Minutes

Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Monday, November 17, 2008 – 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. Danen, J. Weycker

Absent, excused: C. Kime, R. Chronert

2) INVITED GUESTS

- a. Tony Theisen, Alderperson: Tony mentioned that any one complaint about lack of snow removal will be reported to the city, which can shovel and then bill. There are more vacant houses this year than last.
- 821 S. Quincy will be razed mid-late December 2008. The owner has been unresponsive to any communication, city and otherwise. Neighbors might be interested in buying the lot, for open space. A house could be built on it, but the city would still have to approve the design.

Christmas lights on Monroe: a retired individual had done the lights last year. Tony encourages someone from the neighborhood to put those lights back up. The Astor House owners might participate. Decorating our sign would also be welcome. Joanne will contact Schroeder's about lights and greenery. If Schroeder's won't work out, Brent will contact our ANA Board to put up the decorations.

M/S/C to spend no more than \$200 on lights and greenery.

The smoking issue around the hospitals is still there.

- b. Officer Brian Schilt: absent
- c. CSI's: absent
- d. Randy Van Straten, Sean Ryan, Bellin Run: a handout was distributed. The massive growth leads to needed changes. Instead of capping the number of runners, they'd like a structure to accommodate 20,000 people (2008 had around 15,000). The proposal is to move the activities from Baird Park to Astor Park, for more room, and to still stage the runners in waves from Baird Park. The start and finish spots would be the same. The celebrity, high school and children's runs would be on Fri. 6-7 PM.

This proposal was supported by the Astor East Neighborhood Association.

M/S/C to support this Bellin Run proposal, and the use of Astor Park.

- 3) APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2008 MINUTES
- 4) TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

M/S/C to approved the Oct. 2008 minutes, and the Nov. 2008 Treasurer's report.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Newsletter: Joann. Various reports and reporters were discussed. Dec. 01 deadline.
- b. Holiday Home Decorating Contest: Jenny will organize and publicize, low-key. Jenny and Jesse will be the judges, and will judge around the Tues., Dec. 16. meeting. There will be unique categories!
- c. 10th annual Wine Tasting: Sat., January 31, 2009. Assefs and Weyckers will host, and an alternate house is being sought. Parallel 44 will supply the wines.

6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Contest: thank you for the judges, and the sign. \$25, \$15, \$10 gift certificates from Hansen's.
- b. Oct. 25 River Trail Clean-Up: It's been noticed how much cleaner the trail has been, over the years. Notre Dame and East HS students helped a lot! We've also seen neighbors picking up garbage throughout the year.
- c. ANA Board Member Binders and Wiki: Thanks to Jamie, for updating the various duties. There are more emails send instead of flyers. The block captain system has been inefficient, but we want to keep it. We discussed re-starting the movie nights in summer.

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Thurs., Dec. 4, 6-8 PM: Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership meeting and social at the Holiday Inn.
- b. Christine Dunbar will be resigning from the Howe Resource Center, to be full time director at Hazelwood.

8) OPEN FORUM

9) ADJOURN, 7:32 PM.

Our next ANA Board Meeting, and Christmas party, will be Mon., December 15, 2008, 6:00 PM at *Titletown Brewery*.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary