

Bassett Neighborhood District Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m., 9 April 2007
Nolen Shore Condominiums Conference Room
350 S. Hamilton

Attending: Renae Fjeld Accardo, Mark Allen, Paul Brandl, Jonathan Cooper, Vince Jenkins (recorder), Murray Klatcher, Griffin Klema, Rosemary Lee, Patrick Meehan, Judy Twesme, Mike Verveer, Rich Yaeger.

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of March minutes** – Minutes approved with corrections.
4. **Report of Community Police Officer:** Officer Mark Allen reported on recent neighborhood incidents (robbery at Blockbuster on Proudfit, Quinton’s restaurant-or-bar questions, Orpheum concert crowd control). Police are available for presentations on neighborhood watch and other programs; Officer Allen at mallen@cityofmadison.com, cell phone 209-7738, or 608-266-4275. Compliments/complaints: 608-266-4023.

Mifflin Street party: Allen has spoken with selected Mifflin residents about penalties for illegal alcohol sales during the block party. Responding to a question about the Alliance of Guardian Angels (a Chicago neighborhood activist group whose representatives have visited Madison), Allen said they usually appear in pairs wearing red berets and jackets, report “what they see” (law violations), and are generally reasonable.

5. **Bassett Spring cleanup** (Renae Accardo): the cleanup is scheduled on Saturday, 2 June from approx. 9 a.m. until noon and will cover most of Bassett, including the railroad corridor, to Henry St. Alder Verveer reported that city street sweeping, biannual in other neighborhoods, is normally scheduled once a year in Bassett, in the week after UW commencement to facilitate student trash pickup. The spring cleanup the past couple of years has been coordinated with sweeping, but this year will occur afterward, since sweeping was scheduled to accommodate the WORT Block Party on the 600 block of W. Doty on 20 May. The city hopes to sweep Bassett streets more frequently in the future.
6. **Increasing membership:** a list of members and non-renewals is now available. Face-to-face recruitment is most effective, but security arrangements at condo and apartment buildings necessitate building captains to head up membership contacts. (If interested in serving as a building captain, contact Jonathan Cooper or Pete Ostlind.) Current Bassett Neighborhood Association membership is a small percentage of property owners. Most original members resulted when

developers provided new buyers with paid memberships. Many residents don't live in town year round, but their membership fees are nonetheless important since the organization represents everyone, present or not, and provides the newsletter and other benefits.

7. Update on use of TIF funds for street lighting and Bedford St. reconstruction and Alder report (Alder M. Verveer):

- a. *Street reconstruction.* The 600 block of Main St. will be resurfaced from Bedford to Proudfit; Mifflin St. will be reconstructed from Broom to Bedford, including conduit for underground utilities at a later date (although utility poles will not be removed); property owners will pay partial costs for pedestrian-scale street lighting. Property owners on Mifflin, Bedford, and W. Main have asked if TIF could provide some relief, but the city attorney and city engineer state maintain that state statute disallows the use of TIF for street improvements. Underground utilities (city and MG&E) are paid with TIF and will be completed. Construction scheduled to begin in June.
- b. *AT&T application.* The two antennae tower which AT&T wants to build atop its building at W. Washington and N. Henry to accommodate cable television will not be as obtrusive as they first seemed. AT&T's timeline is not critical so no decision has been taken. Photos representing a mockup of the towers may be available at future meetings.
- c. *111 West Main liquor license application.* A neighborhood meeting will be held at the Madison Senior Center on 12 April. Glenn Jahns, proprietor, will summarize the proposal for 111 West Main which he will make to the city. The Capitol Neighborhoods Alcohol Issues Committee has met with Mr. Jahns to discuss his business plan before his application goes before the Alcohol License Review Committee on 21 March.
- d. *Majestic Theater liquor license application.* There will be a neighborhood meeting on 16 April, 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's for the presentation of the Majestic Theater proposal that will be put before the city the next week.

8. Other items brought forward by neighborhood residents: Tell Jonathan Cooper if you want to be added to either the Bassett or Capitol Neighborhoods electronic lists. Building captains will re-distribute the lists to respective building residents.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting: 14 May at Meriter Retirement, 333 W. Main St.

Respectfully submitted,
Vince Jenkins