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The Value of Neighborhood Associations – Particularly Ours

by Adam Plotkin, President of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. By the simple act of perusing this bi-monthly publication, you have single-handedly proven the value of neighborhood associations! Our mission is to bring neighbors together to share information, communicate and identify points of commonality that are necessary to maintain a strong, vibrant neighborhood. CNI offers this newsletter, information via an e-mail list, mailings, programs, and access to meetings on a wide variety of topics.

Recently CNI held our annual meeting at the Monona Terrace. Our guest speaker was John Norquist, former state legislator, Milwaukee Mayor, and current President/CEO of the Congress for the New Urbanism. He gave an interesting presentation on the changing theories behind the livability of modern cities. His comments about civic pride and participation were especially interesting in the face of a recent push to change the process by which the city reviews development proposals.

The city's Economic Development Committee has been charged with gathering suggestions on how to improve the development review process. In the initial charge, business and labor groups were pointedly invited to provide comments. Not until weeks later were neighborhood associations included in the call for suggestions. Some initial responses call for a limit to

the official involvement of neighborhood associations in the process. Too often comments are made to the effect of "neighborhood associations aren't representative." I attribute this sentiment to the frustration of those that cannot or will not participate. Whether coming

to a meeting sponsored by the neighborhood, or sponsored by an Alder, or simply showing up to a meeting of a city committee, there are an abundance of opportunities to participate in the process. Neighborhood associations provide an opportunity for residents of a geographic area to gather and discuss the impact that a development would have on their day to day lives. It is a specific interest that can only be shared by those that live near that project. That is certainly not to say that others don't have an interest. Particularly in the downtown, we have such a high mix of uses (business, office, retail, and of course residential)

that nearly all projects will have an impact on two or more of those interests. The point of the neighborhood association is to represent the interests of the neighbors. Just as the point of the business association is to represent the interests of businesses, or the landlord association represents the interests of landlords. Cooperation among these groups is highly desirable, and often necessary for the success and viability of downtown. But there are times that these interests diverge, and when that happens, each group must focus on rep-



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New Innovations Making Lakes Clean, Less Green

By Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

Whether it's relaxing from a boat or along shore with friends, wetting a line at sunset or sunrise, or taking a walk, jog, or bike ride along the water, there are many different ways to enjoy our beautiful lakes.



Soon the sounds of cicadas will give way to ringing school bells. Many memories are made in summer. Among those this summer – the good progress we made together on our shared goal of making our lakes the best they can be.

One of my top priorities the past several years was for Dane County to have the first facility in the country, shared by farmers, that keeps manure out of our lakes. In late July, we celebrated the start of this new and innovative approach to keeping our lakes blue.

My hope is this new manure digester shared by farmers near Waunakee, will be the first of many to generate millions of dollars worth of clean energy to light and heat our homes each year. The courage to build a first-of-its-kind facility shows how committed our farmers are to being good stewards of our lakes and lands.

Also this summer, Dane County applied for and received a \$2-million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for our ongoing work with farmers to reduce runoff and slow the growth of algae in our lakes.

Our lakes were the beneficiaries of generous gifts this summer. The Madison Community Foundation is helping us use science to pinpoint the most problematic spots where nutrients like phosphorus wind their way into the waters after it rains.

The Clean Lakes Alliance helped form a partnership between Dane County and the City of Middleton on construction of a new stormwater basin. Instead of rain carrying dirt and crud into Lake Mendota with every downpour, this new facility will capture tens of thousands of tons of sediment each year.

Our lakes are such a big part of our quality of life. That's why together, we continue to work hard to make sure they will be enjoyed for many generations to come. ❖

Reviewing Our Process

by Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

This spring, I asked the city's Economic Development Division to start on a review of our development process.

So to start that process, the city's Economic Development Commission is collecting thoughts from all parts of our community, and I've asked them to vet those ideas with the goal of issuing a report sometime in late summer or early fall. I'm open to any recommendations they might have. As I've said before, my goal is not to weaken our standards but to arrive at a process that is transparent, democratic, businesslike, predictable and expeditious.



I have not directly proposed any changes myself, but I hope this process will spur discussion and ideas that we can consider. And I hope that neighborhoods will continue to add

to that discussion. Some groups have already started meeting to discuss their ideas, and that's a good thing. I'm hoping what comes out of these meetings are ideas that neighborhood groups can bring to the Economic Development Commission, along with business, labor and other stakeholders.

I am happy that few people now say that our system can't be improved but instead they want their voice heard on how to improve it. Our job is to make sure that everybody who has thoughts on the subject gets their ideas fairly considered.

Our goal should not be to lower our standards for development or to detract from robust participation in the process. I do not want just anything to go up just anywhere or to squash the dialogue between developers and neighborhoods.

But I do want us to earn a reputation as a community that is businesslike in its approach, predictable in its outcomes and expeditious in its decision-making. I want us to be thought of as a dynamic and progressive city that embraces investment and welcomes bold plans but also sets high standards for the projects that get built here. ❖



Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Announces Upcoming Exhibitions and Major Events

MADISON, WI—The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) is a nonprofit, independent organization that exists to exhibit, collect, preserve, and interpret modern and contemporary art. The museum's 60,000-square-foot home, which opened in 2006, was designed by architect Cesar Pelli and made possible by the generosity of W. Jerome Frautschi. MMoCA features exhibitions by regional, national, and international artists, and a permanent collection of approximately 5,000 works.

Exhibitions at MMoCA are free and open to the public. All information in this advance release is subject to change.

Then and Again: A Public Project by Nicolas Lampert Through September 26, 2010

Drawing on the city's long tradition of politically charged graphic design in public settings, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art presents *Then and Again: A Public Project* by Nicolas Lampert. The exhibition, comprised of six signs created by Lampert, com-

memorates important institutions in Madison's recent history: Freedom House, Hotel Washington, Lysistrata Restaurant, Mifflin Street Co-op, O' Cayz Corral, and Whole Earth Co-op. Each of these organizations contributed to the city's reputation for political and cultural activism.

The exhibition is organized by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and is on view in outdoor locations in downtown Madison.

True Self: The Search for Identity in Modern and Contemporary Art August 18, 2010–Summer 2011

The notion of the "self," the essential quality that makes a person distinct from all others, is a core theme in modern and contemporary art. Its primary formats are the portrait and self-portrait, which focus on the identity and psychology of the model. For the artist, the true self is fluid, not fixed; layered, not clearly evident. The true self is both innate and determined by experience and culture. Never consistent, it is often self-contradictory.

True Self: The Search for Identity in Modern and Contemporary Art explores the ways artists have understood and conveyed the essence of the self—through facial expression, body language, dress, and the particulars of setting—in a selection of paintings, sculpture, prints, and photographs. Drawn from MMoCA's permanent collection, the exhibition lists a broad range of artists, including Thomas Hart Benton, Sonja Clark, Chuck Close, John Coplans, Käthe Kollwitz, Alfred Leslie, Diego Rivera, Cindy Sherman, Hollis Sigler, Raphael Soyer, and Ida Wyman.

True Self is organized by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and will be on view in the museum's Henry Street Gallery. ❖

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Madison Senior Center in August- - - Stop by the Madison Senior Center at 330 W. Mifflin Street in Madison for an Informative and Stimulating Array of Activities in August.

Join us on Tuesday, August 24 at 1:00 pm to meet with **Author Mary Beltrán** as she reviews *Latina/o Stars in U.S. Eyes*. She studied the careers and star images Desi Arnaz, Rita Moreno and Jennifer Lopez, to name a few.

Skype—What is it? Learn how to set it up on your computer to experience live video phoning on Tuesday, August 17 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm (\$10 fee). The **Nuts & Bolts of Health Care Reform** will be discussed by the WI Alliance for Retired Americans in this free session on Tuesday, August 17 at 10 am. Enjoy a free presentation on **Manners, Mending & Morals: A Lady's Lot in Life, from 1850 into the 20th century** by a Victorian-costumed Miss Hattie Fairchild from the WI Historical Museum on Thursday, August 26 at 10 am. **Olbrich Botanical Gardens: Be Inspired** by Director Roberta Sladky on Thursday, August 26 at 1 pm. No charge.

And, do you really want to know how to age successfully?

Register soon for the Successful Aging Class beginning Monday, August 30.

The Senior Center "promotes successful aging" and this course looks more deeply into the process. It is an examination of the psychological and neurophysiology foundations of our scientific understanding of late maturity. The emphasis is on acquiring the understanding and skill required for successful aging. The class will be divided into four sections: I. Human development over the lifespan: Erikson's 8 stages of development and the Attachment Theory; II. Lectures from "The Mature Mind" by G. Gohen, M.D., an extension of Erikson's developmental theory to late maturity; III. Neurophysiology and pathology of the brain in late maturity; and IV. Scientific foundations for establishing a practice of successful emotional and cognitive aging. Join moderator and lecturer, J. L. Sanders, Ph.D. on Monday, August 30 for 12 weeks (no class on Labor Day) from 4-5:30 pm. Light snacks will be provided. Fee of \$50. Please register by calling (608) 266-6581 by Thursday, August 26.

A Photo Affair Seeks Photographers

Dane County photographers 55 years and better are invited to submit their photographs for judging during **A Photo Affair** exhibit, displayed at the Madison Senior Center from October 7 through 29. Each photographer may submit up to three photos for a registration fee of \$10. Entries must be delivered to the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 28, noon – 3 pm, or Wednesday, September 29 from 9 am – 12 noon. Professional judges award cash prizes and bestow honors with evaluation comments. Pick up your exhibit brochure and application at the Front Desk, download them on our website, www.madisonseniorcenter.org or call Pat at 267-8650.

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We offer many support services, and volunteers are essential in providing these services to our clients and are involved in every aspect of the work we do. Our volunteer program increases support services to victims by two-thirds of what staff alone can do.

The following are ongoing DAIS Volunteer Opportunities:

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CAPE (Community Awareness and Prevention Education) Advocate

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If you are interested in volunteering with DAIS or for more information please contact:

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HospiceCare to Offer Four Educational Seminars in September

Four free educational seminars will be presented at HospiceCare Inc. in Madison during September. All will be held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison.

- On Tuesday, September 14, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., HospiceCare will offer "How to Help Children and Teens with Loss." Participants will learn how to explain death to children and teens, and provide comfort and support in times of grief.
 - On Monday, September 20, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., HospiceCare will offer "Choosing the Gift of HospiceCare," a presentation about the support that's available for people with life-limiting conditions, and their caregivers. Participants will learn who is eligible, in what settings the care can be provided, and who pays for HospiceCare.
 - On Tuesday, September 21, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., HospiceCare will offer "A Gift to Your Family: Advance Care Planning." This presentation provides the materials, documents and instruction that enable participants to start the process of preparing an advance directive—either a power of attorney for healthcare or a living will.
 - On Thursday, September 30, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., HospiceCare will offer "What You Should Know About Planning a Funeral." Participants will learn about the many aspects and choices involved in planning a funeral.
- Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-7202.



News From The Mansion Hill Gardeners

by Joe Bonardi

Well, here we are, almost at the end of July, and part of my gardener's mind is already thinking about Fall. Not that I'm forgetting to stop and smell the flowers, because right now the current blooms at Period Park are emitting a heady cocktail of scent. In trying to keep with a Victorian palette, most of what is planted is correct for that period.



Our Great Grandparents would have enjoyed the same flowers at this time of year. Oriental Lilies, phlox, butterfly bush, rose and four o'clocks are the main types of heavily scented blooms for summer, and we are lucky to have had

such a good climate this season to produce this great show. I have seen more visitors this year at Period Park, than in all my five years volunteering there. Many more wedding party's have stopped by for photos, and it seems more like-minded gardeners are visiting as well. I have seen a few young families that bring their children, and I hope that more will come to visit in the future. It is a rare opportunity to show children what a garden from the 19th century would look like, and maybe it will inspire the younger generation to carry on a few traditions.

People have been so kind lately, letting me know how much they appreciate my work at the park. I often say I could never afford this much land downtown to grow a garden, so for me, it is a gift.

