

Mifflin West District
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2009

In attendance: Rick and Diane Broughman, Brandon Cook, Ald. Mike Verveer, Larry Warman, and Ruth Yarborough.
Press: Carolyn Briggs (Badger Herald)
Megan McCormick (Badger Herald photographer)

The meeting at the Central Library was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Larry Warman, District Chairman. The September 10th meeting minutes were read and approved with one correction.

Ald. Verveer was asked to give a report on recent happenings. He said there was a meeting on October 13th of the ASM (Associated Students of Madison). It was led by Adam Johnson, Legislative Affairs Chairman of ASM. Mike said he didn't attend, nor did the City Planning staff, but there were about 35 students there. They were very much interested in what will be proposed in the new Mifflin West City Plan to be considered by the City Council. The ASM have set their next meeting at the Memorial Union on Tuesday, October 20th - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those of us from the Mifflin West Neighborhood are invited to attend. Ald. Verveer and City Planning staff will also be in attendance on Tuesday, to listen to the students' ideas and concerns. Rick suggested we not make up our CNI-Mifflin West position on the matter until we hear from the students.

The City Planning staff want to also meet with the City Planning Commissioners with some alders present on 2 Monday meetings scheduled in November at the Municipal Building. This will help the Planning staff to know their thoughts and some issues can be finalized. Then a large meeting for the public will be held at the Overture Center in early December. After that meeting the City Council will vote on the City Plan.

Ald. Verveer, also mentioned that he remembered one of our members was concerned about the condition of sidewalks by the AT&T building in the 300 block of W. Washington. He wanted us to know that the white paint on some sidewalk blocks means the section is to be replaced next spring. He also would like us to contact him of any other blocks that are dangerous and in need of replacement. He mentioned, too, that we may want to invite Officer Pedro Ortega-Mendoza to our monthly meetings to give us crime reports for the area.

Ald. Verveer mentioned there are 2 new projects in our district:

1. An addition to the Kohl Center which includes a hockey field. He felt we should meet with Wisconsin University staff about this.
2. A project at Mifflin & Frances Streets.

Ruth reported there is nothing new on the outdoor signs for Mifflin West.

Neighborhood. She suggested Brandon, Ald. Verveer and she have a short meeting following the current meeting. They agreed.

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