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Vision Statement

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. exists to provide a way for residents to articulate and implement their vision for maintaining and enhancing the residential amenities of the Capitol area.

Mission Statement

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. is an association of downtown neighborhood Districts – Bassett, Mifflin West, First Settlement, Mansion Hill, and James Madison Park. It promotes a democratic process to give an effective voice to all residents with input from friends of CNI who care about preserving and developing a more livable downtown for Madison.

To that end it sponsors informational, entertaining and social programming and forums for residents to debate and members to vote both proactive and reactive resolutions that can be forwarded to government officials, planners, developers, property owners, media, businesses and business associations.

Bassett District

By Jonathan Cooper, District Chair

The More Things Change ...

As has been the case in recent years, this last year brought another round of new residential developments to the Bassett neighborhood. New apartment buildings were opened, construction began on other apartment projects, and even more proposals began working their way through the city approval process.

New apartment buildings completed and occupied



Capitol West construction at 306 W. Main Street.

in the last year brought a total of 234 new residential units to Bassett. Our new neighbors took up residence in Bedford Crossing at the corner of West Doty and South Bedford Streets, in 640 West at 640 West Wilson Street, and in Seven27 at 727 Lorillard Court. Construction started on two projects: 306 West Main Street, a building that will add 176 apartments to the Alexander Company's Capitol West development, and at 425 West Washington Avenue, a mixed-use development that will add an additional 50 residential units to the neighborhood as well as new clinic space for Dr. Bonsett-Veal's optometry practice and a satellite facility for Capital Fitness. The Findorff Yards development, which has received final approval from the city, will include a 22,000 square foot addition to the J.H. Findorff headquarters building as well as a 5 story apartment building with 76 units. Finally, Bob Keller has begun planning for a mixed-use development at the intersection of West Main and South Bassett that will bring an additional 18 residential units along with ground level retail space. Including these Bassett District projects, there are currently 1600 residential units recently completed or under construction in the downtown area and another 800 units in the approval process.

Bassett residents are also seeing additional recreational opportunities in the neighborhood. At the beginning of last summer, Brittingham Boats began operating out of the Brittingham Park bathhouse at the corner of North Shore Drive and Proudfit Street. Brittingham Boats, which offers canoe, kayak, paddleboat, row boat, and stand up paddle board rentals, grilled cheese sandwiches and other tasty treats for sale, as well as yoga lessons, is



New apartment buildings, 640 West in foreground left and Seven27 behind the Tobacco Lofts on the right.

gearing up for a second season and should be open for business by the time this report is printed. Also last summer, Pontoon Porch began using a Monona Terrace dock in Law Park for their tours of Lake Monona. They, too, will be back for a second year of operation from this Bassett location by the time you read this.

Across the street from the Brittingham bathhouse is a park “remnant” that was originally Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association land dating back to the early days of the 20th century. Last year a group of Bassett residents, working with Alder Michael Verveer and city Parks Division staff, began planning a revitalization of this area. A large rock, a “glacial anomaly” salvaged from a nearby construction site, is already in place and will serve as a center piece for a seating area and walking path that will be added to this space sometime this summer.

Change is definitely the order of the day for downtown Madison and the Bassett District is a significant and vibrant part of that change



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First Settlement

By Jim Skrentny, District Chair

It's been five years since I accepted the position as chair of the First Settlement District. When I wrote my first annual report in 2010, the high-speed rail depot had been recently announced, The Cardinal was reopening, and a new apartment building was being proposed at the corner of E. Main and S. Blair streets. Two of these three became realities as well as many other welcomed additions over the past five years. Our neighborhood continues to improve and strengthen with its abundant and growing variety of living, dining and entertainment options.

Below are highlights from the prior year and for the year ahead:

- The Friends of Crowley Station (FCS) completed improvements to the seating at the Water Utility property on E. Wilson St. Last summer, we installed three additional table and chair sets on the upper deck and continue to see increased use of this space. This summer, raised planting beds will be installed along the railing of the lower deck for the new Crowley Station Community Garden. Gardeners have been working with FCS and the Downtown Community Gardens Group with the aim of creating Madison's newest community garden this spring. FCS will be also be working on getting additional bike parking installed this year.
- JDS Development received unanimous approval for their Judge Doyle Square proposal by the city committee charged with evaluating competing proposals. This reportedly \$215 million proposal would add a 350-room hotel behind the Madison Municipal Building, replace the aging Government East Parking Ramp, and add retail/office space and residences. The proposal calls for a substantial public investment potentially nearing \$100 million, which is under negotiation. Recommendations will be brought to the City Council by mid-August.
- The South Capitol Transportation Oriented District (SCTOD) Committee has completed its planning study and released its final report and recommendations. These recommendations include ideas for improving access to Lake Monona and Law Park, reconfiguring and simplifying of the intersection of

S. Blair, E. Wilson, Williamson Sts., and John Nolen Dr., and changing E. Wilson St. to facilitate better pedestrian, bike and vehicular flow. Ideas range from small changes that can be done in the near term to visionary redevelopment that could dramatically change our side of Law Park.

- Rhythm and Booms will be moving to Lake Monona this summer on Saturday, 6/28, which will bring tens of thousands to what is expected to become another popular downtown event. Some concern was expressed about impacts on our neighborhood, but most are excited by and welcome this new event. Though there has been extensive planning, some unanticipated glitches will likely occur. Impacts on and feedback from our neighborhood will be collected and provided to the event organizers, Madison Festivals, Inc., to ensure the future success of this event.
- The Brayton Lot was repaved last summer at a cost of about \$300,000 to address safety concerns with deteriorating pavement. In addition to repaving, and at the neighborhood's request, the Parking Utility will be installing some landscaping to soften the look of this otherwise unattractive lot. They also were required by the City Council to install "rain gardens", which are the large concrete pits in the terrace along Hancock St. Neighbors have expressed concern about perpetuating the use of this lot for surface parking and encouraged the City to reconsider the neighborhood's Brayton Lot Framework to develop this valuable downtown property.
- The 100 blocks of both King and E. Main Sts. are being reconstructed to improve pedestrian access as well as outdoor use by local businesses. The existing street trees needed to be removed, but they were mostly vulnerable Ash trees. They'll be replaced with Elms, Locusts, Ginkos, and Ornamental Pears.
- Part of the parking lot behind the Essen Haus will again transform into a volleyball court for the second year in a row. Last year, the court proved to be quite popular for both team games as well as public use. Neighbors worked together with the business owner to address concerns and ensure a mutually agreeable outcome.
- A neighborhood steering committee has been working with the developer on plans to redevelop 330 E. Wilson St. This project proposes a six-story apart-

ment building with more than 30 units. It will be the tallest structure at the intersection of E. Wilson and S. Hancock Sts. The committee has been encouraging the developer to consider design changes that improve the building's compatibility and relationship with the nearby historical commercial and residential buildings.

- Plans to redevelop a controversial apartment building at 149 E. Wilson St. received approval after being unsuccessfully appealed to the City Council by neighbors opposing it. This project proposes to construct between the Union Transfer and Marina Condominiums a 14-story apartment building with nearly 130 units. A group of neighbors have filed a lawsuit asking for the approval to be overturned due to safety and privacy reasons as well as lost property values.
- A recurring goal of mine is to find better ways to reach out to neighbors and keep us informed. Our neighborhood listserv has worked well in the past, but Yahoo has made it a bit more difficult for people to join resulting in fewer new members on our listserv (subscribe by sending an email to firstsettlementneighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). We'll continue to use it, but perhaps it's time to evolve the way we communicate and connect? I appreciate your ideas and help exploring options and making better use of social media.

Also note we've moved our regular neighborhood meetings to the second Tuesday of odd months. Dates for the remainder of 2014 are: 7/8, 9/9 and 11/11. We routinely hold these meetings at Bellini's at 401 E. Washington Ave. though we've occasionally held them at other neighborhood restaurants. Reminders of meeting dates and locations are posted on our listserv.

Volunteer organizations depend on people like you coming forward and offering your time and talents. Together we will shape our neighborhood's future and develop a stronger sense of community.