Speaking of gifts, I must say that none of this would ever have been possible without the constant financial support we have received from Fred Mohs, our neighbor. We do not receive any money from the city budget such as Olbrich park enjoys, and we must rely on private donations. While others do contribute, it is Fred's support that makes it all possible. Over the past years, I have noticed that the owner-occupied households in the area, a few student renters, and former "alums" of the neighborhood have given what they can, and it is all very much appreciated. Sad to say, the large management companies that own most of the rental properties bordering the park and the surrounding area, that benefit from the park's upkeep, have given nothing. For five years I have asked, and only one once gave \$20. This is the same company that on their website advertises "Apartments near beautifully kept neighborhood park."

Another large corporate business very near the park uses it regularly and gives no financial support. My point

in this about donation, from what I have learned, is that there are people that really live in Mansion Hill, value it for what it is, cherish it as a place to spend their lives, and others who see only what they can get in terms of profit, and not give back. Pardon my rant, but I see things more clearly now than I used to, and I'm afraid there are many wolves at the door regarding my neighborhood. Most of you know the outcome of the current city management disregarding our ordinances to protect historical areas and to favor private development. The spin doctors from the Mayor's office have also ordered a "blight study" about Mansion Hill that states, "There seems to be no effort on the part of the residents to care for this area." The man who wrote this couldn't or wouldn't see the beauty of Period Park and my five years of work there, or the many more years of volunteer effort by my friends and neighbors that care for James Madison Park up the street. I'm sure this report will be treated as gospel by the Mayor's office, no matter how many lies are in it.

Somehow, these corporate businesses that profit from being in our district are supposed to be good for our community, even though they give so little and take so much. I, for one, am not buying that. A great thing I have learned caring for a public space in the city I live in, is it's all about and for people, not just some bottom line of business. I wish the current city administration could see that and find better ways to deal with their desire for profit, and the citizens that live here. My resolve is to carry on my volunteer work, hold on to my values, and care for my home, regardless of a political trend to cater to profiteers that threaten to destroy the fabric of my historical neighborhood, and give nothing in return.

A special thank you to MG&E for their ongoing support and generous gift for Period Garden Park this year.

Kudos to the contractor that did such splendid work renovating one of State Street's most historical buildings, 501 State Street, home of the Stop and Shop grocery store. Renschler contractors did the work, and it is one of the finest restorations in recent memory. They have an impressive website, www.renschler.com and it was wonderful to see that they are dedicated to green values in their construction work.

Please come and enjoy Period Garden Park, regardless of any political or worldly turmoil. After all, isn't that what gardens are all about?❖

Monona Terrace Senior Staffer Earns Certified Facilities Executive (CFE) Designation

by Fran Puleo

Madison, WI – Gregg McManners, Director of Operations at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, has earned the Certified Facilities Executive (CFE) designation from the [International Association of Assembly Managers](#) (IAAM). The designation was conferred upon 12 individuals during the 2010 [Venue Connect](#) in Houston.

McManners, now in his 8th year at Monona Terrace, has been a leading inspiration behind numerous milestones for the facility, including the prestigious [Wisconsin Forward Award](#). He also was a strong proponent for the US Green Building Council's [LEED-EB](#) designation. "We are proud to have a member of our team achieve this designation," said Monona Terrace Director Jim Hess who is also a CFE. "The time and commitment put forth to achieve this accomplishment says three important things about a facility executive: he is a skilled manager, is committed to the industry, and is pledged to continued professional growth and development."

Prior to certification, McManners was rated on his experience and accomplishments in public assembly venue management and successfully completed a comprehensive written examination, which tests general knowledge of the public assembly venue management profession.

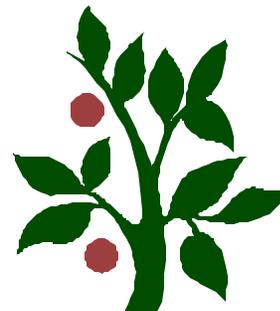
IAAM Chairman, John Siehl, CFE, said, "Since 1976 this prestigious program has served as a distinction for those in facility management. I would like to offer my congratulations to each of these individuals. There is no doubt that their hard work and leadership are to be admired within the industry."

