

Minutes

Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., February 16, 2009 – 6:00 PM
Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI

1) ROLL CALL

Present: A. Higgins, President; J. Schwenk, Vice President; P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; M. VanHandel, J. Sharp, J. Frank, B. Weycker, J. Weycker, C. Kime, J. Danen

2) INVITED GUESTS

Tony Theisen, Alderperson
Officer Brian Schilt
CSI's: absent
Kim Evans and John Rocheleau, Bellin Hospital

3) APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2009 MINUTES

4) TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

M/S/C to approve the January 2009 minutes, and the February 2009 Treasurer's report.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Newsletter: articles for the Easter egg hunt have been submitted. Feb. 16 deadline. The time for the spring trail cleaning, and the date of the May neighborhood garage sale, will be established soon
- b. Wine Tasting: January 31. Andrew thanked all for their support and contributions. Parallel 44 reduced wine costs from last year. \$500 was raised from the raffle, and already given to Howe Resource Center. Another \$500 will be sent from the Astor Neighborhood Association, from registration costs, for Howe Resource Center. Donations of food and glass rental reduced our cost significantly. Donated live music was well appreciated. Andrew distributed a budget and cost sheet.
- c. Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., April 11, St. James Park. Christian and Jacqueline ventured some thoughts of a 9:30-11 AM time frame, with popcorn in the park, and crafts as well, to give more time for socializing. We'd have the Easter Bunny there, to give out eggs to smaller children, in addition 2000 eggs total. The Board supported those ideas.

6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. ANA Board Member Wiki- status: Jesse showed a possible screen shot, and content. You must be a member of the Google Wiki, to edit the information. History and pictures of neighborhood houses could be added. The cost would
In addition, we could add ANA documents to our Yahoo group site.
be around \$10 a year.

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Bellin Hospital Campus Changes: after 2.5 years of analysis of the Emergency Dept. That department is old, and Bellin would like to expand. They're considering moving it to the Van Buren St. side, but the traffic there is already significant. Pedestrian traffic safety is a concern. The attempt is to move the truck traffic more to the north, away from Van Buren. The proposal is that the city would vacate to Bellin, the section of Cass St. that connects to Webster. Mockups were shown. Manor Care's entrance on Webster would be closed, and Manor Care's traffic would be allowed to come in through Bellin's parking lot. Earliest construction would probably be June-July 2009, with 18 mo. of construction. Ambulances would come in through Webster, and exit through Van Buren, so there would be no sirens on Van Buren. There is also concern about traffic backing up, with an intersection on Webster closer to Mason. Fire truck access was also discussed.

Bellin's proposal goes before the Planning Commission Monday, March 9, 6:00 PM at City Hall, Room 604, N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay. Some concern was expressed that the Astor Neighborhood Association could have been approached earlier, for our input.

b. Annual Meeting- Mon., March 16, 6:30 PM, First Ev. Lutheran Church basement, 743 S. Monroe Ave. Agenda: Mayor Schmitt, Alderman Theisen, Bellin Hospital Emergency plans, Cheryl Renier-Wigg for Neighborhood Services, updates on the Board's activities, Elections.

c. Mayor's Walk & Talk, Mon. August 17 (same day as our ANA meeting) first choice. Then Sept. 24.

d. Spring River Clean-Up: April 18, 9:30 AM.

e. Executive Board Elections Discussion: at our April meeting. President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer positions are elected, among the Board members, yearly. Andrew would yield being Pres., but will stay on, if needed. Jennie would stay as VP, but not as Pres. Pastor Schleis is willing to continue as Sec./Treas.

8) **OPEN FORUM:** rummage sale on May 30 (and we'll communicate the date to Aldo Leopold, for their sale).

9) **ADJOURN, 7:30 PM.**

Our next ANA Board Meeting will be Mon., March 16, 2009, 6:00 PM at **First Ev. Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Ave. Green Bay, WI 54301, FOLLOWED BY the ANA Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary/treasurer