

Emerson East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Minutes

Present: Katie Bremer, Indira Ceylan, Tim Cordon, Amanda Duesterbeck, Joel Gratz (chair), Elly Hall, Kevin Hall, Christina Heaton, Barb Jenkin, John Koch (secretary), Derek McRoberts, Kayne Neigherbauer, Irene Piersma, Gail Piper, Adrienne Sella, Erin Sommerfeld, Wes Webendorfer, Guests: Alder Larry Palm; Becky Halpin-Beck, Bashford United Methodist Church

January Minutes: Indira moved and Chris seconded approval without change. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have 59 members for 2016 so far, and about \$1500 in the bank. The Bashford Food Pantry sent us a thank-you note for our contribution.

Sustainability Task Force: Gail has city-supplied Bio Bags for those participating in the city composting project, and will bring them to EENA meetings and Sustainable Saturday Nights for those who want them. The February 27 SSN will be a Peace, Justice, and Sustainability Fair featuring a variety of organizations. The March 26 SSN will feature projects done by neighborhoods.

Eastside Planning Council: EPC is still trying to re-group. It meets at 4:00 pm before the SSN at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and new people are welcome.

Monthly Social: About 20 people attended the first monthly social, and the event was successful. The next one will be Feb. 23, at Dexter's, starting about 6:00 pm.

Alder's Report: 1) Larry will hold a public listening session on the future of the Oscar Mayer property on February 24. 2) Fordem Avenue between E. Johnson and Sherman is scheduled for reconstruction, including bike lanes. 3) The house at First and E. Johnson will be demolished. 4) There will be a meeting about the Marling Lumber property 6:30pm, Wednesday, February 10, at the Archipelago Design Center, 945 E. Washington Ave., rear entrance. 5) There were about 20 people at the public market listening session, with the usual concerns about parking, traffic, connectivity, timeline, etc. The Local Food Committee is looking at a non-profit organization to administer the market. If all goes well, the first phase could start as early as 2018. 6) The original proposed route for a bike path would have impacted the OM Village property to the extent that a new configuration of the village would have to be submitted for approval, so the proposed route was withdrawn. The city might buy the property next door for a revised bike path route.

Neighborhood Grants and Other Funding: Tim presented ideas for place-making projects, including benches, kiosks, and community raised-bed gardens, to submit for possible funding. Indira moved and Barb seconded that we ask Alder Palm to see if the water line to the soon-to-be-demolished house at First and E. Johnson could be preserved to supply water for a drinking fountain and a water supply to possible gardening activities. Passed without opposition. Gail moved and Chris seconded that we ask Alder Palm if clean dirt could be used to fill in the area occupied by the soon-to-be-demolished house to provide a space for a future community garden. Passed without opposition. Gail moved and Kayne seconded that Tim, assisted by a subcommittee of interested people, be authorized to submit a Neighborhood Grant proposal for a kiosk and/or bench. Passed without opposition. Discussion of other possible projects funded by future Neighborhood Grants and the EEPY Plan money will be on next month's agenda.

Newsletter: Deadline is February 15 for the spring issue. Indira has a good supply of material.

Street Trees: There has been concern in nearby neighborhoods about aggressive pruning or removal of terrace trees. Larry indicated that the city has no control over pruning done by utilities.