Among venue management professionals, the CFE designation is an indication of demonstrated skill in leadership, activity in community affairs and expertise in management of public venue facilities. IAAM has more than 3,500 members worldwide. The 2010 class

brings the total number of public venue facility managers who have earned the CFE designation to more than 215.

Monona Terrace hosts approximately 650 events each year resulting in an average of over \$35 million in economic impact for the region for the past 3 years. In addition, the center produces and sponsors free or low cost community events that serve over 30,000 people each year. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed facility serves to be a high quality, customer focused facility that serves as a community gathering place, a tourism destination and a catalyst for economic activity for the City of Madison, Dane County and the State of Wisconsin.

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resenting the interests of their members. To seek to artificially limit any of these voices in the development process is the antithesis of a democratic society, particularly in a city like Madison with a long history of tremendous participation in the civic process.

I would like to close by welcoming our newest members of the Executive Council – Scott Kolar from Mifflin West and Brenda Konkel from James Madison Park. And thank you to Jim Steakley who is leaving as Chair of James Madison Park. Jim will spend the next year teaching in Germany and we will miss his energy and dedication to James Madison Park and CNI. Viel Glück Jim!

Have a good rest of the summer, and enjoy the start of fall in Madison. ❖

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For Tree Lovers

by Fred Mohs

This morning I attended the Mayor's Emerald Ash-borer press conference at James Madison Park. The good news is that the Mayor and City Forester, Marla Eddy, are thinking seriously about how they will handle the Emerald Ash borer invasion when it happens. Some people, like me, will treat their ash trees chemically, but many others will let nature take its course. I think we can expect almost a total wipe-out over a period of years. Particularly in the downtown area where most terraces are fairly narrow, there are very few options other than the current tree planting pattern.

I especially want to warn against going to shorter, decorative tree-shrubs like lilacs and crabs. There is no reason to go to these shorter species because I can assure you that they are just as vulnerable to disease as Elms and Ashes if planted in concentrations. I have had flowering crabs on apartment properties for years and have given up trying to keep them in some places because of a blight that they contract. My strong advice is to go with as close to a replacement for the Elms and Ashes as we can find, hopefully, in a mix of species.

In our downtown area, devastation that resulted from the Dutch Elm Disease Blight will not repeat itself in the same way. At that time, whole streets of majestic Elms that bowered over their streets were removed at one time, exposing a festoon of electric and telephone wires along with transformers and other equipment. Those wires had been up there all of the time, but they were effectively disguised by the huge trees. We are now much better equipped to patiently wait for small trees to go because in so many places, the wires are gone. In the '70s, the City had a program where relatively small trees could be purchased by property owners to replace their lost Elms. The City had a plan for where the new trees should be placed and was reasonable with working with property owners to locate the new trees in places that were favored by the adjoining owners. This plan worked well throughout most of the City, but the disappointing results in the downtown campus area where devastated fraternities, sororities, and rooming houses were virtually be abandoned. I spent an entire summer as chairman of the Langdon Street reconstruction committee trying to talk owners of properties into undergrounding their utilities so that the poles could be removed. I ended up having to pay for two of the properties myself. But there were more people than me working on the subject.

Capital community citizens, at the time headed up by Elizabeth Bardwell and Joyce Erdmann, went to work on planting trees throughout the City. They cap-

tured me and got me to contribute the trees on Langdon, West Gilman and Wisconsin Avenue. It turned out I had to do more than pay for the trees. The landlords were absent and so I ended up spending two summers carrying buckets of water, watering the trees during drought periods. The trees that are there today are those trees. The reason I am telling this story is because we cannot count on everybody to do the right thing. Hopefully we can have other capital community citizens who can fill the shoes of Joyce and Liza. In the meantime, planning ahead is a great idea. We should investigate what species might be available so that we can have a variety of hopefully disease resistant species. It might be good to contact other communities who have had success to see what they did. ❖

Fred Mohs is a long time resident and supporter of Downtown Madison.



News from the Central Library

by Liz Amundson

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Planning for the Future: A New Central Library

Upcoming Public Meetings
Join architects Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle and Potter Lawson for public meetings about the design of the Central Library. Each meeting builds on the previous one.

