee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m. by Mike. There were 18 neighbors in attendance, along with Lt. Knight from the East Madison Police Precinct, County Supervisor Dave de Felice, Alder Jill Johnson, ENA Safety Coordinator Gail Good, State Representative Melissa Sargent.

2012 Meeting Minutes: The 2012 meeting minutes are available on the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association website. The 2013 meeting minutes will also be posted online.

2012 Budget: The 2012 balance sheet and profit and loss statement were reviewed.

2013 Budget: The board worked very hard at having a balanced budget for the upcoming year. The board budgeted \$8703 for income for 2013 with expenses of \$8935 for a net loss for the year of \$231. Barb made the motion to approve the budget. 2nd by Steve Johnson. The budget was unanimously approved by neighbors in attendance.

2013 Calendar of Events: Mike highlighted a one-page refrigerator calendar featuring key events for the year including the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Clean-Up/Garlic Mustard Pull. Classic events such as the Fourth of July Celebration and Holiday Sing Along will be offered, as well as newer events including the Firecracker 5K and Kids Fun Run and 5K Turkey Trot.

State Representative Melissa Sargent highlighted her background and history. Melissa strongly urged the neighborhood to communicate with her in regards to issues facing our community and state, she wants to hear from us so she can better represent her constituents.

Lt. Knight- East Madison Police Precinct: Lt. Knight highlighted his background and role as Lt. at the east side district. Lt. Knight stated that our new neighborhood officer is Derek Jones. A brochure on home and auto safety was distributed. Lt. Knight encouraged the neighborhood to use the MedBox inside the East Precinct lobby. Lt. Knight stressed the use of the non emergency line at 266-4275 or call the east district with questions 266-4887.

District 16 County Supervisor Dave de Felice: Dave highlighted some issues that are affecting Dane county. Homelessness is up 12% in Madison and the county is currently working on reducing this. Dave spoke about the 2013 budget which is \$525 million, and how the county is working toward re-obtaining it's AAA loan rating which the county lost in years past. Dave spoke of the progress of the new Communication system, as well as the efforts to coordinate more local food usage through the county's Packing House which will help make local farmers products more readily available to local businesses. Dave highlighted the manure digester program as well as the landfill methane production and subsequent sale of that methane to MG&E. Dave spoke of the county's purchase of 22 acres of land near county AB and Hwy 12-18 for landfill expansion as well as a new office for the Sheriff's and Medical examiner all powered by the methane produced from the landfill. Dave also spoke about the new county emergency notification system which is being implemented in Dane county. Dave advised the membership that there will be a Stoughton Road construction meeting On March 19th at Lafollette High School.

District 16 Candidate Denise De Marb: Denise introduced herself and spoke about her background. She is looking forward to serving if elected on April 2nd as District 16 Alder. Denise asked for community input and will strive to communicate with both neighborhood boards as well as individual neighbors.

District 16 Alder Jill Johnson: Jill Johnson commented on the Stoughton Rd construction and meeting on March 19th as well as the economical developments in our district. Jill mentioned the newly passed bike path construction for North Sherman Ave. Jill commented on her efforts in reducing the debt service in the city and called for membership to communicate to our elected officials in reducing our city's operating budget as well as other concerns. Jill spoke that she would have loved to run again for District 16 Alder but is moving outside the city and could no longer represent the district moving forward.

Green Madison - Tom Teer & Alicia De Barreno Tom advised the membership on Green Madison and its benefits. Documentation was provided to the membership. Tom spoke of the energy assessment and how Green Madison can help save energy costs. Tom spoke of the testing that the energy auditors can do on your home that pinpoint what areas need repair or replacement. Tom mentioned the various incentives that are available to homeowners upon completion of energy saving measures. Membership can sign up via Green Madison's website www.greenmadison@cityofmadison.com and acquire additional information.

ENA Community Garden - Chris Brockel Chris highlighted the garden location on Painted Post Dr. near the Shelter. 20 by 20 plots with 28 spaces available. Registration day for interested participants is March 23rd at East Side Police Station at 10 a.m. Chris also highlighted the Community Action Coalition and its role in helping our community garden grow and prosper. A handout was distributed as well.

ENA Safety Coordinator-Gail Good Gail highlighted the slow down campaign will be May 6th through May 17th. The Elvehjem neighborhood was chosen to be the host neighborhood as well which will bring some extra attention to the slow down campaign. Any volunteers please contact Gail. Gail spoke on the Safe Community which is a non-profit organization that provides many important safety campaigns and Gail hopes to increase our neighborhoods involvement with them in the future.

Wooden Steps Running Club Emily Leas highlighted the upcoming events and the need for volunteers is always welcome. Weekly running events are held and information is always available on the Facebook and Elvehjem homepage.

2013 Annual Dues Breakdown: A pie chart illustrating the specific breakdown of how the ENA \$12 annual dues are spent was presented. The three largest expenses include ECHO printing and mailing, Fourth of July Celebration, and special membership drive via direct mail. Members are strongly encouraged to choose electronic delivery of the ECHO newsletter to save the association time and resources and allow for improved neighborhood services.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. with a special thank you to board members for their service.