

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10am

City Church, 4909 E Buckeye Rd, Madison, WI

1. Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Business

- a. Call to order - Dan called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
- b. Current Board of Directors Introduction - President- Dan Collins, Vice President- Pete Schramm, Treasurer- Jacob Wright, Directors at Large- Kristy Bark, Dylan Crye, Alice Frohna, Kim Richman, CJ Rouse, Bob Washburn. Absent: outgoing Secretary- Kim Bolinder.
- c. Secretary's Report
 1. Roll call and quorum - Kristy announced a quorum was achieved.
 2. Approval of Agenda - A motion was made for approval of the agenda with no changes. Motion was seconded and approved by quorum.
 3. Approval of minutes from previous year's meeting - A motion was made for approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded and approved by quorum.
- d. Treasurer's Report
 1. 2022 financial review - Jacob shared via PowerPoint. We operated at a loss for several years (2019-21), using savings to continue to provide services for the neighborhood. In 2022 we proposed a balanced budget; actual income was higher than projected so we ended 2022 back in the black, with income slightly higher than expenses. Jacob reported a cash balance of \$14,662 as of 4/14/23.
 2. 2023 budget was shared on-screen and presented by Jacob. The largest parts of our budget continue to be Communication and Media (printing The Echo, etc) and Office & Administration (insurance, etc). Motion made to approve the 2023 budget. Seconded and approved by quorum.
- e. Year in Review
 1. 2022 Events - Pete highlighted the many successful events of 2022
- f. 2023 Calendar of Events - Pete discussed the upcoming calendar, with two notable additions:

1. Earth Day 4/22/23 will feature two service opportunities: 10am at Acewood Park and 1pm at the Elvehjem Shelter.
 2. Back to School Bash 8/19/23 - CJ Rouse introduced a new event, in partnership with Elvehjem Elementary, to help connect residents of The Life at Madison Grove apartments with the neighborhood, the ENA, and other local resources.
- g. All-Wheel Spot Update - Dan shared recent news that plans for the All-Wheel Spot (privately funded and managed by Madison Skatepark Fund) will be moving forward. They hope to begin construction sometime this summer, on the site of the current (irreparable) LVM tennis courts.
- h. Approval of 2023-2024 Board of Directors - A motion was made for approval of the new Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and approved by quorum.

2. Madison Police Department Update

- a. Alexa Graham, East District Neighborhood Resource Officer. This is Alexa's 2nd year as our NRO. The next Coffee with a Cop will be Tues, April 18th at the East District station; someone from Records will join to discuss records requests and vacation watch requests. Alexa shared that she will be out in July for maternity leave; she will have another officer step in for Coffee with a Cop in her absence.

3. Elected Officials Meet & Greet

- a. **Alder Jael Currie, District 16** - hopes to increase communication & engagement. She is speaking with alders of neighboring districts to see how we can collaborate (i.e. Town Hall on traffic safety). Also working with County Board Supervisors to increase collaboration with the County. She plans to run for Council President (will learn appt on Tues 4/18). Email / text are fastest way to reach her; she puts out info on Facebook but doesn't often respond on social media due to privacy concerns. Alder Currie plans to attend the ENA monthly mtg in May.
- b. **Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway** - working with Police & Public Health on violence prevention. Already seeing decreases in shots fired, in traffic crashes, and in stolen cars (aside from the Kia and Hyundai issue). Wants to support local businesses; if you have ideas on how best to do that, let the Mayor's office know. Looking into how the city can support MMSD in selecting a new Superintendent, as the school district greatly impacts the city. Looking to increase housing inventory - both rentals and affordable ownership options. The Meadowlands apartments are in a chronic nuisance process; Mayor's office is

paying attention to both safety concerns and also residents in need.

- c. **Dane County Executive Joe Parisi** - reported that the relationship between city & county has never been stronger. Top issues he is focusing on are food insecurity (even higher now than during the pandemic) and environmental protection. All county facilities now powered by 100% renewable electricity. He reminded us of the county's solar panel discount program.
- d. **Joe Splinter, District Director for State Senator Melissa Agard, District 16** - reported that the Joint Finance Committee will be holding public hearings around the state through June. He passed out a QR code to contact every member of the Joint Finance Committee, to express your opinion on how your taxes should be spent. Senator Agard can be available to do a listening session with the ENA if we are interested.
- e. **State Representative Samba Baldeh, District 48** - encouraged us to attend the Joint Finance Committee listening sessions; Rep. Baldeh's next listening session is May 2nd at Pinney. Issues addressed in the Governor's proposed budget include middle class income tax, education, access to healthcare, supporting working families, and how to spend our \$7 billion surplus. Last year Rep. Baldeh introduced a PFAS bill; this year, PFAS remediation is part of the Gov's proposed budget.
- f. **Dane County Board Supervisor Jacob Wright, District 17** - reminded us to stay in touch with elected officials. While working with firms on PFAS remediation, he was able to submit our questions on the topic for response. Because constituents raised the issue of deteriorating shoulder on County AB, Jacob was able to address it and it will be fixed this year. If we have issues with landfill smells, fill out a form to let the county know. The proposed Sustainability Campus at the landfill features a compost collection, so we'll be able to drop off compost scraps just a 5-7 min drive away.

4. Adjournment

- a. Thank you to our generous donors Hy-Vee (doughnuts), Domino's (pizza), and City Church (venue host + refreshments).
- b. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

5. Refreshments and Meet & Greet

Submitted by Kristy Bark