Schematic Design Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 7-9 p.m.

Schematic Design Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 7-9 p.m.

Final Schematic Design Presentation: Thursday, November 4, 7-9 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Senior Center,




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The Event will be held at the VFW, Cty Hwy CV, north of the airport. Admission \$10.00 for ages 12+.

This family event is a full-day celebration of Celtic music, dance, and cultural workshops. Special events include Sheep Dog herding, The Tribes of the Blue Rose, Children's Tent, and Cultural area.

Musical entertainment provided by An Blas, West Wind, The Stone Ring, Green Tea, The Pints and more! ❖

For more information visit our website: www.madceltfest.org or call Charlie 608-221-9319.

Opportunity from the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Sheri Castelnovo is getting ready to recruit and train a new group of docents for the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Have fun showing various school groups as well as senior citizens and others the current displays. A background in art is great, but the training sessions prepare you for being great tour guides whether you have such a background or not. All of the information is available online at <http://www.mmoca.org/getinvolved/docentprogram.php>

The deadline for application is August 15. Thank you for your consideration. ❖

Best regards,
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Letter to the Editor:

Hello!

The Downtown Community Gardens group, whose mission is the establish more community gardens downtown, has entered into a collaboration with UW Engineering students. Students in CEE 578 'Senior Capstone Design' will organize into groups of 4 and each group will be assigned a challenging design project for a site in Madison. Every project requires significant community involvement, including the formation of an advisory team.

The Downtown Community Gardens group will help to mentor a rooftop community garden design project. Specifically, we recommend the students design a turn-key community garden for a Madison parking ramp. In accordance with the request of Professor Charlie Quagliana we are currently seeking out interest from experts within the community to serve on an advisory team for the student group.

If you are interested, or know someone else to fill the role, please respond. We will arrange a meeting to go over the details once enough interest is procured.

The advisory team is responsible for preparing a clear and concise vision statement and an outline of objectives/requirements for a parking ramp community garden. In addition our advisory team will meet with the student group intermittently (on 2-4 occasions) over the course of the Fall semester, beginning the week of September 6th. If we don't hear from you by August 8th we will assume you're not interested. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin J Schiesser and the Downtown Community Gardens group

P.S. Feel welcome to reach me by phone as well as email. My number is 920-585-3496 and my email kevin.schies@gmail.com

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Letter to the Editor:

I'm a volunteer with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and I would like to request a favor and issue a challenge

First the favor. I would appreciate if you could publish an article in your neighborhood newsletter and/or post information on your neighborhood web site about the **2010 Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes.**

This year's walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 10.** We're expecting to raise **\$60,000** and have more than **500** walkers and volunteers come together at **Vilas Park.** The Planning Committee is also working hard to create a fun and memorable event and we would love to have you join us this year.

Every dollar raised through Step Out is critical to funding diabetes research, information and advocacy. To learn more about the Walk and to register for the Walk, please go to www.diabetes.org/stepout or call Barb Folco at 608-222-7785.

Now the challenge. I would like to offer up a challenge to all the Madison Neighborhoods Associations to see which group can get the most people to participate in this year's walk and to see which group can raise the most money. Not only will this be a fun way to get to know the people in your neighborhood, it will also be helping out your neighbors dealing with diabetes on a daily basis. Contact Barb Folco at 608-222-7785 if you have questions or need assistance in get a team set up

Thank you for considering my request and challenge. Every 20 seconds someone is diagnosed with diabetes and this disease has touched me personally. Six years ago I lost my life partner due to complications from diabetes. He was 54 years old. Three years ago my 30 year old nephew was diagnosed with diabetes. I've seen first hand how this disease not only changes the lives of the people with the disease well as their families and friends. By participating in Step Out you can help change the future of this disease.

Please join me on October 10th help raise money to further research and education.

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The Annual Membership Meeting Held Thursday June 24, 2010 at Monona Terrace.

by Dan O'Brien, Secretary

I. The meeting was called to order by President Adam Plotkin.

Plotkin introduced the members of the Executive Council, most of whom were present, along with Alders Verveer and Rummel who were also present.

