

2003 Annual Meeting
March 10, 2003

Astor Neighborhood Association
First Ev. Lutheran Church, Green Bay

1. Welcome by Pres. Mike Nass. There were many comments, from those at the candidates' forum, of the importance of the Astor Neighborhood area and people. We can continue to be effective, with continued neighbors' involvement.

2. MAYOR JADIN. Mayor Jadin has served Green Bay for eight years, and on April 01, 2003, will be moving into the Chamber of Commerce. Over eight years, we've grown to eight neighborhood associations, created 11 teams of beat cops, and enhanced the safety and quality of our neighborhood.

Mayor Jadin has four weeks left, with major issues on the March 18 council meeting. On Mar. 18, the border agreement with town of Scott will be official. The comprehensive plan will hopefully be adopted on Mar. 18. The Boston Store building purchase, and offers on the Boston Store and Yonkers buildings, hope to break even. The water service issues are still critical, with a possibility of a 16% rate hike being very unfavorable for our paper businesses. Mayor Jadin sees consolidation issues (police, fire, etc.) as vital.

3. REPORTS:

A. Alderman Tony Theisen. St. Vincent is in the process of proposing to expand their parking ramp. They'd like to have VanBuren St. vacated, from Porlier to Eliza, and build parking close to the back yards of S. Jackson St. In the 1970's, a compromise was reached called the hospital corridor. There is an updated, 1994 document available through Tony. The tallest buildings have to be between VanBuren and Webster. Neighbors' opinions concerning the proposed vacating of VanBuren are requested. Surface parking would be in agreement with the Hospital Corridor, but St. Vincent may be asking for a 46' parking ramp.

Tony reported on projects during the past year, such as the Bellin Hospital addition, Aldo Leupold school addition, the St. James bandshell, the Monroe Ave. boulevard and decorative lighting on the 600th block.

In 2003, the city is considering renovating or replacing the Astor Park shelter. Leadership Green Bay has an idea for *Porlier Pier* (for riverfront development), the Leicht Park development (\$600,000 available), and proposed naming of Bellin's power plant. Tony distributed copies of a proposed Chronic Nuisance ordinance.

In response to a question, Tony mentioned that it's up to the neighbors to call and complain to the City, if snow is not being shoveled. The City doesn't monitor, unless there's a complaint

B. Cheryl Renier-Wigg, city of Green Bay Neighborhood Division. 1013 S. Clay is almost complete, with an open house on April 13. The city is almost complete in acquiring property by the Water Dept., and the ANA seems to be in favor of single family residences. Other blighted properties, which the city is trying to buy, were mentioned. There might be another possible neighborhood association on the other side of Roosevelt.

C. Treasurer's Report. Denise Schleis gave a condensed, yearly report. It was stressed that \$3000 of the balance is designated for new Street Signs. We also have a grant from NHS for \$5000, which is not yet included in the Treasurer's report

4. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ASTOR

A. 2002 Accomplishments

- i. St. James new Band Shell dedication
- ii. Neighborhood Events: Fall party, Winter wine tasting, Fox River trail cleaning, 1st day of school potluck in Astor Park.
- iii. Street Sign Fund: \$3000 already donated.

B. 2003 Goals

- i. Street Signs: still trying to raise funds, might try to start with the Historical Astor district first, hope to having things done by fall 2003.

- ii. Neighborhood events: April 19, 2003 Easter egg hunt in St. James Park, Fall party will be discontinued.
- iii. Historic Designation Highlight: Astor sign on the SW corner off the new Monroe ramp.
- iv. Sat., Apr. 3-6 Spring Thing fund raiser and tour at Aldo Leupold.
- v. May 31 neighborhood rummage sale, in conjunction with Hazelwood.

5. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD

Candidates (will serve a 2-year term):

Maria Milano
 Carol Macaux
 Mike Bielski
 Jane Jadin

Current Board Members

Trini Bielski
 Teppie Schueller
 Mike Nass
 Laura McCoy
 Pastor Paul Schleis
 Denise Schleis
 Dan Pagel
 Gretchen Mitchell

Outgoing members Laura Madigan, John Gower, and Mark Jackson were thanked for their service.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to elect all the above Candidates.

6. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- a. How much snow is enough for a complaint? No specific amount, but paper deliverers, and Astor flyer deliverers, are concerned. Notices should be put in the newspaper, and could be placed in our ANA newsletter.
- b. 702 S. Monroe, for a business? It's zoned 3rd residential, but was asked to be used as an alternative medicine business. While the city does consider conditional permits, we strongly want full time owner occupied.
- c. Are there problems with people parking in our neighborhood, and then walking to work at the hospitals? Some problems on Madison, close to Union Congregational. In the past, when the 1100 block of Chicago had problems, the city did put up two hour parking signs.

Meeting adjourned, about 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul D. Schleis, secretary