

ENA Board Meeting Minutes

Dec. 4th, 2019 @ 7-9 p.m. at The Great Dane East, 876 Jupiter Dr, Madison, WI 53718

I. Welcome, 15 minutes (7:00-7:10)

- a. Call to order (Charles) in attendance: Charles, Jared, Jacob, Kim, Dan, Chris. Time: 7:00 PM
 - i. NRO, Howard Payne
- b. Introductions (All) A sign-in sheet was circulated. Each attendee introduced themselves to the group.
- c. Approval of the agenda (All)
- d. Word on the Streets (All)

II. Safety - Neighborhood Resource Officer Howard Payne, 45 minutes (7:10 – 8:00)

- a. Officer Payne talked at length of the recent incident of shots fired and shell casings found in the 4500 block of CGR. Investigation is ongoing. Over 30 witnesses interviewed. Some video is available. Appears to be a fight between individuals, not a random occurrence. Madison is a “tenant friendly” city and the apartment complex has a history of problems.
- b. Strongly urged everyone individually and the ENA board collectively to write, call or email the Mayor, Alder Tierney, and the Common Council to ensure they’re aware of our concerns.
- c. Questions from the group:
 - i. Gang related? Gang ties to some crimes in the area, but not suspected in this case. No connection to other shootings in Madison or recent car thefts. Adults involved in this case.
 - ii. Domestic violence related? Police do not believe shooting is related to domestic violence.
 - iii. What can we do? Officer Payne offered tips regarding city-wide car thefts. These are crimes of opportunity, usually by young adults and teens. Group will drive down streets looking for running vehicles. One person hops out, steals car and drives off. Use common sense. Don’t warm up your car and leave it unattended. Don’t leave keys in unlocked vehicles. Keep your house locked, even when home. Turn on your outside lights front and back.
 - iv. Drug-related? Most crimes are tied to Opioids, a much more serious issue, than the city portrays. Lacking sufficient officer staff for a city our size.
 - v. Prosecution? Few cases make it to trial. Shortage of staff in DA’s office. Can only try so many, cases often settled or dropped. Can take a long time too. One neighbor shared it took over 2 years to catch the person in her car theft.
- d. Officer Payne encouraged everyone to share the info learned at tonight’s meeting with their neighbors.
- e. Resident Kim Richman is heading up the LVM Neighborhood Watch Program. The NWP program partners with law enforcement and shares observation, safety, and awareness as a means of preventing crime in our neighborhood. He reports the group’s Facebook membership has steadily increased to 160 current members since its initial roll out, notably after the shots fired incident on Cottage Grove road. To get our group off the ground he shadowed the existing program in Midvale Heights for guidance. Everyone is welcome to join. No one is denied membership. Expect regular information and updates on FB and small informal meetings in the future.

III. Event Recaps, 10 minutes, (8:00-8:10)

- a. Turkey Trot (Charles)

- i. Joel reports there were over 150 participants this year. Cash donations exceeded \$600, plus there are a few checks to add.
- ii. Thank you for Joel and Peggy
 - 1. Board voted in favor of thanking Joel and Peggy for their efforts with the Turkey Trot with gift cards. 2019 was Joel's last year as organizer. Charles will get two gift cards from Fleet Feet for \$25 each.
- iii. Need running coordinator for 2020 Turkey Trot and July 4th 5K
 - 1. Charles has a few leads – See if Peggy is willing to step up.
 - 2. To Do:
 - a. Advertise for volunteer in next Echo.
 - b. Resolve the interface issue with the new ENA site and the Turkey Trot sign-up.

IV. Upcoming Events Planning, 20 minutes (8:10-8:30)

- a. Holiday in the Park (Dan)
 - i. Status Update: We're all set for HITP. Dan delivered notices to all Painted Post residents about event and horse and carriage rides.
 - ii. Dan has hot water ordered from Gaylord, he'll handle music and bring the sandwich board. We have plenty of volunteers too.
 - iii. To Do:
 - 1. Kim/Scott shed run for tables, megaphone and paper-bag mini-lights, trash bags and a clipboard for ride sign-up.
 - 2. Liz – Costco for cookies, cups, hot chocolate and napkins.
 - 3. Brian – pallets for burning
- b. 2020 Event Calendar planning (Charles)
 - i. Charles corrected the address for next year's holiday in the park to Elvehjem Park's address.
 - ii. Lots of positive comments about the address map for the Halloween bonfires. We should do that for the neighborhood night out as well.
 - iii. Thinking about working with the Villages Apartment to hold a bonfire event to encourage those residents to join ENA. All residents receive the paper Echo.

V. Old Business, 30 minutes (8:30-9:00) All old Business tabled until January meeting

- a. ENA – Going Digital
 - i. ENA Website Design
 - ii. Data sub-committee
 - iii. Board member recruitment
- b. LVM Park Follow-ups
- c. Jan. meeting plan/celebration/recruitment
 - i. End of the Year membership drive results
 - ii. End of year Profit/Loss
- d. LVM PTO
 - i. Supply Drive, Negative lunch accounts, Hat and Mittens Drive
- e. Jacob stated ENA's WI Dept of Revenue Annual Filing had been overlooked. It has submitted late. The report informs the state we're still in existence.

VI. Adjournment time: 9:15 PM

Announcements

- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 8th, from 7-9pm at the Great Dane East
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is Jan. 15 for the Feb/March Echo.
- Echo Assignments:
 - President's Column-Charles
 - Treasurer's Report-Jacob
 - Secretary's Corner- Kim
 - Member Corner-Jared
 - Event Recaps:
 - Turkey Trot – Charles
 - Holiday in the Park – Dan
 - Calendar of Events – Dan
 - 2020 Calendar of Events – Charles ** Add Kim Richman to Annual Meeting agenda.
 - Upcoming Events
 - Pinney Library Gala/Grand Opening – February 29, 2020
 - Easter Egg Hunt – April 11, 2020
 - Annual Meeting – April 18, 2020