

2004 Astor Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2004 6:30 PM
First Ev. Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI

1. Welcome (Trini Bielski, v. Pres, and Teppie Schueller, Pres.) Teppie mentioned that we will not be voting on a resolution this evening, concerning the possibility of a new St. Vincent parking ramp. St. Vincent would rather that they have a more concrete plan in place, before having a neighborhood vote.

2. Mayor Jim Schmitt

Mayor Schmitt talked about when he and his wife moved into our neighborhood years ago, when a hospital was also working on parking plans. Mayor Schmitt talked about the neighbor people on a task force, and the need to work out things in a community of health care.

Mayor Schmitt talked about supporting strong neighborhoods, to have a strong sense of community in Green Bay. Mayor Schmitt also mentioned a desire to have higher paying jobs in the city. A new industrial park on Hwy. 54 and 57 is looking for businesses. The third item is the desire to utilize the downtown Fox River area better. Banks, a different parking ramp, and other business projects from Walnut to the downtown Mall were mentioned. Inc. Magazine has recently rated Green Bay as #1 in the nation, for starting a small business.

Mayor Schmitt talked about the Water Utility prices. GB offered \$1.65 to the suburbs, and Ashwaubenon accepted that price.

Mayor Schmitt talked about the 150th anniversary of Green Bay in 2004. A video should be available in a month or two, and all the schools should be getting a free copy. On Aug. 14, there will be a Pride of Green Bay parade downtown, with affordable food and drink at the new festival grounds. June 25 will be Kid's Day again. A new Green Bay flag is coming out soon.

The coal pile issues have been around long than Mayor Schmitt's young life. A proposed relocation, near the mouth of the river, was not workable. We're hoping that, within three years, we'll have a plan to relocate the piles. We're also working to continue the preservation of our historic buildings and houses.

Mayor Schmitt explained the Guardian Angels organization in Green Bay. Our mayor, and police chiefs, support the goals of this organization.

3. Introduction of City and County Candidates

Carol Macaux, City Council candidate. Carol would like to get involved, and know people.

Dan Aude, County Supervisor candidate. Dan sees himself as a "working man." Dan would

Tony Theisen, County Supervisor and City Council candidate. Tony brought information on the John Gower, outgoing County Supervisor. John appreciated the opportunity to serve our area,

4. Community Policing – Officer Pat Blindauer was introduced. Pat talked about the Community Police building, and office hours, now at Joannes Park. The Community Police response will now be more flexible, to all areas. Pat also noted programs and areas in which the Community Police are involved.

5. Treasurer's Report, Pastor Paul Schleis.

6. Election of New Board Members:

New: Erik Hoyer, Mike Van Handel, Melissa Moren, Tom Keehan, Phil Nelson, Roxanne
Motion made, seconded, and approved to unanimously approve the new members.

Continuing: Mike and Trini Bielski, Maria Milano, Kelly Schumacher, Gretchen Mitchell,

Dan Pagel

Outgoing (with thanks, for their work): Laura McCoy, Jane Jadin, Mike Nass

7. Neighborhood Updates

a) Street Sign Project: Teppie showed a model of the new signs, which will go up this spring. \$10,500 will be paid from Astor Neighborhood funds, and \$5000 will come from an old grant. Every street in the Astor Neighborhood will have a new sign.

b) Events, Sign Up Sheets, Handouts

Popcorn in the park

Neighborhood Rummage sale in later May

E-mail/general sign in sheet

Sign up for Shelter house painting committee

Community Policing contact info handout

Union Congregational handout for proposed universal housing condos.

Gypsy Moth

Block captain and flyer delivery persons needed.

c) Painting of Shelter House in St. James Park. A \$2000 grant has been received. Volunteers to

c) Hospital Corridor Parking Situation (Maria Milano, Tony Theisen, John Corpus, Teppie Schueller). Alternatives are being considered and suggested, such as a ramp on the corner of Webster and Mason, or a ramp in the southern part of the town with shuttle bussing, or a joint ramp. Hospital workers could walk a few blocks to work, if needed. St. Vincent wished to have 1000 more parking stalls available. Bellin might also wish to have 400 more stalls in the future. There is a form letter which can be used (please forward a copy to Tony), to let the Planning Department know your feeling. The traffic study, funded by St. Vincent and Bellin was discussed. We're concerned about actual traffic, effects upon the neighborhood and schools. Preliminary plans are to span S. Van Buren, and the ramp would go up to 40' from the neighboring houses.

Adjourned, about 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer.