

# **Minutes**

## **Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board Meeting**

February 13, 2008, 6:30 pm  
Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library

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

### ***Secretary's Report***

MSimms moved to approve the minutes of Jan 14, 2008. AStephenson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

AStephenson reported we have \$933.72. He will produce a monthly report later this week.

MSimms moved to allow AStephenson to spend up to \$60 on Quicken software, JBecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

JAxelson will make a password-protected folder on the website available for uploads.

### ***Old Business***

#### **Thank you cards**

MSimms provided thank-you cards for Janet Battista and Emily Steinwehe, obtained signatures, and will send them out.

#### **Nature walks/outings**

AStephenson emailed ESteinwehe about doing a nature hike but hasn't received a response.

#### **Fieldwork (winter marsh workday)**

JAxelson reported that Russ Hefty is waiting for a DNR OK to do a work day in the marsh.

#### **CPI Builder Craig Makela's response to our letter to CPI**

JBecker is investigating porous pavement and solar-ready issues and will respond to CMakela about those.

#### **Madison Parks communications**

JBecker will invite Si Widstrand, Madison Parks, to our next board meeting. Issues to discuss: (1) Is Parks interested in reviewing development plans for land adjacent to city parks to comment on sight lines and runoff? If so, does Parks have ideas on how we can get the City to allow Parks to perform these reviews? (2) Would Parks like us to help educate about lake levels or help with other issues, and if so, any specific suggestions on what we might do?

## **Cherokee Park Neighborhood Association meeting with Cherokee Park, Inc.**

MSimms attended the Cherokee Park Neighborhood Association meeting with Cherokee Park, Inc. and emailed a report to all directors.

## **Dane County Conservation Fund Committee**

AStephenson attended the meeting of the Dane County Conservation Fund Committee, spoke in favor of the Cherokee land purchase, and was well received. The purchase was approved.

## **Capital Area Regional Plan Commission (CARPC) upcoming vote (Feb 28)**

JBecker reported the coalition of groups working to enhance CARPC has been meeting with County Executive aide Topf Wells. On Monday, Feb. 18, 9 am, representatives from the coalition are meeting with the Capital Times editorial board. The coalition is still deciding what to focus on. No plans for what if anything to do on the date of the vote, Feb. 28th.

## **Board general liability insurance**

Tabled.

## **2008/09 Board director recruitment**

JBecker will call three members who indicated interest in the board on their membership forms.

## ***New Business***

### **PO Box key**

AStephenson obtained the PO Box key from JBattista.

### **Time Bank**

AStephenson reported the timebank requires a \$6 startup fee and may require payback of hours our group grants. Action tabled.

## **2008/09 Board Goals**

At our next meeting, each director should bring the three top ideas from our Goals that they personally want to focus on in the near future.

## **Russ Hefty, Madison Parks**

JAxelson will ask Russ Hefty about carp barriers.

## **Grant sources**

JBecker reviewed sources for grants.

## **Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District survey**

We received a survey via postal mail. JAxelson will scan the materials and email them to the directors.

## ***Next Meeting***

**NOTE NEW, EARLIER TIME!**

Wed., March 12, 2008 5:30 pm

Lakeview Branch Library

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Axelson  
Secretary