

Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) Board Meeting
Best Western InnTowner
Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7p.

Members present: Jon Miskowski, John Schlaefer, LD Oakley, Mary Sarnowski,
Dan O'Callaghan, Eric Steege, Jen McDonald, Mary Czyszczak-Lyne

Guests: Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the Regent Neighborhood Association membership meeting on June 25, 2014 was made by M. Sarnowski, seconded by E. Steege. Motion passed.

UW Relations Report: D. O'Callaghan reported on the walk-about to welcome new students to the neighborhood along with the Madison Police Department.

D. O'Callaghan reported on the Joint West meeting. UW-Madison has initiated the 2015 Campus Master Plan.

UW Foundation has started an expansion project for parking along 1848 University Ave.; concern is there was no input or conversation with RNA. RNA will follow up with Alder Bidar-Sielaff.

Joint West discussed concerns regarding Camp Randall events and noise levels.

D. Callaghan, J. Miskowski, Adler Bidar-Sielaff and Mayor Soglin will be meeting with Chancellor Rebecca Blank to discuss UW activities which impact neighborhood.

Underpass Mural Project Update: The mural project has received a grant from the Arts Commission. RNA may partner with 1000 Friends for fundraising and use of public space in the neighborhood.

RNA Newsletter and Directory Update: M. Sarnowski reported on the pilot distribution and mailing costs for the newsletter over the past year. The goal after adding costs of mailing the newsletter was to break even. Because of strong advertising support and costs of printing that were under budget, the RNA newsletter netted dollars. This year we introduced a small rate increase for advertising to offset some of the additional costs of mailing. There has been good initial interest from advertisers including several potential advertisers.

Elected Officials Report: S. Bidar-Sielaff reported on the upcoming meeting with the Chancellor and UW Athletics to discuss the concerns about one-way communication with hopes to open up two-way communication.

Stevens Park is slated for renovation and the city will hold conversations with neighbors.

Kendall Avenue construction is moving slowly and there are concerns with ordinance violations.

The Blue Moon Bar and Grill construction project has reviewed approval from the Plan Commission with some conditions.

Oliver's will open October 2014.

Membership Update: E. Steege reported an increase in membership numbers this year with plans to send the neighborhood one more reminder before the Directory is printed.

Financial Report: J. Schlaefer reported on the July 4th event expenses, RNA net was \$1472.00

Discussion took place regarding a winter gathering for the neighborhood.

J. Miskowski offered for consideration a fundraiser at Oliver's for the mural project.

RNA Bylaws: The board is reviewing and updating the bylaws for full membership consideration at a later date. A portion of the next three board meeting will be set aside for the completion of the revisions.

A motion to adjourn was made by D. O'Callaghan, second by LD Oakley. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 846p.

Respectfully submitted.
Mary Czyszak-Lyne
9/2/14