



NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Arbor Good Neighbor House
2509 McDivitt Road, Madison, WI 53713

Board Member Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Sheri Carter, Aaron Eicher, Lisa Fernandez, Chuck Friedrichs, Ashley Gibson, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means, Caroline Thompson

I. President's Report: Ashley Gibson, AHNA President

- A. Welcome
- B. Thank You To:
 - 1. Board members for volunteering their time to run the association
 - 2. Block captains for welcoming new neighbors and passing out magnets
 - 3. Individuals who volunteered at events over the past year
- C. Grant: Applied for and awarded a City of Madison Grant (\$1,200) to be used for community purposes. The grant will be used for:
 - 1. Magnets advertising Arbor Hills events
 - 2. Quarterly Arbor Hills newsletter
- D. Newsletter
 - 1. Changes in newsletter dissemination: They are now sent via US Postal Service, instead of block captains going door-to-door
- E. Event Recap
 - 1. Highlighted some of the popular events: food trucks, Make Music Madison, 4th of July
 - 2. Great turnouts this year!

II. Treasurer's Report & Budget Vote: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Treasurer

- A. 2025 Financials
 - 1. Overall, we will end 2025 in the black thanks to extra contributions from members
 - 2. Budget Variances
 - a. Event costs are below what was budgeted
 - b. Exceeded income brought in for membership due to members paying more than the minimum; the average donation is \$31; thank you to all members!
- B. 2026 Budget (see proposed budget for details)
 - 1. Award \$1,000 in grants; grantees TBD
- C. Motions to Approve the Budget
 - 1. First motion to approve: Sheri Carter
 - 2. Second motion to approve: Jolene Chadwick
 - 3. Motion passed

III. AHNA Board Member Elections: Nanci Horn, Member at Large

- A. Running for 2026-2027 Term
 - 1. Vice President: Jeff Buhrandt
 - 2. Treasurer: Jackie Bastyr Cooper
 - 3. Events Coordinator: Erich George
 - 4. Member at Large (1): Sheri Carter
 - 5. Member at Large (2): Caroline Thompson
- B. Motion to Elect
 - 1. First motion to approve: Doug
 - 2. Second motion to approve: Aaron Eicher
 - 3. Motion passed
- C. For reference – the following positions were not up for election (will continue to serve the 2026-2027 term):
 - 1. President: Ashley Gibson
 - 2. Block Captain Coordinator: Chuck Friedrichs
 - 3. Communications Coordinator: Cathy Means
 - 4. Member at Large (3): Lisa Fernandez
 - 5. Member at Large (4): Nanci Horn
- D. The Following Position Is Open:
 - 1. Newsletter: OPEN. Seeking someone to run as an interim to fulfill the 2025-2026 term

IV. Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH) Updates: Peter Morris

- A. Working to Make Community Connections
 - 1. Used to be a church, but now a community center
 - 2. There are many volunteer opportunities
 - 3. Includes a preschool
 - 4. Good Neighbor House Personal Essentials Pantry
 - 5. Repair Café on November 22, 2:00-4:00 pm: where “handy” folks (volunteers) help others fix stuff; if you have anything broken, bring it to the Café!
- B. Contact Peter Morris if you are interested in using the Arbor Good Neighbor House to host community events, courses, etc.

V. Community Policing in Arbor Hills: South District Captain Harrison Zanders; Neighborhood Resource Officer Mitch Favor

- A. Focused on Outreach Efforts
 - 1. There are 50-plus outreach efforts
 - 2. Looking at root causes and what is causing issues in the district
 - 3. Housing issues
 - 4. Domestic issues (provides resources and guidance); partner with DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services)
 - 5. Many efforts focused on Leopold Elementary School and Leopold Park
 - 6. Discussed a handout brought to the meeting: *Property Crime – You Can Help Prevent It*

VI. District 10 Alder: Yannette Figueroa Cole

- A. Updates
 - 1. Budget update: Dane County will have a 4% cut; City of Madison \$31 million deficit
 - 2. The water project centered around Todd Drive will be completed in a couple of weeks

3. Discussed speed bumps on Grandview Boulevard (brought up by concerned individuals attending the meeting)
4. Please contact the City of Madison website for any issues/problems; can also contact Alder Figueroa Cole

VII. Cherokee Middle School Principal: Robert Moreno

- A. Update
 1. A Fun Run was held on October 1; over \$27,000 was raised! When the community comes together, money can be raised
 2. Since he has been principal, the number of incidents has greatly decreased
- B. New School (approved with 2024 Referendum)
 1. There are plans to build a new school on the current school site/property
- C. What We Can Do as a Community
 1. Principal Moreno asked people to visit the Cherokee Facebook page and to “spread the word” about Cherokee events/updates
 2. Tutors are always needed

VIII. Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) Executive Director: Mary Roth

- A. Updates
 1. MSCR is part of the Madison school district (where their funding comes from)
 2. There is programming for all interests, all ages
 3. Three catalogs per year are developed; the next one comes out a week before Thanksgiving
- B. Serving Communities
 1. A survey will be sent in the near future asking for feedback on how MSCR can better serve the community

IX. Madison LakeWay Partners, Inc.: CEO Jayme Powers

- A. Madison LakeWay Updates
 1. The project will create a beautiful gateway park – blending city life with greenspace
 2. Located on John Nolen Drive: 1.7 miles of public lakeshore stretching from Law Park to Olin Park along the edge of Lake Monona
 3. Currently, the space is underutilized
 4. Jayme showed a video describing the project, and also had a handout with project information
- B. Timeline
 1. The project will be done in phases; as money is raised, more development will take place
 2. The first section will be completed by the winter of 2028

X. Discussion and Q/A

- A. Please Remember to Renew Your Membership!

XI. Adjourn