Plotkin summarized CNI's many and varied activities over the past year. One significant accomplishment was finally obtaining 501(c)3 non-profit tax exempt status with the IRS, enabling CNI to receive tax exempt contributions from members and the general public.

Plotkin emphasized CNI's vital role in representing the interests of downtown *residents*. While the interests of businesses and other institutions are important and may often coincide with those of residents, CNI's role is to serve the interests of downtown residents first and foremost. Plotkin stressed the importance of neighborhood input into the development review process; questioning recent short-sighted proposals to greatly reduce or eliminate neighborhood input into projects that directly affect neighborhoods.

II. Keynote Speaker – John Norquist.

Zellers introduced the evening's keynote speaker, John Norquist: former Milwaukee Mayor from 1988-2004, and current President and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism. Norquist is also the author of the book "Wealth of Cities." His topic: urban planning for the future that re-creates urban settlement patterns.

Mr. Norquist opened his remarks by suggesting that Madison can teach other cities that the built environment is "absolutely" the most important means of reducing energy consumption and encouraging "green" living by creating human settlement patterns that discourage sprawl. He contrasted American urban living patterns to those of Europe where, although people still drive cars, the infrastructure and transit systems do not "force" people to use the car.

In America, he argues, we must change the settlement pattern. He lamented suburban settlement patterns that encourage sprawl by separating uses, often making "mixed use" illegal, and creating roads for one purpose only: to move traffic. Urban planners failed to consider the adverse impact roads designed only to move traffic would have. He contrasted this pattern with settlement patterns from the early to mid-1900s where roads also served local businesses and communities, while

still gradually and efficiently moving people through the city. He cited thriving neighborhoods in Chicago, such as Wicker Park, as examples. The desire to eliminate congestion is short-sighted, he continued. There is "good congestion" and there is "bad congestion." Congestion can be good for businesses along those roads, while congestion on a freeway helps no one.

Mr. Norquist argued that the zoning code drafted for Madison by John Nolen in the early 1900s was great, but was eliminated by Madison in the 1960s. Many of Nolen's zoning principles are still valid today. He believes we can fix sprawl with a new code, yet can make the permitting process fast, efficient and urban. Norquist pointed out that unrealistic school size requirements (i.e., 35 acres per high school) have prevented the development of urban schools. Simple things such as outdoor cafes were outlawed in Milwaukee until not too long ago for fear that someone might trip and fall. This caused Norquist to ask: who protects those poor Parisians from the dangers of outdoor cafes? He pointed out that mixed-use development is illegal in most zoning codes, and FANNIE MAE and FREDDIE MAC restrictions have greatly contributed to sprawl.

Norquist discussed the impact of "Modernism" on American cities after World War II. He cited the example of the modernist idea that "terminated vistas" in cities (such as a church steeple or tower at the end of a street) should be eliminated as one means of getting the city out of the way of vehicles. Norquist concluded his remarks by commenting that the new zoning code provides Madison with a real opportunity to change things and help create new urbanism by changing the design.

III. Election of Neighborhood Representatives.

Lupe Montes-Tydrich chaired the election of neighborhood representatives on the CNI Executive Council for two-year terms each from their respective districts.

**Ballots were distributed and filled out.
There were no contested races in any district.
The following individuals were elected for two-year terms:**

First Settlement (three candidates for three openings):

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- Megan Christiansen;
- Joe Schnick;
- Dan O'Brien.

James Madison Park

(three candidates for three openings):

- Cliff Fisher;
- Lupe Montes-Tydrich;
- Brenda Konkel (new).

Mifflin West

(two candidates for two seats):

- Rick Broughman;
- Scott Kolar (new);
- OPEN.

Mansion Hill

(one candidate):

- John Sheean;
- OPEN.

Bassett

There were no seats up for election in Bassett this year.

There remains one seat open each in Mifflin West and in Mansion Hill.

A MOTION by Ledell Zellers to move the slate of candidates, seeing as there are no contested races, with a SECOND by Michael Bridgeman, is APPROVED. ❖

MEETING ADJOURNED

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