

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pinney Library

I. Welcome (6:30-6:45) Time: 6:35 PM

- a. Call to order (Dan) Present: Dan, CJ, Pete, Kim B., Jacob (virtual), Alice, Kristy, Kim R. Absent: Ashley, Dylan, Bob.
- b. Approval of the agenda (All) Approved as written.
- c. Official welcome to 4 new board members (All)- We welcomed Kristy and CJ. Kim R. said he did not get an email notification but came as soon as he could. Dan will verify that all new board members are getting our email notifications.
- d. Word on the Streets (All)- A-Rods, a new Tex Mex restaurant opened in the old Dairy Queen site. Byte Size computer repair company has closed.

II. Reports (6:45 – 7:15)

- a. Secretary's report (Kim)
 - i. Kim has the welcome cards ready for the six home sales for Aug. and Sept. She asked if we should continue mailing cards or return to in-person welcomes. She asked if anyone was interested in taking that one. Pete suggested a self sign-up for Welcome Packet delivery. CJ expressed interest despite his recent move to the area. Kim will modify the ENA Home sales spreadsheet accordingly and review the materials we've used before. She'll look into costs for a simple magnet with ENA's website address to give out so residents have a handy reference.
 - ii. Kim will order glow sticks now for Holiday in the Park since they're a featured Oriental Trading Halloween item.
- b. Treasurer's report (Jacob)
 - i. Dan reported the old tent sold for \$400 on FB Marketplace.
- c. Echo report (Dan) We moved up the Echo deadline one week and the date to send reports to Dan up to Nov. 1.
 - i. Advertising (Jacob)- No report
- d. Extra report & content discussion (Pete)
 - i. The email consistently hits just under 600 views.
 - ii. Instead of publishing just after the board meeting, Pete is sending the Extra out during the 3rd week of the month. Allows for more time to prepare.

III. New Business (7:15 – 7:45)

- a. Elvehjem Park "Nature Playground" concerns / discussion Due to time limitations, we moved this item ahead of Reports.
 - i. Jael Curry joined virtually at 6:45pm. CJ summarized the residents and board members' dissatisfaction with Madison Park's redesign of LVM park.
 1. Children's playground was removed without notice to residents during Alder Tierney's term.
 2. Many promised design features were not delivered. Poor communication regarding delays and changes.

3. During initial discussions with Parks, the ENA board offered to help improve our park with financial support from the board and residents but were told private funds were not accepted. Pete says MUFA has helped get lights installed at Burr-Jones Park. CJ will see if he can find a way for ENA to help out if city funds are lacking.
 4. With ENA's consent the park renovations were delayed so the men's homeless facility on Dairy Drive could be completed before winter 2021.
 5. After visiting and photographing parks throughout Madison, CJ noted inequity between east and west side parks. Jacob has also remarked on this disparity in the past.
 6. CJ mentioned the city has a link to easily report graffiti damage.
- ii. Next steps:
 1. The ENA board will file an official complaint with Parks.
 2. CJ will share his research with Jael.
 3. CJ will organize all backup material for the complaint in the next two weeks. .
 4. Ann Frewald is on PTO until Oct 10.
 - iii. The All Wheel Spot plan has been expanded so city permit requirements are different. Hoping for 2023 delivery. ENA is considering hosting a summer grand opening event next year.
- b. Event (co)-ownership in 2022-2023
 - i. Leaders were tentatively assigned for the 2022-2023 events. See Upcoming Events item below.
 - ii. Neighborhood Night Out will be replaced by a new summer event. Ideas include a concert series, a local community building event with food carts, music and vendors similar to the North Star neighborhood event this summer. Bike safety training could be another attraction. Kim R. says MPD has a trailer with a grill available free for use.
 - iii. Dan started a Master Volunteer list which is saved in the ENA Board Google Workspace.
 - c. Compost bins giveaway
 - i. The city has given ENA 4 compost bins to give away.
 1. Alice shared her write-up for the give away highlighting the benefits of composting and possible uses for the donation money collected. For example, LVM school lunch account balances, LVM Community Garden or the Tenant Resource Center, which helps renters in need.
 2. Kim R will create a promo for the Echo. We estimate the composters will be delivered to the winners on Dec. 1.
 - d. Website audit / revamp (?) Dan suggests revamping our website. Add to a future agenda.
 - e. LVM PTO needs (?)
 - i. Negative lunch account balance

1. Since we don't know if any lunch account balance will exist at the end of school, the board will revisit this item later.
- ii. Hat & mitten drive
 1. Shared from Facebook- The LVM school nurse Laurel Cornelius posted a message asking for students to keep an extra set of clothes in their locker.
 2. Knit gloves are needed for fall and waterproof gloves and mittens for winter. Gently used snow pants and boots are appreciated as well. No hat or socks are needed at this time. Drop off donations at the school anytime between 8 - 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.
- f. 2023 survey (?) Add to future agenda.

IV. Upcoming Events (7:45-8:15)

- a. Halloween Bonfires - Mon, Oct 31 (Pete)
 - i. Pete included the event in the last Extra. Beside bonfire hosting and candy give-aways, residents can also showcase their Halloween decorations by adding their address to the map. Different icons will be used for each category.
- b. Turkey Trot - Thur, Nov 24 (Pete)
 - i. Pete and Alice will co-own the Turkey Trot. Kim B. said one sign-up notification came through already. Pete is ordering bibs and other materials.
- c. Holiday in the Park - Sat, Dec 3 (Dan)
 - i. Kristy will assist Dan with Holiday in the Park.
 - ii. Santa is booked for the event
- d. Holiday lights showcase (?)
 - i. Pete will handle this as well since it's similar to the Halloween bonfires.

V. Event Recap (8:15-8:30)

- a. Shed clean - The shed is cleaned out and organized. Unneeded items were donated to Goodwill. Broken and outdated items were discarded. Great job everyone. This was long overdue.

VI. Adjournment Time: 8:25 PM

Announcements

- The Elvehjem Extra will publish Tuesday, October 24th
- The next ENA Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm at Pinney Library
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is **November 8th** for the *Winter* Echo **Date moved up 1 week.**
- Echo Assignments, tentatively (see 2022 [outline](#)):
 - President's Column (Dan)
 - Treasurer's Report (Jacob)

- Secretary's Report (Kim)
- Ads (Jacob)
- Alder Currie's Column (Jael)
- Turkey Trot Promo (Pete)
- Holiday in the Park Promo (Dan)
- Halloween Bonfires Recap (Pete)
- County Supervisor (Jacob)
- Dane County Executive (Parisi)
- Compost bin giveaway