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Bassett Neighborhood District Monthly Meeting

7:30 p.m., 13 April 2009

Capitol Lakes Retirement Small Dining Room, 333 W. Main St.

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Attending: Jonathan Cooper, John Koffel, Rosemary Lee, Paula Oeler (minutes), Pete Ostlind (chair)

1) Introductions. Despite a late email correcting the start time, the group assembled waited until 7:30pm to start the meeting since that was the time on the agenda sent out last week.

2) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. February minutes were approved as written.

3) New Community Police Officer. Pedro Ortega-Mendoza (Portega-Mendoza@cityofMadison.com and 577.5734 was not in attendance.

4) Development Proposals Status Report

a) 2 S. Beford redevelopment – The neighborhood's steering committee has met several times and is finalizing an advisory statement regarding the Badger Bus Depot site redevelopment as mixed-use commercial/residential buildings. Pete Ostlind indicated that he thought the steering committee was generally supportive, however, there remains some issues to be resolved. Formal submittal by the Meier family to the City is anticipated soon.

b) Urban Land Interest (ULI) Office Proposal North Shore & Proudfit – The neighborhood steering committee is meeting on Thursday (4/16) to discuss the second smaller office building before an SIP is submitted to the City. The house and alley issues (see February 2009 minutes) are moving more slowly. ULI hopes to move through the city's approval process this summer.

5) Alder's Report – None. Noted that Alder was out of town.

6) Upcoming Events

a) City Public Meeting on the Downtown Plan is this Wednesday (4/15) at the Overture Center. Informal open house at 5:30. A presentation followed by discussion begins at 6pm. There was some discussion about the fairly complex and creative design that has been put forth as well as encouragement to attend the meeting to discuss the possible transformations of the fabric of downtown.

b) CNI Geranium Sale – A geranium sale (4 colors and 2 sizes) to raise

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money for CNI is underway. Pickup is on May 17th at the Madison Senior Center (330 W. Mifflin St.). Flowers can be pre-ordered on forms available at State Farm on the Capitol Square, Jo's Tazzina, or in the CNI newsletter.

Volunteers are needed for May 17 (shifts from 11-1:30 and 1:30-4). If you have questions or are able to volunteer, please contact Ruth (442.9161).

c) CNI Garden Tour – The annual garden tour will be June 27. For tickets or to volunteer, please contact Dory Christensen (204.0681).

7) Other Items brought forth by residents

a) A concern had been raised about an incident requiring police and firefighter response to the Cliff Fischer redevelopment site at 31 S. Henry St.

Pete Ostlind reported that he sent emails to both our community police officer and the city building inspector inquiring about the incident as well as the status of securing the building (some upper level windows remain unsecured). No response yet. Rosemary Lee suggested that someone ask Cliff Fischer directly since he is well-known and a member of CNI's executive committee.

8) Adjourn. Adjourned at 7:47pm. Next meeting second Monday, May, 11 2009 at 7pm.