Jim Skrentny
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FSN Chair



Mansion Hill District

By Gene Devitt, District Chair

For most of its almost 40 year life, the Mansion Hill Historic District has enjoyed a slow and steady improvement in its housing stock. Demolition of the existing housing stock was halted and, until it recently, the only contested project was the Quisling Clinic project at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and West Gilman. A combined effort by Mansion Hill neighbors and preservationists led by the Historic Trust produced a much better result incorporating the essential features of the original building while permitting a sympathetic addition.

The next battle had to do with the Edgewater and by anybody's standards it was a battle royal. The project tested the design guidelines for the Mansion Hill Historic District, referenced in the Ordinance creating the historic district. Balanced against the promises of the Ordinance were the desires to see the shabby 1947 Edgewater Hotel undergo a substantial renovation. The proposed project added a new tower and additional parking that originally blocked the view of Lake Mendota from Wisconsin Avenue near Langdon. The Edgewater debate took years and many visits to the Landmarks Commission, Plan Commission, Urban Design Commission and culminating in several marathon sessions before the Madison City Council. It was exhausting for all concerned. But what was the result? Frankly, the result is a preserved view of Lake Mendota from Wisconsin Avenue, a new tower that, while not in any way compliant with the Mansion Hill Historic District Guidelines, is a handsome building with two floors of luxury condominiums, one of which will reportedly be occupied by Jerry and Pleasant Frautschi, the famous Madison philanthropists. It was argued, and is at least partially true, that the Edgewater situation was unique and that all agreed it should not become a precedent of any nature to be used when considering other projects.

Going forward, the Edgewater is our new neighbor and is surrounded by residentially zoned properties in the historic district. The Edgewater management recognizes this and sincerely desires to be a good neighbor. For their part, the neighbors are watching the new construction and are becoming just a little bit excited about

having Madison's, and possibly Wisconsin's, finest hotel as a neighbor. But remember, the Edgewater was agreed by all not to be a precedent for out of scale buildings in the Mansion Hill Historic District.

Mansion Hill's next challenge came from Steve Brown, owner of a number of properties in the Historic District, operated as student rentals. Each of the three buildings proposed by Brown were 5.25 times larger than the average of the buildings in the visually related area. Despite protests to the contrary, they would be perceived as one development. Brown's proposal required demolition of 127 West Gilman Street, a contributing property in the Mansion Hill Historic District, that he had allowed to fall into disrepair, with the hope that would lead to conversion of a contributing building in the historic district to a construction site. The property is now subject to orders that it be re-roofed, scraped and painted, and that the gutters and downspout extenders be put in good working order. We hope that this will be the last challenge involving demolition by neglect or an attempt to develop out of scale buildings in Madison's historic districts.

Although it is claimed not to be a part of the Brown demolition and infill proposal, the City Council has formed a Committee charged with reviewing the Landmarks Ordinance. It appears that a major focus of the Committee will deal with the scale of infill buildings in historic districts, and in particular, within the visually related area described in the Ordinance. Most of the owners and residents who were involved in the Brown controversy found the Ordinance not only clear, but in the case of the Mansion Hill Historic District, graphically reinforced in a document produced by the Department of Planning and Development entitled "Mansion Hill Historic Plan and Development Handbook." But if some people are having trouble understanding the Ordinance certainly clarifying it is in order. The real test of the Ordinance will be whether or not it reassures owners, and would be owners, of properties within the Historic District that their efforts in restoring the original and contributing structures will not be frustrated or ruined by inappropriate development.



Mifflin District

By *Tim Kamps, District Chair*

Developing A More Livable Downtown

It's a great time to be a resident of "Miffland." The revitalization taking place across central Madison is nowhere more apparent than in our district, where, according to 2010-2013 data from the City of Madison Planning Division, 513 of the 1,471 net new downtown apartment units are located. With tower cranes on the skyline, and high-density apartments rising both within the district and across downtown Madison, we are looking forward to welcoming thousands of new downtown residents to our district.

With higher density comes increased economic activity at our local shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, as well as new businesses opening to serve residents. In the past year, several new and innovative restaurants and retailers have opened in the district, and we anticipate many more to come as the district continues to grow. Despite dire predictions about its viability, the Overture Center for the Arts is thriving, serving diverse audiences of theatergoers, arts enthusiasts, students, and downtown residents with world-class offerings and many free events. The new Central Library opened in September 2013 and serves as a hub for district meetings and activities.

