

Regent Neighborhood Association Meeting, April 23, 2014

Members present: Jon Miskowski, chair, John Schlaefer, Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, Betsy Greene, LD Oakley, Mary Sarnowski, Ronnie Hess, Ron Rosner, Dan O'Callaghan, Betsy Greene, Eric Steege, Jessi Claringbole, Marcia Vandercook.

Guests: Jeremy Levin, John Jacobs, Robbie Webber.

1. **Minutes** of March 26 approved with corrections.
2. **New Member.** Jon Miskowski announced that Charlie Peters has volunteered to serve as transportation committee chair.
3. **Elected Officials Report.** Jeremy Levin reported on the recent election, considerations for moving Dane County into the Family Care Program, and progress in locating a day center for homeless individuals on Fish Hatchery Road, which should open by November 1.
4. **Upcoming meetings.** For the May meeting the board will review the bylaws and new members and officers. A membership meeting needs to be held to elect the new board. A June meeting on the topic of the Race to Equity still needs to be scheduled. Contributions to the June newsletter are due May 1.
5. **University Avenue Corridor Plan.** Jon Miskowski said the UAC subcommittee met Monday night to discuss a response to planning staff recommendations. The staff recommendations are largely acceptable: they agree that the comp plan should be amended for less density on the south side of University Avenue with a three-story maximum; they agree that buildings on the north side should have a three-story maximum at the front with a 30-foot step-back. For the university property they agree with the RNA recommendation of 5 stories maximum, which will be reviewed again with the campus master plan. They do not discuss parking, but it will come up again at the commission meeting.

The main area of disagreement is the staff recommendation of eight stories maximum on the north side close to Campus Drive. John Schlaefer said RNA should maintain that all areas have a carrying capacity for traffic, parking and general congestion. University Avenue is already approaching its capacity and eight stories will exceed it. Jon Miskowski noted that at earlier meetings, commission members have not been sympathetic to discussion about heights but have been interested in discussion of congestion.

Jon shared a rough draft of a letter that he and Shiva will send with the RNA response to the staff recommendations. Dan suggested emphasis on the amount of work done by the neighborhood. John Jacobs asked that the letter be clear that Jon is speaking for the RNA Board, not for the neighborhood.

The Plan Commission meeting will be Monday at 5:30, the RNA presentation will be around 6:00, the commission will take testimony about it, but they may not vote on our item until later that night because of other agenda items. Jon said he would get a note out to the neighborhood telling them about the meeting. If people can come, they should, and at least register in favor of the plan. There will likely testimony against it from people advocating for even greater density, so it's important to have neighbors present in numbers. People who can't be there should send their views to Shiva so she can get them to the plan commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Minutes submitted by Marcia Vandercook.