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Bassett Neighborhood District Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m., 10 February 2009

Capitol Lakes Retirement Small Dining Room, 333 W. Main St.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attending: Jonathan Cooper, Rosemary Lee, Davy Mayer, Karen Weiss, Ruth Yarborough, Aaron Crandall, Jon Reske, Pete Ostlind (chair),

1) Introductions.

2) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. February minutes accepted as written.

3) Gardens at Bassett Signs. Ruth and Karen presented information on a group that is forming to add / improve gardens and plantings in the neighborhood. Ruth chairs the CNI Garden Committee. Currently there are 10 people active on the committee. They have met with a number of City staff to review what is necessary to allow for plantings around the Bassett District signs. (Broom & John Nolen, Proudfit & Main, Broom & W. Washington) Ruth has also been pursuing possible funding sources. She expects that the CNI Geranium Sale should result in \$1400 being available for this project.

They are looking for more people who would be interested in helping to plant and maintain these areas. So if you're looking for some dirt to play in give Karen (294-9587) or Ruth (442-9161) a call.

This years geranium sale will be Saturday May 8th. More details will follow on how to order plants in advance of the sale date.

4) Spring Cleanup. Those in attendance felt that we should continue our tradition with the Spring Cleanup. The date will likely be in May after UW graduation. Aaron noted that the Friends of Monona Bay do a cleanup on the second Saturday of each month and perhaps we could piggyback on their date for a larger group effort. Some thought the second Saturday might be too early. Aaron will follow up with Friends of Monona Bay to see if they might shift their date for May. People interested in helping to organize this event should contact Peter Ostlind. 444-9079

5) Monona Bay Neighborhood. The Monona Bay Neighborhood is just to the west of Bassett across Proudfit St. Aaron Crandall from Monona Bay shared information about their efforts. Their annual meeting is March 9 at 6:30 PM in the community room of the Karabis Apartments. Aaron invited interested residents to join them.

Monona Bay in conjunction with Brams Woods has sponsored a Ride & Dine event in the past. This is a bike ride with a progressive dinner at local parks. It's a family event that will take place this year on Saturday May 29. Bassett residents are encouraged to join in the fun.

6) Alder's Report – Alder Verveer was out of town and unable to attend.

7) Other Items brought forth by residents —

Jon Reske, an MBA student in the Real Estate Dept. at the UW, is doing a research project looking at the parcel on the SW corner of Bedford and Doty. This is the property with the single story office building also bordered by the railroad tracks. Jon had reviewed the various plans for the area but also was interested in hearing thoughts from residents as to what they thought might

be appropriate if this parcel was ever redeveloped. A number of comments were made by those in attendance;

- A mixed use building would be appropriate retail/office or retail/residential
- Might be a tough location for retail, the new apartments and CVS pharmacy a block away might help to support this location, also there will be more people when the ULI offices get built on Proudfit
- Being on the bike path is an asset
- 2 to 4 stories tall is appropriate
- 6 stories would be fine, the land is too valuable
- If a transit hub is ever built in the area might this location benefit from that
- WORT has been thinking they need a larger space, could be a possible tenant
- The architecture should be compatible with the Findorff and NCBE buildings and 4th Ward Lofts.

8) Adjourn. Next meeting - second Monday, March 9, 2010 at 7pm.

Since this meeting the new neighborhood Police officer assignments have been made. The Police Liaison for Bassett is Officer Christina Hill chill@cityofmadison.com 577-5734.