In the past year, the district's development steering committee has worked diligently on many of the projects now under construction. Scott Kolar's tremendous skill and experience in leading these efforts deserves special commendation. Going forward, the steering committee is reviewing and providing input on several other proposals, including a 12-story apartment building at 433 W. Johnson Street, and an 8-10 story apartment and intercity bus transit center at the corner of N. Bedford and W. Mifflin St.

The title of this report is taken from CNH's Mission Statement, which refers to "preserving and developing a more livable downtown." A great example of this mission in action is the Block 100 project, now nearing completion. Block 100 incorporates new construction as well as preserving the historic Schubert and Stark buildings to provide a new restaurant, retail storefronts, and high-quality office space, and operating revenues will be directed to the Overture Center, which in turn benefits the Mifflin District.

Looking to the future, in addition to the development proposals already mentioned, the district will be faced with challenges related to the aging of traditional student housing on West Mifflin, increasing vehicular traffic in the absence of added mass transit capacity, as well as the opportunity for a long-sought museum redevelopment project at North Fairchild and West Mifflin. In the year ahead, my primary goal as district chair is to more fully engage the student and emerging young professional communities within the district, and thereby further preserve and develop a more livable downtown Madison.

2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND 2014 APPROVED BUDGET

INCOME	2013 Actual	2014 Budget
Membership	\$4,958.24	\$4,900.00
Media	\$6,818.30	\$6,800.00
Donations	\$1,326.96	\$1,300.00
Parks & Gardens	\$3,715.00	\$3,700.00
Flower Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$110.50	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$16,929.00	\$16,800.00

EXPENSES	2013 Actual	2014 Budget
Parks & Gardens	\$3,623.77	\$3,700.00
Flower Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Administration	\$2,509.00	\$2,500.00
Programs	\$713.16	\$700.00
Printing & Postage	\$8,729.60	\$8,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$535.00	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$16,910.53	\$16,900.00

Madison Public Market

By Mayor Paul Soglin

I am delighted that the Madison Public Market is moving forward. For the last two years, Madison's Local Food Committee has been researching models, talking to stakeholders, and exploring opportunities for a Public Market. The vision is to create a multi-building, indoor, year-round facility that showcases the region's abundant food offerings. More than a standalone market the, the aim is to create a dynamic market district with a mix of food aggregation, wholesale, and retail uses.

The City is working with public market experts from Project for Public Spaces (PPS) to develop a business plan for the project. After an extensive research effort, the team recently completed Phase 1 of the Business Plan. The Phase 1 Report summarizes the results of an extensive process of vendor outreach and cultivation as well as a detailed analysis of consumer demand for a Public Market.

The results of this Phase 1 analysis were overwhelmingly positive. The surveys, data analysis, interviews, and focus groups, revealed dozens of farmers and entrepreneurs interested in using a Public Market facility and demonstrated that the Madison community has a strong desire for a Public Market. The primary recommendations from the Phase 1 report were to reframe the project as a Public Market District rather than merely a standalone market.

With the Phase 1 Report finalized, the Local Food Committee and consulting team are transitioning to Phase II of the Business Plan - Site Selection. This process will include technical analysis and community input to evaluate what locations in Madison could support a successful Market District that fulfills the vision. The Local Food Committee is hosting four "Community Conversations" to discuss the project

For more information about the project including a copy of the Phase 1 Report please visit the project website at www.cityofmadison.com/publicmarket. If you have questions, please contact Dan Kennelly at 608-267-1968 or dkennelly@cityofmadison.com.

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Critical Next Steps for Cleaner Lakes Underway

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

In the past I've detailed the county's efforts to partner with farm families, local governments, government entities like the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, and private community organizations to clean up our lakes.



We've made great progress, preventing an estimated 4600 pounds of phosphorus – the main cause of smelly, unsightly algae that fouls our waters – from entering area lakes since 2008. Every pound of phosphorus we eliminate prevents 500 pounds of algae from forming – an impressive 2.3 million pounds of algae growth prevented by our work.

To achieve cleaner lakes we must, and we will, do more. Starting this month, and in the months ahead, I'll focus this column on the county's different solutions to give you a comprehensive update on our efforts.

