

Reston Heights Homeowners Association (RHHOA)

Annual Meeting February 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Greg Murray

Aldersperson Jael Currie introduced herself. Lifelong Madisonian and Eastsider. LaFollette High School graduate, and UW Madison graduate. Works at YWCA in Housing and Human Services. Policy directly impacts her work, in getting grants. Thus, she gravitated to public service. Lack of affordable housing and homelessness are the focus of the city and Jael.

Jael sits on the finance, housing strategy, and employee relations (created after repeal of Act 10) committees. She is also part of Guaranteed Income Pilot Task Force (Madison Forward Fund). Alders are assigned to committees after meeting with the Mayor. The finance committee provides Jael with the greatest learning experience. Her 2021 success was getting the 9th ambulance for station 14. Creation of the Dairy Drive homeless campground is exceeding expectations. It has reduced calls to police and fire. There are 27 residents at the Dairy Drive location.

Jael will investigate when lights will be installed at the intersection of Sprecher and Milwaukee*. We would prefer traffic lights versus a traffic circle since there is a fire station very close to the intersection. Pam Wallenfang asked about the possibility of new high-rise at the corner of Sprecher and Milwaukee, and Terry Warnke indicated he believes there might be a new development closer to the fire station. The planning commission sends out the postcards/signs notifying the neighborhood of new developments.

Milwaukee street is the dividing line between district 16 and district 3. Jael recommended subscribing to both Alder Lemmer's and Alder Curries blogs. Jael's preferred method of communication is email or texting. Jael is implementing virtual office hours. They will be posted in her blog (link below) (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district16/blog/?ld=24961>).

Speeding is a concern on both Sprecher and Milwaukee street. Jael feels we need to look at both the allocation of time and money by the police department. She feels we need to address issues with the budget that is now available. The current Chief of Police is big on community policing (versus traffic). There were neighbor comments on the fact that the reduced speed limits are not solving the speeding issue. Neighbors feel speeding enforcement is needed.

The Town of Madison and Town of Blooming Grove are going through attachments to Madison. These attachments are something that Jael is working with the planning division staff and building inspection team. She is looking for amendments to provide some common ground between these towns and the city of Madison.

There is a proposal for new landfill (“sustainability campus”). Jael shared we will outgrow our current landfill by 2030. The city is looking at Yahara Hills golf course as part of the sustainability campus which will require amendments to the neighborhood plan.

Industrial development is growing in the Femrite Drive area. There is also development by the GE offices. There is a lot of underutilized office space in district 16.

2022 Budget discussion:

Kay Maier does not think replanting trees removed/lost along Sprecher Drive is necessary. She suggested moving the tree planting to 2023. The neighbors in attendance decided to wait and see how the landscape looks once grass is established in Spring/Summer of 2022. The neighbors in attendance really thought the two weekends were well worth the time and effort and really improved the look of the landscape along Sprecher Drive. Kay Maier suggested we include a thank you to the folks that did showed up for the 2 weekends in the “dues reminder” which will be mailed in March 2022.

Pam Wallenfang approved the budget and George Gille seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The snow removal contract was a one year agreement and the lawn service agreement expires this year as well. Requests for bid proposals will be mailed in April, after determining a good list of lawn service providers to solicit bids from.

Selection of officers:

Steven Marchillo reached out about sitting on the ACC and/or Vice President. Steven lives on Bluff Point. We will ask Kari Krueger to be Vice President (since she indicate at the 2021 RHHOA meeting that she would take on that role), and ask Steven Marchillio to be Secretary and on the ACC. Greg Murray will only do the President one more year. We will need a new President for 2023. Brian Kiel would consider being on ACC in 2023.

Terry Warnke nominated, and George Gille seconded Greg Murray for President, Kari Krueger Vice President, Susan Gille Treasurer, and Steven Marchllo for Secretary. The motion passed.

All on the phone thanks Terry Warnke for his service as Vice President and ACC member.

Jim Maier will be the new chair of ACC.

George Gille approved the 2021 minutes, and Greg Murray seconded. The motion passed

Brian Kiel suggested an email list for the neighborhood. Pam Wallenfang will set up a google form for people to authorize receipt of emails and provide emails so that we can send out mass emails, or individual emails, if needed. We will include a link to the goggle form in the "dues notice" mailing in March 2022.

Meeting adjourned 12:08

*Jael's follow-up following the meeting. E-mail received March 7, 2022:

Traffic engineering completed a modeling study and at this time, they do not anticipate having enough traffic to justify lights for a while. That said, they are doing another study this year as parcels of land are currently (and possibly in the future) being developed. A roundabout would never be placed at this intersection due to how the actual intersection was designed and approved.