NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING – Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Arbor Good Neighbor House, 2509 McDivitt Road, Madison, WI 53713

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

I. Annual Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association (AHNA) Highlights – Ashley Gibson, President

A. Welcome

B. Recap of the last year
   1. AHNA has lived up to mission of community involvement
   2. Reviewed the year's events
   3. Neighborhood grant money used for the following:
      a. Fiesta de Sabores y Sonidos (flavors and sounds party) at Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH) in July
      b. AHNA newsletter printed in Spanish
   4. Speeding on Grandview Boulevard and Todd Drive a challenge
      a. Moving toward safer streets

C. 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
      a. Thank you to Bob and Paula Alt for their service (they will be stepping down as block captains)
   3. Individuals who volunteered at events over the past year

D. Membership update
   1. We are short of our goal (membership goal for 2026 is 155, the actual membership is 132)
   2. AHNA has done the following to increase membership:
      a. Envelopes for dues sent with newsletter once annually
      b. "Become a Member" at the end of each email sent out
      c. Offer convenient cash, check, or online payment options
      d. Sent "Thank You" cards to members
      e. Individual emails sent to past members who did not renew
      f. $1 off food truck coupons for members
   3. Idea for next year: Offer membership incentive gifts (t-shirt, mug, etc.)
   4. Please share your ideas for increasing membership: Talk to a board member or email info@arborhills.org

E. AHNA funding support
   1. In 2024 AHNA gave money to the following:
      a. $1000 to the Essentials Pantry, Arbor Good Neighbor House
      b. Two $500 scholarships to West High School seniors who attended Leopold Elementary School
   2. How should we spend our extra money: Meeting participants were asked to complete the "How Should We Spend Our Neighborhood Funds" form passed out at registration

F. Ashley announced she will be stepping down as President of AHNA; thank you, Ashley, for your outstanding service to AHNA

II. Bylaw Vote – Jeff Buhrandt, Vice President

A. Jeff reviewed the proposed bylaw changes
B. Motion to approve the bylaws
    1. First motion to approve: Jim Cortada
    2. Second motion to approve: Maureen Euhardy
    3. Bylaws passed

III. Treasurer's Report and Budget Vote – Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Treasurer

A. 2026 Financials
    1. We are at 85% of our membership goal
    2. Advertiser income is at 152% of goal; thank you to all our advertisers and sponsors
    3. Received grant to put on July event (Fiesta de Sabores y Sonidos - flavors and sounds party) and print newsletter in Spanish
B. Proposed 2027 Budget
    1. Jackie reviewed proposed 2027 budget
        a. Community investment is $2,000
        b. Events budget is $865.36
        c. Income/expenses is $7,165
    2. Jim Cortada stated he would donate money if we still have a negative balance by the end of December; we should have the grant money soon so there may not be a need for a donation
C. Motion to approve the budget
    1. First motion to approve: Chuck Friedrichs
    2. Second motion to approve: Caroline Thompson
    3. Budget passed

IV. AHNA Board Member Elections – Sheri Carter, Member at Large

A. Sheri introduced the following individuals running for the 2007-2028 term:
    1. President: Jeff Buhrandt
    2. Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Miller
    3. Communication Coordinator: Nanci Horn
    4. Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator: Chuck Friedrichs
    5. Recording Secretary: Cathy Means
    6. Member at Large (3): Lisa Fernandez
    7. Member at Large (4): Doug Pahl
B. Motion to elect board members
    1. First motion to approve: Erich George
    2. Second motion to approve: Bob Alt
    3. Board member elections passed

V. Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH) Updates – Peter Morris

A. Background
    1. Peter provided a history of AGNH (originally was a church and it merged with a church in Fitchburg)
    2. Peter wants AGNH to be a community asset; neighborhood-based
B. Programs
    1. Essentials Pantry – AGNH's biggest program
    2. Creek Day School (thriving, but would like more students)
        a. There will be a new entrance to AGNH to bypass the school – currently going through the process to complete (permits, etc.)
    3. Repair Cafes
    4. Holiday Bakers Market coming in December, 2026
    5. Would like to develop more programs

VI. South District Captain Harrison Zanders, Lieutenant Scott Reitmeier, Neighborhood Resource Officer Mitchell Favor

A. Neighborhood issues
   1. Crime is a lot lower than in many other neighborhoods; Arbor Hills is a very safe neighborhood
   2. Domestic issues and stolen vehicles biggest problems in our neighborhood; however, the crime statistics for these problems not real high
   3. Continue to work on speeding issues

B. Mitchell Favor discussed some of the notable outreach initiatives

C. ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)
   1. Described how ICE affects the neighborhood
   2. MPD SOP (Madison Police Department and Standard Operating Procedures) immigration laws discussed

VII. Senator Kelda Roys

A. Issues discussed
   1. Committed to education in current budget
   2. Affordability issues such as health insurance (quality and access)

B. Contact her office for any questions

VIII. Representative Renuka Mayadev

A. Described her background

B. Recapped the 2025-2026 session and "Wins for Wisconsinites"
   1. Passed Gail's Law ensuring insurance coverage for preventative breast cancer screenings
   2. Expanded Medicaid coverage to cover new moms postpartum for 12 months after birth
   3. Released over $133M to clean PFAS contaminants from Wisconsin water

IX. Bryan Johnson, Recycling Coordinator, City of Madison

A. Described what the Streets and Urban Forestry Division does

B. Provided information for meeting participants to pick up regarding recycling

C. Fall leaf and yard waste collection
   1. Dates are available on yard waste website: https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/brush-yard-waste
   2. Described the situation last year where the last batch of leaves did not get picked up

X. Discussion and Q&A

A. Please remember to renew your membership!

B. Please complete the "How Should We Spend Our Neighborhood Funds" form you received and turn in to the registration table when you leave; thank you!

XI. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn
   1. First motion to approve: Jeff Buhrandt
   2. Second motion to approve: Carol Compton
   3. Motion passed