



BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Live Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Jeff Buhrandt, Sheri Carter, Lisa Fernandez, Chuck Friedrichs, Erich George, Ashley Gibson, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means, Caroline Thompson

I. Approval of February Meeting Minutes – Cathy

First motion to approve: Caroline

Second motion to approve: Jeff

Motion Passes

II. Miscellaneous Updates – All

A. Crawford Marlborough Nakoma Neighborhood Association is interested in teaming with us to coordinate a meeting with Yannette Figueroa Cole regarding green space in the neighborhood plan

1. Board members discussed whether or not we are okay meeting jointly, perhaps virtually
2. Sheri wondered where the green space is located in the city; the southwest area plan does not include Arbor Hills
3. Perhaps include something in the newsletter regarding interest in attending a meeting
4. Jeff expressed interest in attending a virtual meeting

Follow-up: Ashley will ask for more information, including the purpose, how we fit into the plan, etc.

B. Stephanie Miller is potentially interested in being the newsletter editor

1. She has experience doing publications; currently in school and will have more time after May

C. Neighbor Nancy Boyd, on Derby Down, is concerned about clutter in the yard of a duplex on Grandview Boulevard

1. Sheri will take the lead on this and contact them via a “neighborly concerned letter”

D. Thank you to Erich and Caroline for attending the Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH) Open House on May 28

1. Ashley may attend too
2. Include the Arbor Hills table and tablecloth, along with some past newsletters and magnets for display

E. Concerns from neighbor Tarek Alexander regarding speeding on Grandview Boulevard – being triaged as part of the Safe Streets program

1. Tarek has done a lot of work to reach out to appropriate people to curb speeding
2. Sheri drafted a letter (to be sent to the City of Madison Traffic Engineering) and petition, and sent both documents to board members

F. Interest in pursuing 501c3 status?

1. There are tax benefits, and also a lot of paperwork involved
2. Further discussion will take place at a future board meeting

III. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie

- A. Financial audit
 - 1. Avestar will not be doing the audit due to the time involved
 - 2. Neil Dinndorf and Josh Grotheer said “yes” to the audit; however, Jackie has not heard back from them
 - 3. Bylaw may have to be changed due to language regarding audits performed through an institution
- B. Membership
 - 1. To date, membership is at 95, a little below last year at this time

Follow-up: Chuck will draft a letter to block captains that he has the Welcome Packets should anyone need one.

- C. Budget
 - 1. Jackie provided an overall budget update
 - 2. Advertising revenue is well over budget due to the addition of Fitchburg Family Clinic

IV. Events – Erich

- A. Sign prep – need help adding dates?
 - 1. Erich will get signs from Aaron; otherwise, he is good to go!
- B. Spring Cleanup on April 25
 - 1. Need to post signs this weekend
 - 2. Erich contacted the Streets Department to collect bags on frontage road
 - 3. Coffee and donut pick up
 - 4. Supplies pick up from the City of Madison: Erich to coordinate
 - 5. Other supplies from AHNA (trash bags, gloves)

Follow-up: Erich to get the signs from Aaron, and coordinate supplies pick up from the city

Follow-up: Caroline will get the coffee and donuts.

- C. First Food Truck night in May
 - 1. Erich confirmed Sabor Queretano; Ean updated the website

Follow-up: Erich will contact Leopold School and Jeff will contact Cherokee School to see if anyone would like to set up a snack table.

- D. Madison Mallards baseball event idea
 - 1. The Mallards hold Neighborhood Association Outings. Are we interested?
 - 2. Jackie proposed identifying a couple of dates to see if anyone is interested

Follow-up: Erich will contact Jake at the Madison Mallards for further information.

V. Neighborhood Grant – Jeff

- A. Discuss next steps for collaborating with the Latino Academy of Workforce Development
 - 1. First wave of paperwork will need to be completed in the near future

Follow-up: Jeff and Erich to discuss meeting with the Latino Academy to coordinate details.

VI. Block Captains - Chuck

- A. Magnet distribution
 - 1. Chuck discussed the distribution of magnets with the block captains
- B. Should we rename; discuss bylaw implications

1. There was discussion of block captain engagement

Follow-up: Jeff to draft amendment to the bylaw regarding the renaming of block captains.

VII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Erich

Second motion to adjourn: Nanci

Motion passes