

Reston Heights Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting February 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:05

Greg reminded the RHHOA that the main purpose of the HOA is to take care of the lawn mowing/snow removal for common areas. Also, ACC approves property modifications.

Put in newsletter what a homeowner should provide to possible purchasers

- Deed restrictions

Remind homeowners that newsletters are on the RHHOA website. We had discussion regarding emailing the newsletters, but we do not know how to efficiently keep track of everyone's email addresses.

Alder Lindsey Lemmer district3@cityofmadison.com

Development updates

- Kwik Trip opened December 31. They will be installing a line of trees to block out noise and light.
- Summit Credit union is still planning on moving across Sprecher to be next to Kwik Trip
- Grand View Commons is getting a development next to Great Dane. They are breaking ground in the next 3 weeks
- Meadowlands apartment project is underway. Construction mostly complete by end of 2022.
- Construction is underway at the northwest corner of Milwaukee street. This will be one of two mixed use properties. Each will have 14,000 square feet of commercial space. The timing of the second building will depend on the state of the economy.
- Loosening COVID restrictions – Gatherings inside with food and drink will be limited to 25. Inside without food and drink will be limited to 50 people. Outside without food and drink will be limited to 250 people.
- Games and competitions are allowed but face masks are required.
- Tuesday is election day. There is early in person voting still going on. Pinney Library voting 12-4 today. Election location is back at Door Creek church.
- Police have community survey regarding services the police provide. Lindsey has a link on her blog and she also put it in the chat.
- Metro will have 2 public meetings. March 10 public hearing regarding route adjustments (routes not in our district). March 3 meeting regarding route redesign.
- Thursday this week regarding mental health calls. Links in Lindsey's blog.
- Every Wednesday and Friday updates on vaccinations.
- WisDOT is starting construction on beltline. Construction to be completed by the end of the year. There are a lot more cameras on the beltline.

- Lindsey provides comprehensive updates on her blog. During elections she cannot send more than 50 communications.

Terry Wernke asked what we can do about excessive speeding. We should call Police or email Lindsey.

Gloria Ward asked about stoplights on corner of Sprecher and Milwaukee streets. This is reviewed every year, but we are not at the volume to justify lights at that intersection yet. Police are looking at other traffic calming solutions.

With new Kwik trip Gloria Ward has been almost broadsided. Lindsey will report and check with police to see what could be done. This occurred at the hill going to Summit Credit Union.

Greg Murray asks how city engineering prioritizes traffic projects and spending. City does speed tests to determine where traffic lights, speed humps, and stop signs are needed. East Washington speed change was due to the fact that it was one of the biggest areas where injuries have occurred. Lindsey will pull criteria used and will send to Greg Murray.

The timing of lights is causing stopping and starting cars a lot, which uses a lot of fuel. Neighbors suggested the city rethink speed limit downtown (some of the speed limits are now 30). Cars are not following the 25-speed limit on East Washington. Pedestrians are not following the walk signs.

RHHOA will be applying for city grant program. Greg Ward asked Lindsey for any advice, should we get Lindsey's support. We should keep Lindsey posted of when the application is submitted. Lindsey would submit a letter for support. City wants to support improvements versus an event. We need to make sure that it is something that the neighborhood can maintain. Emphasis that the property faces a heavily traveled road. [A grant application was filed in 2021 and RHHOA was not awarded a grant.]

Kari Krueger asked about the crime rate. Lindsey has been talking with East District and has asked for additional patrols by the police. We should be seeing more police cars around. These are crimes of opportunity (looking for unlocked doors to garage, unlocked cars). If you are parking a car outside, make sure you have nothing visible. Leave on exterior lights. The police department has a "Good Neighbor Project" <https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/community/good-neighbor-project/> with a resource page specific to crime prevention. Juvenile crime is up due to schools not being open.

We need transparency and clarity from the City Board and we need to get kids back in schools. Public Health MDC can no longer keep schools closed. PHMDC is not coordinating with MMSD. Neighbors indicated that the schools better open in the fall. There are a lot of kids that will not be going back to school in the fall due to their experience this year. Kids are not learning at home; and they are not getting prepared for college.

Motion to approve minutes from 2020 from Terry Wernke, Greg Murray second.

Officer Election

Terry Wernke is willing to be VP this year, and Kari Krueger will be VP next year

Derrick Wright is willing to serve as head of ACC for another year

Jim Maier is willing to stay on ACC

Suggestion to give a dues discount to people on the Board. Not paying, just a discount. [There was not a quorum at the 2021 meeting so this was not brought to a vote.]

Motion to approve all board members from Pam Wallenfang, Derrick Wright seconded.

Motion for ACC (Derrick Wright, Terry Wernke, George Gille and Jim Maier for ACC) Terry Wernke, second Jim Maier.

Kay Meier appreciated the zoom call. She had high hopes on better attendance.

To increase attendance, neighbors suggested the Board install a sign on corner of Broad Creek and Sprecher to try and increase attendance. George Gille will take care of putting up the sign next year about a week before the annual meeting

Motion to adjourn George Gille, second Pam Wallenfang.