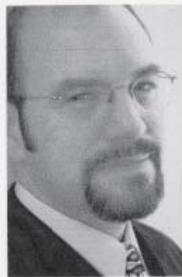
In May, we announced an exciting new partnership with farm families to help reduce winter spreading of manure, a practice that can account for up to 50% of the total phosphorus load that enters our lakes between February and March each year.

Farmers are good stewards of the land and have been a key ally in our work to clean up the lakes. Unfortunately, Dane County's increasingly long, wet winters place a tremendous strain on the manure storing capacity of local farms.

To prevent winter manure spreading, we will partner with our farmers to help create more manure storage space by provid-

ing interest-free loans and cost sharing funds. Farmers who participate will also agree to avoid spreading manure in the winter and at other less than ideal times, take other reasonable actions to avoid phosphorus runoff from their fields, and help the county evaluate the water quality impacts of our new program.

Everyone will benefit from cleaner lakes, and farmers will benefit from the increased access to storage, which will let them spread manure when they really want to – when it's best for the crops.



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Serving The People Of The 26th Senate District

By State Senator Fred Risser

The final regular legislative floor session for the year ended on April 3, 2014. I want to update you on some of the legislative action that occurred during the Fall and Spring floor periods.



Social Media Protection Bill:

2013 Wisconsin 208 provides Wisconsin citizens with updated privacy protections regarding their online accounts. Requiring access to personal, social media accounts is an invasion of privacy. Yet across the country some employers have asked or

required employees or job applicants to turn over their usernames and passwords for their personal email, Facebook and other social media accounts.

job applicant, student, prospective student, tenant or prospective tenant to turn over their username and password to any social media website, except under very certain circumstances such as monitoring or restricting what is done on a company owned computer or cell phone, or law enforcement investigations.

Helping Victims of Domestic Abuse: This session the State Building Commission, of which I am a member, approved \$560,000 to help fund a new Domestic Abuse Intervention Services facility and shelter here in Madison. Domestic violence affects families, especially women and children, throughout all communities in Wisconsin. Construction of this new shelter facility and offices is vital for providing needed services and care to domestic abuse victims.

The legislature also passed legislation to help domestic abuse victims face their abusers less often by extending the time permanent restraining orders for domestic abuse and other similar cases remain in effect. Under the bill, a judge may order a permanent injunction to be in effect for a maximum period of ten years instead

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Dane County Day Resource Center

By Mary M. Kolar, District 1, Dane County Supervisor

There will be a Dane County Day Resource Center in 2014. After more than two years of effort by countless people, those in need will be able find assistance to overcome employment, housing, and health challenges. I sponsored a resolution to authorize the county to purchase the building at 1409 Martin Street and 22 of my fellow Dane County Supervisors joined me in sponsoring



the resolution. The collaborative efforts of government, religious and private sector people have ensured we will have a Day Resource Center this year.

On May 15, 2014, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the building currently known as Hospitality House. Run by Porchlight, some homeless services have been provided there for over ten years. Once the county owns the building, with transportation from downtown overnight shelters already available by vans and Madison Metro buses, and increased services funded by county, city and private funds, the homeless will be able to get more of the help they need.

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In 2013 the Dane County Board of Supervisors budgeted \$600,000 for the purchase of a facility. Ideally the location was to have been in downtown Madison. County staff worked to find a suitable location and researched nearly thirty possible sites. The good news is the economy is improving and developers are willing to invest in downtown Madison once again. The bad news is that \$600,000 is not nearly enough money to purchase a building downtown.

While researching possible sites, Hospitality House became an option. With the purchase of this building, the County will be able to expand both the facility and the services provided to make it truly a Resource Center.

Service providers, including Sarah Gilmore of Shine 608, who so effectively managed the county's temporary day resource center through the winter of 2012-2013, will be at the Dane County Day Resource Center on Martin Street. Additional benefits of

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of the current four years.

GOP Voter Suppression: Limiting In-Person Absentee and Weekend Voting: The Republican majority rammed through a bill (2013 Wisconsin Act 146) to eliminate weekend in-person absentee voting and reduce the number of hours a municipality can offer that service during the week. Absentee in-person and weekend voting has been a very important option for many citizens. Seniors and individuals with disabilities and working parents do not always have the luxury of voting on Election Day, or missing work to vote, or have the means or accessibility to get to the polls during the work week.

