

Minutes, Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Monday, June 16, 2008 – 6:00 PM
First Ev. Lutheran Church 743 S. Monroe Ave. Green Bay, WI 54301

1) ROLL CALL

Present: A. Higgins, President; J. Schwenk, V. Pres.; P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer;
P. Ebel, J. Weycker, J. Nehring, J. Sharp, R. Chronert, B. Weycker
Absent, excused: J. Frank, M. Van Handel
Guests: Jaime Danen, Chris & David Zeller, Paul Neumeyer

2) INVITED GUESTS

Tony Theisen, Alderperson, absent
Officer Brian Schilt, absent
CSI's, absent

3) MAY 2008 MINUTES

4) June 2008 TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

M/S/C to approve the May minutes, and the June 2008 Treasurer's report.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter (Joanne): the new layout, with booklet format, was appreciated. We have new vendors for printing and handling. The next newsletter should go out late August, to cover the Back to School picnic in early September.

Popcorn in the Park (Jesse): Jesse's online volunteer form is working, but emails and phone calls are still needed. Mon., June 23 will be the Barbershoppers concert. Roxanne will check if Zesty's to see if we can still get the scooter pies.

6) NEW BUSINESS

Grignon St. Right of Way: Chris and David Zeller presented pictures from the Grignon St./Zeller's Sports area. The City of Green Bay owns the property adjacent to theirs. Zeller's mistakenly thought they had an easement to use the property when they purchased it six years ago. They put up a fence on the public property and have been storing boats and equipment there. Recently, an Astor area resident brought this issue to Alderman Tony Theisen's attention. The city told Zeller's they are in noncompliance and asked them to remove the fence, boats and equipment from city property. Paul Neumeyer, an Astor area resident, gave the opinion that everyone should have accessibility to the public water front. One possibility is to use the city property and dock as a greenspace/passive park. The exact use and the development of a park might not be determined immediately, but over time. No matter the use, the city wants Zeller's to come into compliance immediately and they have not done so yet. Zeller's is concerned about vandalism, lude acts and liability issues on the city property and on their own adjacent property and does not want the area to become a passive park. They are also concerned for their tenants, Cafe Mario and Evenson Photography. Carrie Evenson has been using the city property for photo

shoots. Board members discussed the importance of public access to the water front, while also valuing businesses in our neighborhood. Questions were raised about the safety condition of the dock and whether steps could be taken to trim trees, remove brush or add lighting to deter crime in that area, which is Zeller's main concern. This proposal will go to the Parks Committee on June 24.

M/S/C that the Astor Neighborhood Board recommends that the Park Committee study the issues with this area, and that this Board would like to take an active role in the review and recommendations with this property.

Update- Aldo Leopold School playground equipment replacement: Andrew attended that meeting, and we were asked about appearances, and usability. Our concern is that they avoid primary, bright colors, and avoid a higher canopy. We were also asked about poor grass/artificial turf

Drains to the Bay Sticker Initiative: The city wants to post these stickers on the “drains to the bay”, to inform people that things poured down would not be treated. Cheryl Reiner-Wigg (448-3412 work) is willing to be the volunteer coordinator, and is asking for help to apply stickers, and do literature drops in the area. The work should be done by the end of fall 2008. We'll ask Cheryl if we can send out a mass email, with this information. Roxanne will call Cheryl, to pick a date.

Kid's Day- Wed., June 25- Popcorn in the Park decision: Do we want to provide something free?

M/S/C to authorize Pastor Schleis to buy 500-1000 pieces of inexpensive treats, to hand out.

ANA Board Member Binders: bring up next month.

Press Gazette Series- “A is for Architecture”. A writer wants to look at homes in our Astor Neighborhood. We can pass on our suggestions to wgerds@greenbay.gannette.com

7) OPEN FORUM

8) ADJOURN, 7:20 PM

Our next ANA Board Meeting will be Mon., July 21, 2008, 6:00 PM at HNFRC, 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul D. Schleis, secretary