

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Summit Hill Association  
July 14, 2011  
Meeting Summary**

**Board Member Attending:** Chelseth, Dobson, Husband, McFadden, Park, Schweizer, Pramas, Kedrowski, Pearce, Lawson, Raabe, Gislason

**Not Attending:** Bayliss, Berhow, Donnelly, Lovett, Erickson, McGann, Meacham, Melhus, Wilbert,

**Also Attending:** Staff Roy and Hilden, Jane McClure (Villager), Jim Ivey (Green Party)

**President Pramas called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.**

**1. Additions to the Agenda**

- Oct. Annual Neighborhood Celebration Planning under E.D. Report.

**2. Approval of Past Minutes**

- Minutes approved with correction to Wilder Update, bullet 2: change “non-conditional use permit” to “non-conforming use permit”

**3. Open Forum** – Forum concept to encourage greater attendance was explained by Staff Roy and how he and SHA would need to promote in our various medium. Staff Hilden suggested we have ground rules and time limits for the public.

- No issues brought to Board by public.

**4. Presidents Report**

- **Grand Old Day Complaints**

Meeting between neighbors and representatives from GABA, SHA and with an open invitation to Councilmember Dave Thune to attend has been set for August 1st at Linwood. GABA has already discussed complaints and what they can do to improve the event setup/cleanup process for the future. SHA Board members were invited if interested. Residents will be contacted by email to attend.

**5. Executive Director’s Report**

- **June Activities** including monthly Black Bear All District Council Staff meeting
- **Met Council Meeting** set for 7/18 between SHA (Pramas and Roy) and our Met Council District Commissioner Jon Commers at his invitation to discuss SHA issues and establish regular communication.
  - **Next meeting of the FROG** (For Recycling on Grand) Committee with representative from GABA, SHA, Macalester Groveland Community Council, City Public Works and Eureka Recycling has been rescheduled for July 29th. Progress in being made shaping this project. Goals to install on the street recycling containers in Grand Avenue pilot areas - one on East and one on West Grand; and to create a business awards program to encourage more businesses recycling.
  - **2010 Audit** – close to complete and the auditor indicates that our finances procedures look good.
  - **Neighborhood Cleanup report** nearly complete and SHA has recovered from the 2010 drop in attendance and total materials and this year was more typical of past cleanups. In addition, as this was our first joint cleanup with another district council (D9 – West. 7<sup>th</sup>), we were able to collect far more metals, mattresses and other recyclables than in the past. Fully 50 D9 households came to the joint event. More metals means more money comes back to SHA as

a fundraising stream to be used as we want (we doubled our income this year from metal recycling).

- **2012 Work Plan and Budget** – Roy announced to Board that in the month of August, SHA Committees and Staff start work on reviewing/evaluating the accomplishments to date related to our 2011 Work Plan and use that committees will use that information to draft the 2012 Work Plan to be approved by the full Board in November. Also, Roy and Gislason will begin working on the 2012 draft budget.

- **Annual Neighborhood Celebration and Board Elections – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Promoting it already in the Villager, E-News and the August newsletters
- Roy asked Board members to help recruit those they know in the neighborhood as possible candidates for the 6 open seats on the Board at this fall
- Pramas overviewed how the past 2 annual celebrations have been organized by the Communications & Outreach Committee and that he once again encouraged anyone on the board who can help in the planning/implementing to contact Colin, Roy or himself as soon as possible. Tim will send out an email to the Board asking for additional help with the event.

## 6. CC/AA Staff Report

- **June 30<sup>th</sup> Community Crime Prevention Meeting** with the St. Paul Police Dept. at Linwood well attended. – nearly 40 people.
- **Walk-In Traffic** - We've had a lot of walk-in traffic and phone calls related to up-tick in crime this time of year, but also visits for other reasons such as parking permits, recycling bins, etc.
- **National Night Out – Aug. 2, 2011**\_Promoting this once again broadly through Block and Building Club Coordinators and our media venues.
- **Meeting with GABA/SHA and St. Paul Police**\_was canceled and instead held in Highland. Diane has mentioned to both GABA and the Police that we've worked hard over many years to hold meetings here on Grand and should continue.
- **Door Knocking Campaign** with SHA Communications Committee on August 21<sup>st</sup> to do outreach to renters in our first concerted effort using this approach.
- **SHA After Hours – August 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Good Neighbor Award for Annual Meeting**\_– please consider who you might know who you could nominate or just help get out the word about the awards.
- **Women's Advocates**\_– our neighbors in Summit Hill on Grand is impacted as all non-profits in this economy. If anyone interested in helping them raise funds, please contact Diane.

## 7. Old Business

- **Wilder Update**

- Raabe and Husband updated Board on Wellington Management possible purchase of the old Wilder Property and renting to the Emily Program as a tenant in the old building. Wellington has signed a purchase agreement with Wilder, and likely is contingent on being about to either successfully secure a either the re-establishment of a non-conforming use permit (NCUP) or a new conditional use permit (CUP) both of which would require 2/3 approval of neighbors with 100 feet of the property. Also, Wellington has indicated that they would likely need to convert the current green space to single-family home lots.
- Emily Prog. invited residents to visit one of their facilities in St. Anthony Park.
- Raabe to contact our sister district council in D12 to Neighbors have expressed concerns over parking spaces.

- Next meeting of the near residents meeting to hear Wellington Management/Emily Program draft plans has been organized by the 180 Grotto Advisory Committee for July 20<sup>th</sup> at the old site building.

- **Dunning Field Picnic Shelter**\_– no update

**8. GABA Report** – GABA currently in a strategic planning process that will soon be finalizing a new mission statement in August. Social media training for GABA membership is being looked into. Next GABA event is Paws On Grand. Longtime employee Jaimee Lucke Hendrikson has recently given her resignation letter to the GABA board.

## 9. Committee Updates

- Communications Committee
  - Brief overview of activities
- Development Committee
  - House Tour Planning for 2012 has started
- District Council Collaborative – Center Corridor (DCC)
  - Central Corridor LRT Construction moving along.
  - DCC concerns about Met Council ‘handing down’ plans re: to affordable housing without getting community input at the start
  - McDoughall suggesting letter from SHA and other DC’s supporting the 2 lane option instead of the 4 lane option currently being supported by Met Council that would take away much on-street parking. 2 lane would be more pedestrian friendly and inviting like Grand Ave. is instead of a primarily a transit corridor.
  - Parking still an issue for businesses and their survival
- D16 Implementation Committee
  - No Report.
- Environmental Committee
  - Next meeting August 15th
  - Getting Rain Garden “weed” updates from SHA office and hope to get more volunteers working on the garden
  - Will be working on our 2012 Committee Work Plan
  - Still considering the Solar Training...cost is an issue
- Pedestrian and Safety Committee
  - Continuing planning for August Pedestrian Safety Week
    - Finalized draft poster and brochure and press release for the event
    - Looking for volunteers to help pass out brochures on Sat. Aug 20<sup>th</sup>....anyone interested, contact Cheri or Colin
    - Will be talking more with GABA and MacGroveland on ped safety and traffic calming issues east and west of Ayd Mill Road.
    - Next meeting July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Zoning and Land Use Committee
  - No Report.

## 10. Treasurer’s Report

- P & L statement looks good, most budget items on track other than normal anomalies.
- Balance Sheet 101 training: As the Balance Sheet will now be sent out in future Board mailings - Candace and Jeff gave a brief explanation of what a balance sheet is; and why it’s a necessary complement to our monthly Profit and Loss (P & L) statement.

**Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**