



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

March 10, 2009

Creekview Park

Attendees Jeff Johnson, Brian Hitchcock, Lori Hanson, Marie Castle, Pam Owens, Jeff Strand, staff

1. Welcome and introductions by Vice Chair Jeff Johnson at 6:35pm
2. Agenda Motion to approve by Marie, Jeff Strand, m-c
3. Secretary's Report: Minutes from Feb 10, 2009, Minutes from Finance Committee meetings, Lori Hanson, Pam Owens, m-c
4. Treasurer's Report: Lori Hanson
 - a. March 10, 2009 report
 - b. Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the monthly ongoing bills by Pam Owens, Brian Hitchcock, m-c
5. Proposed Plan Modifications:
 - a. No further discussion. Vote at General neighborhood meeting.
6. Old/New Business
 - a. Housing Fair March 21st
 - b. Alice Ranville passed away last week. First woman City Council woman at Church of the Assention, 10:30pm
 - c. Minneapolis Advantage Program: Sherrie Shoquist is willing to come out to the neighborhoods to talk to us. \$10,000 subsidy Shingle Creeks % is higher than other neighborhoods but are not included within the Minneapolis Advantage Program.
 - d. Currently we have no 249 vacant and boarded.
 - e. Mr. Strand will make arrangements to have Sherri Shoquist attend or other organizations to an upcoming meeting.
 - f. Earth Day Clean-up April 18th, 9-Noon . Will be the 15th Annual. We generally have a planning meeting. Next planning meeting next Tuesday 6:30pm.
 - g. NCEC/ NRP Gail Dorfman hosted the meeting February 21st some discussion about election process of representatives. Some questions about demographics/one person one vote. Next meeting date to still be set.
 - h. Public Meetings on Website for the Charter resolution regarding maintaining or abolishing the Minneapolis Park Board.
7. Move to adjourn, 6: 56, by Jeff Strand, Pam Owens, m-c



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March 10th, General Membership meeting Commissioner Jon Olson and Judd Rietkerk

1. Welcome and call to order by Vice Chair Jeff Johnson at 7:00pm
2. Shingle Creek Lake: Presentation by Commissioner Jon Olson and Judd Rietkerk
 - a. Commissioner Olson gave background the Comprehensive Planning process started 10 years ago. One of the challenges is that some areas of the city are missing amenities. Staff's challenge was to think outrageous.
 - b. For the past few years the idea of a lake has been tossed around by staff and occasionally worked on. It's a long term project that will take a lot of community meetings.
 - c. There is money for a project like this. Constitutional funds are there. Purpose of coming tonight is to come and get feedback about good and bad, things that are missing.
 - d. It's not approved by the Board yet so it's not online yet. Not until formal process begins.
 - e. We wanted to look at how do you revive a waterway, river: We'd need help from consultants and engineers. Look to install extra cleaning treatment, extra filters
 - f. Residents are acutely sensitive to property acquisition---because in this conceptual plan there would be 250-300 homes that could be taken.
 - g. Only voluntary acquisition
 - h. Especially with this economy. Home value of one resident dropped \$46,000.
 - i. This is just a concept. The purpose is coming to the community to get feedback from the community
 - j. One resident commented water is a good amenity
 - k. Properties taxed higher because would reduce the number of affordable homes and could drive people out because they couldn't afford the increase.
 - l. Commissioner Olson: We're talking about a long-term thing. Currently people's property values are continuing to drop.
 - m. Resident comments, The current ponds in the summer time are mud holes. Doesn't do any good to have a weedy lake with no access like Ryan Lake.
 - n. Another resident comments: How do you keep the spills, from Owens Corning. Commissioner Olson: I don't see Owens Corning here in a hundred years but I see this kind of lake amenity. Cleaning up the creek is also a reason for this concept.
 - o. Resident brings up disclosure issues. Are current residents trying to sell their homes responsible to disclose this information about a conceptual lake? Mr. Rietkerk: We don't influence if people buy a home or not. This is just a way of evaluating. Trying to look at stabilizing housing value and increase public amenities.
 - p. The board wants to make investment in the North and Northeast properties.

- q. Resident asks: Do you have some parameters in place when isn't it worth it? And wouldn't it be prudent to do this further up? In Brooklyn Center?
 - r. Commissioner Olson: This neighborhood is last neighborhood in the City with a good value home.
 - s. Question: What about economic development and the correlation to the Humboldt Greenway project?
 - t. Camden Alliance of Neighborhoods, we are used to being in on these plans early on. CAN! would be great for entire community. Commissioner Olson agrees to attend and present to that group.
 - u. Resident comment: I would support a diversity of housing anchoring and recapture the taxbase. I think it will naturally come.
 - v. Resident comment: We thought it would happen with Shingle Creek Regional Ponds, but the new home wasn't oriented correctly.
 - w. Resident: Jeff Johnson, opposes this concept 250 out of 1300 homes in the neighborhood would possibly be acquired or a 5th of the homes would be lost. Stimulating the economy is important. I know what's going to bring people back to Minneapolis, will be the schools. It happened before. We need to worry about the creek. But the USGS person stated there may be problems sustaining. Also wondering about the safety of the lake. Will they have life guards. Also If the school is removed it won't be rebuilt.
 - x. Commissioner Olson clarifies about SC Elementary School. We are talking about doing a swap with MPS without the building on the property. It's a cost that we don't need. This is a concept plan. Do we want to move forward with this plan? How to keep balance between south mpls.
 - y. Scarce resources here but water seems to attract economic development
 - z. Commissioner Olson clarifies: Wirth lake is about the same size of the proposed lake.
 - aa. Commissioner Young: Healthy Food on the Northside. It's kind of like the parks and the lakes. The idea is to start bringing assets and we need a lot. Until Jan 24th I hadn't heard about this either. Future planning session. I didn't know this wasn't going to go anywhere. It's just an idea. I agree about the Schools. We elected a new president. We have to find ways to create hope.
 - bb. Commissioner Olson: Great questions about engineering and sustainability. It's so easy to be against it if it's in your own backyard. I don't want to drive people out of the neighborhood. You're the ones that are going to stay. I think it needs an amenity we should pursue this to see what the short comings are and work this long term project.
 - ee. Commissioner Olson clarifies Timeline: A couple years to do a feasibility study, then have to find money. Have to go back to legislature year after year. Could take 10-15 years away.
3. Purposed Plan Modifications: Motion to approve the Phase I and Phase II plan modifications as written in the newsletter by Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Strand, m-c
 4. Adjourn at 8:02pm