



Neighborhood Association  
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 @ 7PM  
ZOOM

**Call to Order**

27 people present  
7 steering committee members – quorum  
7:04

**Approved Meeting Minutes from last meeting**

**Chair's Report**

- Discussion of shrinking steering committee or changing rules
- Kevin can send Zoom meeting recordings now via email
- Anton Smets and Rae Schilling object to the April minutes
- Clarification: Current house would remain R4, new house would be R1
- Clarification: They did not say they would tear down their existing home if they didn't get to build

**Treasurer's report**

- General fund: \$1,036
- (I missed the garden fund number)

**Thrift Sale**

- Will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September
- Suggestion to print signs to cover existing signs, give to people permanently in 10 different high-visibility spots.
- Sharon brings up expanding sale to include events. Asks if Susan would put together a task force to see if that's feasible.

**Police Report - Officer Mark Piper**

- Report of someone speeding through the intersection of South Farwell and Garfield around 5 in the morning on a daily basis.
- This is a corner where lots of kids play in the evening.
- Slow down and watch out for kids.

**Conditional Use Permits**

- Dan Gustafson submitted a packet to the Plan commission, cc'd Kevin and Laura, submitted arguments that the CUP should be denied

- Main point: The proposed use must conform to the zoning district and abide by the policies of the comprehensive plan. According to the neighborhood plan, which has been incorporated into the comprehensive plan, auto-centric design does not fit the neighborhood identity.
- Proposed home has a front-loaded double garage
- Gustafson will be asking the plan commission to either deny the CUP or add conditions that would make the home more in conformance
- Neighbors want to keep the character of the neighborhood, the mature trees, the historic feel
- Jacqueline asks if the neighbors have had their homes evaluated financially to see how the proposed new build would affect the value. Toi Gulig says she is doing it tomorrow, but for different reasons
- Discussion of whether neighborhood is part of a state historic area. Someone says yes (?)
- Susan asks if builders have to go through the state historic society first before changes would be made
- Public meeting at the plan commission will be on Monday with the vote the following day
- TWNA votes unanimously against the infill

### **Chippewa Valley Housing Recommendations**

- Document speaks of “reactionary neighborhood associations”
- Discusses getting around local zoning laws
- Excluded voices from neighborhood associations
- Included “key members in the community” (housing, government, developers and builders, property owners, finance professionals, city and county staff, elected and appointed officials, university representatives, community leaders and non-profits.)
- Discusses taking away parking regulation
- Discusses the cost of automobiles being too much of a person’s income
- Language targets infill in existing neighborhoods, increased density
- Susan asks if this is a working document
- Kevin asks why Brandon Yeates, UWEC Student Body President, was invited to participate but he was not
- Kevin cites group-think and homogenous cross-section of voices, a boon for developers
- Jeremy states that the meetings were all publicly noticed
- Jim says he could not detect a road map in the document. Easy to get lost in tangents from affordable housing to transportation, healthcare, childcare
- Discussion of whether anger about this is helpful or productive

### **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 @ 7pm TBA