

**Note:** The “Minutes” have not been approved by the association. They will be approved at the February 2018 HOA Annual Meeting.  
Plan to attend the 2018 HOA Annual Meeting!

Reston Heights Homeowners Association  
Annual Board Meeting Agenda  
February 11, 2017

Call to order

Neighborhood Officer Report

Officers Tom Sneider Captain of the east district and Tim Paragoy went over the map of the sectors. We are in sector 630, which incorporates more than just the Reston Heights Neighborhood. The police department receives 50,000 calls a year from this sector. Feel free to call or email if you have questions: [tperegoy@cityofmadison.com](mailto:tperegoy@cityofmadison.com) phone number 608-261-9112 and [tsnyder@cityofmadison.com](mailto:tsnyder@cityofmadison.com) phone number 608-267-2100.

Shots were fired on Radcliff. It was a targeted incident, not a random shooting. In the last 2 years, the police have had one call about the house which was over a year ago. The house was monitored for drug deals and nothing was discovered through the monitoring.

Shell casing were found in Door Creek Park by a park ranger. The casings were old and rusted. The police spoke to neighbors to see if they had heard anything. Door Creek Park is in the city of Madison and firing guns is unlawful in the city of Madison. There were no calls to the police. Our neighborhood is one of the safest in the city by far per Tom Sneider.

Use of heroin has sky-rocketed in the City of Madison. There have been 18 deaths from overdose.

Thefts and burglaries occur in spurts. Officers are assigned to district number 4-5 and they cover a large area. Concerns were expressed about the end of Milwaukee Street. Residents should call if they see concerns. If you call, it is documented and the more documented cases will increase the police activity.

A question was asked if we should we organize a neighborhood watch group? Tom indicated that they have not seen great success unless the

neighborhood is committed. A crime prevention officer (Emily Samson [esamson@cityofmadison.com](mailto:esamson@cityofmadison.com)) could speak to the organization so that we understand what is involved and what would be expected of the neighbors. The Nextdoor emails seem to have helped with neighborhood watch.

### Aldersperson Report

Aldersperson Amanda Hall explained that District 3 covers Milwaukee Street to Cottage Grove. It has also picked up Blooming Grove. Her term is up in April 2017 and she is running unopposed.

There is a steamfitter's union building going up by the fire station off of Milwaukee Street. Also the corner of Milwaukee and Sprecher streets will have a senior living community which has one and two bedrooms units. They have not broken ground yet because they wanted to take another look at the design. The entire design was to be 4 stories, but now some of the buildings near the condos will be three stories. They are also incorporating green space.

North of highway has been brought into the City of Madison and now there are neighborhood plats. This could spur another entry onto the interstate. That is probably 3-5 years down the road. The bridge on Milwaukee Street over the interstate will be repaved and will be expanded to include walking paths.

The city is building a new police station on the West side as it continues to expand.

On the corner of Sprecher and Cottage Grove road Hovde would like to build a multi-unit housing facility which would contain commercial space and possibly a PDQ. The city cannot do a roundabout at that intersection. They are redoing the intersection with more turn signals and lanes. The roads moving associated with that intersection is more in the five to ten years out.

There was a request for stop sign or warning "grids" in the road to signal that a stop sign is at the corner of Sprecher and Milwaukee Street so that people stop blowing past the stop sign there. Also, there was a request for more speed limit signs in the neighborhood. A suggestion was to maybe put a flashing light on the stop signs since they are already wired for that.

RHHOA residents asked if they will retain the bus route since they do not see it used very much. Residents feel the bus system is inefficient. The city of Madison is in line for a TIGER grant. This is the third year the city has applied for it from the federal government. This grant would improve the efficiency of the bus system. Will have to see, with the new administration, where the money goes. Residents expect with a city of this size would have efficient public transportation.

There was an update on the old Sentry property (corner of Acewood and Cottage Grove road). The UW Credit union is looking at the property. The city wants this to be a single story building. A credit union will be tough to get past City planning. The neighborhood wants the credit union but the city wants multistory building with multiuse.

There was also an update on the Old Royster property. The developer is negotiating with the city as to how much money they will get for the library that will be going in their development. Thus, the development is not moving forward until that issue is resolved.

Residents expressed concern that water bills are increasing rapidly. A question was asked if this would stop. Amanda felt that the increases should level off. Some of the increase is due to the Emerald Ash boar and the Asian long horn beetle which attack maples and are an issues for the City of Madison. The tree protection rate on the water bill will not be going away.

The Metro Market is transitioning to Krogers by April 2017. And, a new coffee shop will be going in next to Plum Crazy by Metro Market.

City Planning, the alders, and the neighborhood are a three prong stool as far as decisions regarding the neighborhood are concerned.

#### Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

John Rolfsmeyer First, Tony Polara Second. Approved.

#### Review of Last Year's Financials and Review of 2017 Budget

Residents agreed that if the sprinkler system fails we will not replace it. Thus, we are using some of the reserves for the landscape repair along Sprecher.

Karen Kucharz will put together an analysis of the water bills and Susan Schwarm will call the City with questions regarding our water bill and what do other associations do/pay. Gloria will look into electric bill and see if we can install solar and not pay an electric bill.

John Rolfsmeyer approved the financials and Susan Schwarm seconded.

#### Landscaping Update

The pines along Sprecher need to be trimmed and this year's budget will be needed to repair/replace as much as we can.

#### ACC Covenants Committee

Susan Gille will contact the ACC Covenants Committee to see if they are willing to continue serving on the committee and also see if they will work on reviewing the covenants this year.

#### Calling Tree

The residents discussed the calling tree to see if neighbors are still interested in creating one. People need to be aware of their neighbors, Neighbors need to look out for their neighbors and exchange phone numbers. Residents were encouraged to go on the Nextdoor website to get to know their neighbors and ensure their neighbors are OK. Thus, we decided we will not create a calling tree.

#### Association Dues

Karen reviewed the dues and due dates for 2017. She reminded residents that they would receive a discount if they paid before April 1.

#### ACC Discussion

The board members reviewed what the ACC does (enforce bylaws and covenants). Residents were reminded that any structural changes to your property need to be approved by neighbors surrounding the property and also need to be approved by all members of the ACC. All of these approvals need to be documented on a form that is available on the RHHOA website.

#### Nomination and Voting of 2017 Officers

The president explained that the board has an opening for the vice president position. Gloria Ward is stepping down. This position is also the liaison with the ACC. Officers try to meet 3 times a year. The vice president position is not a large commitment. George Gille nominated Greg Murray

and Gloria Ward seconded the motion. All were in favor of Greg being Vice President and ACC liaison. Greg Murray had left the meeting but had indicated prior to leaving that he would accept the positions. If Greg does not accept the Vice President, then Susan Gille will have dual role for a year. If Greg Murray does not accept the vice president then Julie Weston and/or Karen Kucharz will be board liaison to the ACC.

Tony Polara adjourned the meeting and George Gill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.