

## Minutes

### Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors

August 19, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave., Madison

Present: Steve Ackerman, Jan Axelson, Nan Cheney, Don Hammes, Justin Sargent, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dick Walker,

Excused Absence: Dana Erlandsen

Unexcused Absence: David Clutter, Ron Pegram, Dorothy Wheeler

Guests: Planning facilitators Bill Rizzo (UW-Extension) and Allison Werner (River Alliance of Wisconsin) (present through New Business, item 1)

### Secretary's Report

#### 1) Last month's board monthly meeting minutes - Jan

Nan moved to approve the July minutes. Muriel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2) Correspondence and communications

Aaron has been checking the PO Box for mail.

Jon Becker resigned as President effective July 31. Vice President Justin is performing the duties of President.

### Treasurer's Report

#### 1) Last month's account summaries - Aaron

As of July 31, our balances were:

Regular account: \$1043.54

Program account: \$300.68. We are maintaining a balance in the Program (grant) account to avoid low-balance fees.

We received 7 memberships in July.

Muriel moved to approve the treasurer's report. Justin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2) Approve expenses – none

### New Business

#### 1) Discuss where to go with our planning process with Bill Rizzo and Allison Werner - all

Allison and Bill reported that the original goals of the planning were to develop a vision statement and to obtain broader public participation.

At our July meeting, we agreed on a vision statement. To address remaining concerns of some members, we also agreed in July that those interested could work on suggesting additional language to present to the board for approval. Discussion of additional language was deferred due to Ron's and David's absence.

We agreed to spend about an hour at our next meeting developing a list of goals for the next two years. Justin will request Bill and Allison to help us with the process.

## **2) Discuss electing a President to serve until the January 2010 annual meeting – all**

Muriel moved to elect Jan to serve as President until the January, 2010 annual meeting. Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dick moved to elect Aaron to serve as Secretary until the January, 2010 annual meeting. Nan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan will contact Aaron to provide the files and other information.

Aaron will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Justin will continue to serve as Vice President.

Aaron will contact Ron about possibly serving as Treasurer in 2010.

## **3) Thanks to Jon**

The directors signed a thank you card donated by Muriel. For the January, 2010 annual meeting, Aaron will look into having a plaque made to recognize Jon's contribution to the group. Dick is willing to donate a print to Jon.

## **4) Land acquisition news - Muriel**

Muriel attended the Northside Planning Council's quarterly meeting with Mayor Dave. The Plan Commission has passed ordinance 15390 to rezone 1302 Wheeler Rd. (the area between the Wheeler Triangle and Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park South Unit) from Agricultural to Conservancy. The ordinance now goes to the Common Council for approval. [Secretary's note: the ordinance is due at the Common Council meeting of 9/1/09.] Don suggested writing a thank you letter after the vote is final.

[Secretary's note: for details, see items 11 and 12 in this agenda:

[http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/meetings/2009/8/7202\\_A\\_PLAN\\_COMMISSION\\_09-08-17\\_Agenda.pdf](http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/meetings/2009/8/7202_A_PLAN_COMMISSION_09-08-17_Agenda.pdf) ]

Muriel also reported that the City of Madison is continuing to meet with developer Cherokee Park, Inc.

## **Old Business**

### **1) DNR grant report update - Justin, Jan**

Justin reported that Jon has agreed to complete writing the report.

**2) Marsh art exhibits, photo book, copyright - Steve, Dana**

Steve will continue to attempt to contact Mario Quintana about finalizing the photo book so we can offer it for sale online.

The list price of the book will be \$50.

Justin will send Mario a copy of the Northside News with the feature about the photo book.

**3) Upcoming events – all**

Jan and Dick will attend the Audubon canoe tour on the 22nd. Jan will bring brochures.

**4) Schedule Ron Pegram's deferred report on finances and 501(c)(3) status**

Deferred.

**5) Invite Town of Westport administrator (who had expressed interest) to a future meeting?**

Deferred.

Justin suggested creating a list of VIPs to invite to our meetings. Deferred until our planning is complete.

**6) Other reports**

None.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Axelson