

Minutes

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 5:30 -7:30 pm

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

Directors present: Jan Axelson, Timothy Baker, Janet Battista, Muriel Simms, Dick Walker, Anita Weier, Dorothy Wheeler

Advisor present: Don Hammes

Excused absence: Dana Erlandsen, Justin Sargent, Sheri Harper

Special Guest

Mark Hazelbaker, Dane County Towns Association Counsel, gave a talk on his ideas of long range goals for the environment. After he declared that we are all environmentalists, he said we must have outrageous goals to move us forward. He gave the example of backcasting before European humans ever put a canoe into the lakes using the cleanliness of the lakes back then as a base for our conservation efforts of today. He said we needed to work regionally to restrain growth and protect farmland using infill and not corn fields for future construction.

Agenda Changes and Additions.

None were needed

Secretary's Report

Muriel moved and Janet seconded approval of the minutes of October. It passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

None was given in Dana's absence. Postponed until the next meeting.

Activities

1) Proposed development in Sub-area 1

Dick wanted to know if density was an important consideration for future development. The board decided to talk with Kay Rutledge, Planning Director for Madison Parks, to clarify that issue. Janet volunteered to call Sy Widstrand, to get his take on density and other issues. Dorothy will talk with Michael Basford of the Plan Commission to discuss adding open space adjacent to the marsh. Dick will contact Judy Bowser to speak with her about open space.

2) Annual meeting

The following plans were made for the meeting:

Tim will handle refreshments.

Muriel will acquire door prizes and bring slips of paper and pencils.

Dick will deliver two of his prints for sale to raise funds.

Justin will design the flyer or enlist his children to design it.

Dick moved and Muriel seconded that \$80 be spent on refreshments for the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3) **Member renewals**

Janet reported that we have 7 renewals.

4) **CRANES group report**

Dick reported that no meeting had been held since last month.

Dorothy moved and Jan seconded to adjourn the meeting