The Republican-led effort will now make it even harder for working parents, seniors and disabled citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote. We should be making it easier to vote rather than making it more difficult.

If you would like to contact me, please feel free by mail at: Senator Fred Risser, PO Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882, by phone at: (608) 266-1627, or e-mail: Sen.Risser@legis.wisconsin.gov



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Water Quality Monitoring at James Madison Park

By Theresa Vander Woude, Clean Lakes Alliance

If you visit local piers, docks, or beaches -- including James Madison Park beach -- this summer, you may notice people peering into long, clear plastic tubes full of lake water and taking notes. If you do, say hi! These are citizen water quality monitors: volunteers who collect data to help improve our understanding of lake water quality, as part of the Clean Lakes Alliance (CLA) Clean Clear Waters program.

The long, clear tube is a turbidity tube, which allows for measurement of lake visibility depths even in shallow, near-shore water, where most of our daily interactions with the lakes occur. The tube has a black and white disk at the bottom: the deeper the water in the tube that the volunteer can see the disk through, the clearer and cleaner the water is. Volunteers also record other observations, like the number of swimmers in the water and the presence of weeds or algae blooms.

This is a second-year pilot program for the CLA. Due to the success and popularity of the first year of the pilot, the number of sampling locations has expanded from 9 to around 40 across Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa, and Wingra. There are 6 sites on the isthmus, including James Madison Park, Law Park, and B.B. Clarke beach in the Capitol Neighborhoods area. The goals of the program are to provide more accurate and timely beach condition information, as well as to help UW-Madison researchers model the movement of algae blooms.

With all the data that will be collected, CLA needed a better way to make the information readily available to the public. A new partnership with 100state, the City of Madison, and Dane County will give volunteers the ability to input data into a mobile app so that the information will be instantly available to researchers, government agencies, and the public. There will also be a crowd-sourcing function, so that any lake visitor can make an update about the status of a beach, for example.

If you would like to know more about citizen moni-

toring in your area, or other volunteer opportunities, please visit CLA's website at cleanlakesalliance.com.



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the Martin Street location include: (1) It is already being utilized for day services; (2) About 60 people per day utilize Hospitality House at its current size which will be expanded; and (3) The facility is near a hub of services including the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry (the largest in the county), and Hut which provides free health care. It is also in the same area as the Catholic Multicultural Center which provides free meals, and other services.

The purchase price of 1409 Martin Street is low enough that the County will have funds to renovate the facility to include: showers, storage, laundry, children's area, private offices and meeting rooms for service providers, computer lab, and a kitchen to serve meals.

Many people--county and city government employees, elected officials, public and private service providers, downtown business people, and homeless advocates--have worked to ensure not another winter goes by without a day resource center.

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Policy Committee Off to Fast Start

By Jeff Vercauteren, Policy Committee Chair

It has been a busy first year for the new CNI Policy Committee created last August. The committee met with the four downtown alders in September to discuss city budget issues impacting downtown residents. Those discussions resulted in two CNI position statements on the proposed budget, supporting additional funding for the Downtown Safety Initiative and encouraging approval of Overture Center funding. The Committee also drafted a press release celebrating the opening of the new Central Library.

Most recently, the Committee drafted a press release congratulating Mike Koval on his selection as the new Chief of Police and is also coordinating a “Meet the Chief” event for downtown residents this summer. The Committee has several other action items planned this year to further and enhance the mission and goals of CNI.

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June

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Thursday, June 26, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome Dane County Executive Joe Parisi as this year's guest speaker. Joe will offer his perspective on county involvement in issues important to downtown residents. There will be a cash bar and complementary appetizers will be served.

July

“Meet the Chief” With Chief Mike Koval
Madison Central Library, Third Floor Community Room
Monday, July 21, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. in conjunction with Downtown Madison, Inc. are proud to present Madison's new Police Chief, Mike Koval. Please join Chief Koval along with Central District Captain Carl Gloede to learn about the future direction of policing in Madison.
