

Friends of Cherokee Marsh ~ Board of Directors Meeting  
16 APRIL 2008 (Wednesday) 5:15-7:30p  
Lakeview Library Community Room ~ 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

## MINUTES

Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Don Hammes, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson

Excused Absence: Dorothy Wheeler

Absent:

Guests: Dick Walker, Sheri Harper, Mike Carlson (Gathering Waters), Will Hoyer (Clean Wisconsin)

## SPECIAL

1) Meet Prospective Board Members Dick Harper and Sheri Harper

Introductions all around.

2) Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership: Update and Hearing - Mike Carlson (Gathering Waters) and Will Hoyer (Clean Wisconsin)

Gathering Waters and Clean Wisconsin normally focus on state-level issues but have become involved in a more local project called the Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership (YLLP).

In late 2005, historian David Mollenhoff presented a vision for the Madison lakes that helped to spur interest in restoring our lakes.

Dane County and Madison have budgeted for a visioning effort. As part of that effort, the Madison Community Foundation approached Clean Wisconsin and Gathering Waters to work with community groups. The project is in the planning stages. They are going to community groups like ours to find out our experience and priorities. The Department of Agriculture, DNR, City and County have a memo of understanding to do a technical study of sediment, phosphorous, and bacteria in the lakes.

It's expected that funds will be available for lake projects.

Many parties feel that the time is right for action.

The YLLP estimates it will take 6-9 months to gather data. Following that, the YLLP plans to produce a report of the issues and recommendations. Another aspect of their project is to be sure that everyone involved is aware of existing groups and their experience and interests.

YLLP would like our group to respond to their questionnaire requesting information about our experience and priorities.

## SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1) review/approve MAR board minutes. MSimms moved to approve, JBecker seconded, the motion was unanimously approved.

2) correspondence - none.

## TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1) monthly balance update -

Current balance is \$960.72. JBecker moved to approve, MSimms seconded, the motion was unanimously approved.

2) proposed expenditures: forthcoming purchases, expenses, etc.

JBecker proposed discussing whether to contribute to the National Heritage Land Trust. Tabled until our next meeting.

## OLD

1) Grant applications - Jan

Grant items for our DNR River Protection Planning Grant  
Items with an asterisk passed and will be included in the grant application.

\*Attorney for 501(c)(3) review. \$1000 cash expense and \$500 in kind donation. (JBecker)

\*501(c)(3) filing. \$300 fee and \$1000 in kind donation (labor to fill out form) (JBecker and JAxelson)

\*Brochures. \$250 to print 1000 of our current brochure (JAxelson) OR up to \$1000 to redesign brochure and ?? to print in 2 colors (DHammes)

\*Tabletop display \$400 for display board and related materials and labor hours to be determined (JAxelson and MSimms)

Project suggestions from Russ Hefty (DHammes):

Fish survey

Restore grasslands and habitat, brush cutting in winter

Filling ditches near the airport

We can consider these for other, future grant proposals.

\*Northside News, 6 ads \$204/issue and up to \$1200 in design labor (JBecker)

\*Dedicated phone number. (JBecker)

\*Stamps and other office supplies. \$200 (JAxelson, JBecker)

Erosion control workshop. We might get CPI to pay for this. (JBecker)

\*Annual meeting: room rental, refreshments, honorarium. Up to \$750. (DHammes)

2) BWW Pipe Replacement - Muriel provided our comments to alder Schumacher.

3) 2008/09 Board director recruitment: update - Jon. Two candidates at our meeting.

4) CPI communications: update - Jon. CPI will build 18-24 units near the clubhouse. The development will use a 100-year runoff plan.

JBecker will work with CPI and the City to use natural plantings as much as possible in the Burning Wood Way extension, to get the City and CPI to agree on LEED standards for the development, and to implement size limit on the units with larger units requiring more stringent environmental standards.

5) CARPC update - Jon meets tomorrow with Brad Murphy (Madison Planning) to discuss the city planning process.

JBecker will approach the CARPC advocacy group about getting CARPC support for our Cherokee recommendations.

6) City Application for Cherokee Grant – Jon - all is on track.

7) Spring Thaw Nature Hike: Need New Date – Aaron - The new date is May 3, 10 am to noon. Aaron will notify hike leader Emily Steinwehe.

8) Lake Sedge Planting Work Day – Jan. No news.

9) Board general liability insurance – Jon - Directors and officers insurance can be obtained for \$400. Tabled to our next meeting. DHammes will check other groups for their experiences with insurance.

#### NEW

- 1) Goals Retreat results – Jan. The results have been distributed to the board.
- 2) Northside Planning Council notes - Muriel. No news.
- 3) Wood Duck Box - Jan. Russ Hefty has put up the donated box. DHammes has more for \$25 each.
- 4) Northside News Information Update - Jon. No news.
- 5) Deerfield USA debrief – Jon - No news.
- 6) Cherokee USAA – Jon. No news.
- 7) Wegner Non-Profit Roundtable – Jon, Aaron. JBecker attended and received materials that he will share with AStephenson.
- 8) Cherokee Development Community Update Meeting – See old business #4.
- 9) Work Day/Outing ideas (Garlic Mustard Pull, Stake in the Lakes, Host Friends of Friends with Marsh Tour or Tailgate, Paddle/Mound Outing) – Aaron, Jan  
Tabled until next month. JBecker will tell the Dane County Friends of Friends group we'll host a July meeting.
- 10) POB status - Jon  
The problem has been resolved.
- 11) Printing New Brochures – Jan  
MSimms will find out if the Northside Planning Council will do a short print run.
- 12) Farmer's Market: Tabling, Volunteer Coordinator? – Jan  
DHammes has donated a tent that JBecker will store. MSimms has everything else: table, banner, other items. AStephenson will check into doing the downtown market.
- 13) Friends of Yahara Headwaters networking – Jon.  
JBecker and possibly others will try to meet with them soon here or in DeForest.

#### ADJOURN

Next meeting delayed 1 week because the Board of Park Commissioners will discuss lake levels on May 14.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 21 MAY 2008 (WED) 5:30-7:30p