

Arbor Hills Neighbored Board Meeting

Date: July 11, 2018

Location: Alt n' Bach

Attending: Ashley Gibson (Newsletter Editor), Crystal Daley (Block Captain Coordinator), Jim Cortada (President), Cav Caldera (Secretary), Dave Makovec (Vice President), Jodi Wabiszewski (Corresponding Secretary), George Ermert, Janet Johnson, Neil Dinndorf (Treasurer), Mike Tuten (Block Captain Coordinator), Phyllis Phyllis (Member at Large), Samantha Castro (Events Coordinator)

Excused: Josh Grotheer (member at large), Megan Grotheer (Corresponding Secretary),

Invited Guests: Paige Valenta (Captain of the South District); Emily Samson (Crime Prevention Officer, MPD)

1. Meeting called to order by Jim at 6:37pm
2. Introduction of all members for the benefit of the invited guests from MPD
3. Captain Valenta introduced herself and announced changes in 2 senior positions in the South district
 - a. Matt Tye (Patrol Lt)
 - b. Mindy Winter (Detective Lt)
4. Jim gave a broad overview of Arbor Hills and the AHNA for the benefit of the two MPD officers
5. Captain Valenta shared some insights and thoughts about the South District and specifically the Arbor Hills Neighborhood
 - a. The midtown district was established in February 2018 further geographically shrinking the South District, making it one of the smallest districts in MPD
 - b. The midtown district would be open by the end of August and will reach its full operational status
 - c. South District northern border will be Hayward Street and the remaining borders will essentially remain the same
 - d. Approximately 528 commissioned officers currently with MPD
 - e. MPD polices on behalf of the community and actively wants community support to police the near 200,000 residents of the city
 - f. Non-emergency number for MPD is (608) 255-2345 and should be used by residents to call any non-emergency situations
 - g. 3 officers are assigned to the Arbor Hills neighborhood
 - h. 6.3% increase in shots fired this year in Madison thus far (101 shots fired and 349 shell casings were found)
 - i. 11 individuals who were accidentally or purposefully been shot in Madison in 2018

- j. 419 burglaries this year (4% decrease)
 - k. Heroin overdoses have increased 289% - 35 known overdoses in June 2018
 - l. 11 suspected deaths caused by heroin in June 2018 alone
 - m. MARI – Madison Area Recovery Initiative is trying to assist with heroin epidemic and officers will assist people with getting counseling and intervention from MARI resources
 - n. Theft from auto has decreased by 36% across Madison but there has been a 41% increase in stolen autos. More cars are been stolen than items from cars.
 - o. In 6 months there were only 4 thefts from autos in the Arbor Hills neighborhood and 2 stolen autos (in each event where the keys were already left in the car)
 - p. 4 residential burglaries in the Arbor Hills neighborhood in 2018
 - q. The theft from auto numbers started increasing about a year ago
 - r. Most stolen autos are young adults taking the cars for joyrides. In most instances they target unlocked cars and locate keys.
 - s. MPD as a policy does not pursue stolen cars
 - t. The 10th highest service calls in AH is for officers on foot patrol
 - u. City of Madison has a vacation watch program that needs to be publicized within AHNA
 - v. Jim - meets with Scott Beckfield on a regular basis as a touch point. Jim also met with the captain of the district on a semi-annual basis
 - w. Mike – mentioned his experience with a neighborhood incident and the police response
 - x. Emily Samson – ensure everyone has contact information for all the immediate neighbors; the neighbors could then assist police with any requests.
 - y. George – how would redistricting affect the number of officers available? The number of officers working has not changed and AH will not see a change in calls for service.
6. Emily Samson
- a. Works with neighborhood associations to begin and operate neighborhood watch programs
 - b. The Good Neighbor Project was created as a successor for the neighborhood watch program that were established over 30 years ago
 - c. The primary focus is to help neighbors build relationships with each other and the secondary goal is to help build relationships with MPD and community policing
7. Updates
- a. Jim sent out a letter to the apartment owners in an effort to build relationships and get better engagement
 - b. Dave will write a safety reminder for Arbor Hills on Nextdoor. Dave will periodically publish these reports reminding neighbors to be vigilant and safe
 - c. Samantha proposed sharing the electronic version of the newsletters with Leopold apartment operators/owners
8. Treasurer's Report
- a. Currently at 190 members
 - b. The renewal notice was sent in May
 - c. Capital contribution to a school or another worthy program with the collaboration with other area businesses was discussed

- d. George proposed that the board develop proposals for donations for the September board meeting
 - e. Block party was held on Knollwood Tr. and AHNA reimbursed \$200 for its expenses – George moved to accept the motion, Janet seconded and the motion carried unanimously
9. Leopold Update
- a. Peg Keeler has taken over as principal of Leopold School
 - b. They have been able to add another Dual Language Immersion (DLI) section thereby reducing class sizes
 - c. Dave invited Peg Keeler to attend a board meeting if appropriate
 - d. Ashley proposed doing a Q&A with Peg Keeler for the newsletter
10. Newsletter
- a. Jodi will send electronic copies of the newsletter to Crystal and Sott Beckfield
 - b. Mike will assist Crystal with compiling the newsletters for distribution
11. Approval of minutes from May 2018 board meeting – Dave moved to accept the minutes, George seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously
12. Approval of minutes from June 2018 board meeting – Dave moved to accept the minutes, Neil seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously
13. Mike shared feedback with the musicians from the 4th of July party
14. Dave noted adding additional speakers might help with music at events in the park
15. Halloween Party – October 27th from 2-4pm
- a. Jim will check with Arbor Covenant church on its availability and also check if they have a CD player
 - b. Mike will speak with musicians for the event
 - c. There will be goody bags – possibly donated from Member's First Credit Union
 - d. Samantha will send the Halloween event information to Jodi to be publicized
16. Annual Meeting for AHNA will be held on October 10th
- a. Jim will send a draft of the agenda for meeting in August to the board with proposed speakers and timeline
 - b. It was proposed that the police reports be scheduled towards the end of the meeting
17. Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm, seconded by Neil and adopted unanimously