**Regent Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes – 4/26/2017**

**Present**: Jonathan Tsarong-Butler, Megan Heneke, Mary Czynszak-Lyne, Dave Hughes, John Schlaefer, Jon Miskowski, Jen McDonald, Charlie Peters

**Guests:** Juliet Page, Franz St. John, and Robbie Webber from the Transportation Committee and neighbor Raj Schukla

**Excused**: Karen Christenson, Ron Rosner, Ronnie Hess, Dan O’Callaghan, Mary Sarnowski

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

Jon Miskowski moved to approve the minutes from March 22, 2017; Charlie Peters Seconded; no discussion; the approval passed unanimously

1. **Elected Official Reports**

County Supervisor Jeremy Levin updated the attendees regarding the following matters:

* Construction on the Daytime Resource Center has begun; it will be open no later than early October; Catholic Charities received the contact to operate the center
* Hospitality House is Closing at the end of May
* The State Budget is pretty good for human services funding, but there is a worry regarding dementia funding
* The Newsletter contains an update about the Alliant Energy Center

1. **Transportation Committee Presentation**

Charlie Peters with the help of Transportation Committee members, Juliet Peters, Franz St. John, and Robbie Webber presented regarding the Transportation Committee’s work over the past year developing a draft transportation plan. **The presentation covered**:

* The goal of the Transportation Committee’s Plan is to create a policy of moving people and not just cars
* The committee sought inspiration from Complete Streets (smartgrowthamerica.org) and vision zero (visionzeronetwork.org)
* The RN Transportation Committee Plan focuses on bicycle and pedestrian safety
* The plan also creates recommendations for major arterials to the Regent Neighborhood, because the committee finds it insufficient to focus only on streets within the neighborhood
* 50 incidents have been reported on the online reporting system (available at bottom of RNA website)
* It is important that the plan not be interpreted as a substitute for engaging with the city or alder
* Dave Hughes asked if the survey is anonymous, Charlie Peters reported that a respondent can be anonymous or include contact information
* The goal of the plan is to describe trouble spots and offer possible solutions with pros and cons for the solution. The presentation gave an example of the 1700-2600 blocks of University.
* The Committee asked for the RNA Board’s approval to continue meeting and developing the plan on behalf of the RNA. Further development includes engaging with other Neighborhood Associations and Major Employers. The committee hopes to continue working, have a draft plan at the end of 2017, and implement an outreach plan during 2018.
* **Discussion**:
  + Dave Hughes inquired about University Urban Planning. Robbie Webber responded that much of the focus in that department is on areas other than transportation.
  + Mary Czynszak-Lyne suggested that the committee reach out to Joint West and the UW-Madison’s Transportation to get on their agendas.
  + Mary Czynszak-Lyne clarified there is not fiscal line item with the proposed motion.
* **Motion**:
  + John Schaefler moved to approve the committee proceeding with their plan, Dave Hughes Seconded
  + Unanimous approval

1. **July 4, Festival Update**

Dave Hughes updated the attendees regarding progress on the Fourth of July Festival:

* He has decided to order the same amount of food as past years
* He updated the group regarding serving beer. He reported serving beer would require a $700 fee, security, and a licensed bartender
* **Task:** After discussion, Dave agreed to look into whether a small business in the neighborhood may want to handle the beer sales. He is going to talk to Regent Coop, Oliver’s, and Blue Moon and report back via email.
* **Task**: After discussion, Dave agreed to consult with the city about an alternate parade route. The regular route features construction. Dave is inquiring about Highland to Van Hise to Grand.
* Dave put out a call for volunteers to cook brats. He is also going to ask Regent Coop about their grill and whether we can borrow it.
* Board members present agreed to refer the final Festival plans to the executive committee.

1. **InnTower Food**

Jon Miskowski mentioned that the InnTower may be able to provide food for the membership meeting. He will update the group with more information.

1. **Committee Reports**

* **Communications**
  + Newsletter will be hitting mailboxes soon
* **Development & Preservation**
  + Nothing to report
* **Membership**
  + A call for membership and newsletter donations will be in the Spring Newsletter
* **School Relations**
  + Food Pantry is Running
  + Jen McDonald will give an update regarding the pantry and scholarships at the membership meeting
* **Sustainability**
  + No one present
* **University Relations**
  + Nothing to report
* **Budget**
  + Defer until June meeting

1. **New Business**

* We will need board members to be voted on at the Membership meeting
* We will also need a new Vice-President

1. **Adjourned at 8:41**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Megan Heneke**

**April 27, 2017**