

**Harlan Hills Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.
Nakoma Country Club
Madison, WI**

Meeting Call to Order - Dave Mylrea, President

Introduction of Board Members: Dave Mylrea, President
Harlan Ward, Vice-President
Brenda McNatt, Treasurer
Mary Jeanne Hecht - Secretary

Attendance: Dave & Trudy Mylrea, Harlan Ward, Cary & Brenda McNatt, Mary Jeanne Hecht, George & Monica Cicci, John Sturges, Anne Iwata, Jane Jadin, Tom Bush, Peter Christianson

Secretary's Report: Mary Jeanne Hecht

- Minutes from 2013 HHNA Board meeting approved.
- HHNA Newsletter 2014 is available on the web site. Additional copies were provided at the meeting.
- MailChimp is now being used for email blasts. Change to blogging: Residents can post their own blog on web site, copy will be sent to hnnainfo@gmail.com; HHNA secretary can then send post through email blast.
- Halloween guidelines. City of Fitchburg Halloween Hours 4:00-8:00 pm, Oct. 31st.
- Thanks to Matt Cook at Zebradog for ongoing tech support. Thanks to Mark & Julie Schmitz, owners of Zebradog, for ongoing contributions to HHNA.
- Use of Google Docs/Drive for HHNA forms, directions, newsletters, etc. Efficient way to keep records and pass on information to new board members.
- Mary Jeanne is stepping down as secretary. New HHNA secretary is Nikki Peterson Kennedy.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda McNatt

- 100% payment of dues for 2014. All residents of Harlan Hills, plus 3 condo members. Past dues have been collected from a few former residents. Realtors are checking with neighborhood associations before closing. Records kept by current and past treasurers have helped in the dues recovery.
- Dues will remain \$40/year for each household for 2014. Dues cover traffic circle upkeep, maintenance and new plants, electricity, as well as any addition repairs to entrance sign, planters, etc.

- Yearly dues can also be used for neighborhood social events. There were no social events in 2014.
 - Dues are being collected in a more timely manner now. Paypal has been instituted as an avenue for easy payment. Out of 80 residents, 20 used Paypal this year. There is a minimal charge for this service per payment. Residents should select “Goods & Services” when they pay using Pay Pal.
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Beginning Balance: \$2,896.27

Revenue:

2014 total dues collected - \$3,575.00

Expenses:

Landscape - \$910.12

MG&E - \$163.82

Administrative - \$318.25

Community - \$100

Total Expenses to date - \$1,492.19

Total Cash Balance: \$4,979.08 (Oct. 2014)

Projected Future Expenses for 2014:

Landscape maintenance - \$1,220

Electricity - \$40

Boad Meeting \$140

Projected Year End Balance - \$3,579.08*

Projected Year End Net Results = \$685

* Detailed 2014 Financial Report can be furnished upon request.

Prairie/Harlan Hills Park Committee Report: Brenda McNatt

- Celia Kiela & Brenda McNatt co-chair this committee.
- 17 volunteers signed up to help on this committee, including volunteers from nearby Seminole neighborhood.
- Volunteers have done a tremendous amount of work in harvesting, preparing & spreading seeds. Additionally, the city provided native plant plugs which were planted in a 100 foot plot in Harlan Park. Dave Mylrea also donated and replanted plants from his prairie garden. Yearly burn of prairie conducted by City of Fitchburg.

- \$22,000 in city budget earmarked for HH Park, set aside by original developer. Latest communication stated we have approximately \$15,000 left in fund.
- Proposed plans to pave path from Cannonball Trail alongside HH Park into the neighborhood. Residents have expressed opposition to this plan. Proposed plans to cut down invasives that border HH Park and Cannonball Path. Residents have expressed opposition to this plan, so it has not been carried out.
- Plans to dredge East Pond were delayed and deferred to 2015.
- Cannonball Path has been paved. Further plans for lighting along path is uncertain.

Architectural Committee Report: Monica Cicci & Pam Sprecher-Galka

Committee members are Monica Cicci, Steve Olson, Pam Sprecher-Galka

- Architectural Approval Form is complete and available on our web site. Residents should complete this form and submit to committee for project approval BEFORE house and landscape projects begin. Architectural Committee has 14 days to review and present a decision on the proposed improvements.
- The Committee's review ensures, on behalf of all Harlan Hills homeowners, that all new construction and later home improvements are attractive, harmonious and well-proportioned. All projects and improvements must comply with the Harlan Hills Covenants, particularly as described in Article IV.
- Committee feels this process has been successful. We need to keep getting the word out regarding this process. Mary Jeanne did send out a couple email blasts this year regarding the form & process residents should follow. This communication should continue at least once a year in late winter/early spring. Also, an Architectural Approval Form should be included in Welcome Bags that Dave delivers to new residents.
- Thanks expressed to Pam, Monica & Steve for their continued work on this committee.
- Some discussion regarding past projects in the neighborhood that were approved and some of the difficulties encountered. Feeling is we need to keep communicating this process clearly to residents, particularly since many homes are getting older and need upkeep.

Traffic Circle Maintenance: Brenda

Backyard Havens has been retained to maintain traffic circles. Matt & Tammy do a great job at a reasonable price. Brenda oversees maintenance and works with Backyard Havens. Traffic circles look beautiful!

Repair of Entrance Sign: Harlan

When sign was constructed, it did not allow for drainage, therefore the sign container cracked. Harlan followed through with organizing the repair of this sign. Drainage and pitch have been corrected and repaired. Total cost for this project was \$2275.

New Residents: Dave Mylrea

Dave still visits new residents and presents them with welcome items plus city and neighborhood information. This is very much appreciated.

New Business:

- 1) Dawley Bike Hub - Now complete! Completion was delayed considerably. Dave shared photos. Hub includes restrooms, watering station, bicycle tools & map of trails.
- 2) Speed monitoring signs - Harlan has communicated with Ahna (city employee who works on traffic monitoring) regarding speeding issues on Dawley Drive. So far city is unwilling to install traffic signal or speed bumps. High speed driving and improper driving around traffic circles is still a concern. Pros and cons regarding speed bumps were discussed. Some residents expressed their feeling that speed bumps are neither desirable or needed. Others expressed serious concern for high speeds cars travel on Dawley. Changes will not be made without neighborhood input.
- 3) Harlan will find out law regarding bicycle crosswalks...should cars stop at crosswalks? There is confusion regarding the law.
- 4) Harlan brought up past survey he sent out regarding Halloween. Not enough interest in adding new event for kids in neighborhood. Ideas for social events - some residents expressed desire to have neighborhood picnic again. Sledding party 2 years ago was successful. Ideas to simplify picnic and get other neighbors to form a committee.
- 5) Unintended development in Harlan Park. Teenagers are trying to make a bike jump. Neighbors have tried to discourage teenagers from doing this. Perhaps need to institute NO BIKES & NO BIKE JUMPS ALLOWED!

Election of New Treasurer & New Secretary to Board:

Nomination of new treasurer, Tom Bush. Nominations were closed. Nomination of Tom seconded and approved by all present. Tom Bush is the new HH treasurer.

Nomination of new secretary, Nikki Peterson Kennedy. Nominations were closed. Nomination of Nikki was seconded and approved by all present. Nikki Peterson Kennedy is the new HH secretary.

Meeting Adjourned - President Dave Mylrea
Light refreshments provided.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Jeanne Hecht
October 15, 2014

