

University Grove Homeowner's Association (UGHA)

Annual Meeting

October 17, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:10 pm.

Approval of agenda: moved, seconded, approved

Approval of previous year's minutes: moved, seconded, approved

Mayor Peter Lindstrom welcome and remarks:

- This is a challenging budgetary year.
- Sustainability projects: Green Step Pilot; Adopt-a-Crop; and Fairview Trail for pedestrians and cyclists
- Domestic Partnership Ordinance: three certificates issued already.

Councilwoman Beth Mercer-Taylor:

- A request for proposals regarding best practices for our fire department has been initiated.
- As sustainability coordinator, she investigates best practices without increased costs.
- Use of Grove Park ice rink must be proven or this will be its last winter, due to city budget constraints.
- Grove Park shelter, which replaced the warming hut, has been moved to Coffman. A bench is to replace the shelter.
- Playground may be due for an update (adding or modifying equipment).
- Make the city council aware of flooding or other issues so they can be addressed. Flooding on East Folwell Avenue had not been reported prior to Fall 2011. City is looking into the cause of flooding and remediation.
- New city commissioners and youth commissioners are welcome. www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us

City Administrator Justin Miller:

- He will leave his post in mid December for a post in Mendota Heights.
- Please don't rake leaves into the street.
- To be in compliance with federal mandate, new reflective street signage will replace those tagged with pink flags. Utilities have been marked to assist in moving the poles to a uniform distance from curb.
- Storm drains will be cleaned for the first time in five years. Help keep them clear of debris.

Mark Doneux, Administrator, Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD):

- Clean water is necessary for industry and tourism.
- The EPA named storm water runoff the nation's biggest water quality threat.
- Water which runs off into storm drains flows untreated and unfiltered into waterways can impair water quality.
- Households can help by: keeping grass, litter and leaves out of street; create a rain garden; use rain barrels so water is captured and can be reused; redirect downspouts onto grass and garden; install pervious paving.
- Projects in Falcon Heights include: Sarita Wetland, Coffman rain garden and Larpenteur pumping station
- Contact CRWD for general and grant information as well as technical assistance (www.capitolregionwd.org).

Nominations for next year's UGHA Board: moved, seconded, approved

President- Steve Taff

Vice-President- Sarah Cafilisch

Secretary-Josephine Eberle

Treasurer- Don Lee

President Ann Bechtell's Report: << see UGHA President's Report 2011.pptx>>

The Raup's daughter, Martha:

- Thanked her parents' neighbors.
- 1572 Fulham Street has been sold.

Rebecca Montgomery's report:

- Thanks for time, money and plantings donated thus far to traffic triangle project. The effort will resume in spring.
- Buckthorn bust continues along trolley path.
- In areas of dense growth, consider removing female (berry bearing) plants to slow spread of buckthorn.
- What should be done to areas where buckthorn has been removed?
- Block 6 common area has very heavy buckthorn growth. Should it all be removed? What will replace it? Contact Rebecca regarding options.

Treasurer's Report, Phil Pardey: <<see FY2011>>

University Grove Communications Officer (UGCO), Karen Kloser:

- Overview of UGCO position
- The website home for sale listing fee has been reduced effective Jan. 2012 to \$250. The realtor or seller receive five hours of UGCO time and resources to post it on the website and notify mailing lists. If sellers need more than five hours, they will make arrangements as needed.
- Evan Tang is the newest technology associate working with UGCO
- Andrew Mercer-Taylor added metrics to website
- Helper List needs to be updated
- Use Forum Message Board
- Grove Home Tour will be rescheduled for next year
- Richard Thieme is photographing every house in every season for Grove website
- In memorium: condolences to the Raup, Foster, Cooper, and Richter families

Vice-President Kevin Silverstein's Bylaws Report: <<see Revisions>>

- UGHA voting will be done primarily online using Survey Monkey. Emails to follow.
- Bylaws will be written flexibly enough to not preclude split household vote when appropriate.

Motion to change bylaws article VII. 2. e from "only one member of each household may" to "one vote per household", seconded, passed

Motion to change date of adoption of bylaws, seconded, passed

Additional items:

A reminder to remove ragweed from gardens and boulevards in late summer; snow and ice from walks in winter. If ice and snow are not cleared within 24 hours, the city will clear the walk and charge the household \$150 per hour.

Thanks to Stephan F. Kistler Photography for refreshments.

Adjourned 9:20pm

Josephine Eberle

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