

## **ENA Annual Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2004

**Board Members Attending:** Karl K, Cynthia S, Dean K, Brier N, Jeanne R, Jim P, Dennis S, Andy K, Tom P

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the 2003 annual meeting were approved.

**Treasure's Report:** The 2003 annual and March 2004 reports were approved.

**State of the Association:** President Karl highlighted ENA activities during the past year, including:

***Acewood Park Fence:*** ENA board members removed the old chain link fencing and fence posts. ENA was successful in getting the City to replace the fence in early April.

***Acewood Park "New Fence" Concert:*** Approximately 30 people showed up on a Saturday morning following the new fence's installation for a folk-band celebration. It was a great way to meet people and show off ENA's efforts.

***Easter Egg Hunt:*** ENA held this at Acewood Park and it was a great success.

***Third Neighborhood Sign:*** We are waiting until Spring/Summer to have the new sign installed. Once installed, a local Girl Scout troop has asked to landscape the area.

***Garlic Mustard:*** Twice this past spring, Karl and volunteers, including a Brownie Troop, pulled Garlic Mustard from the Elvehjem Sanctuary. There is still a lot of work to be done in the area. Tammy, from the "Weed Warriors", pointed out how fast Garlic Mustard spreads and will soon spread to yards of those living along the Sanctuary. Garlic Mustard is reducing the bio-diversity of the area. Garlic Mustard can not be composted; it needs to be picked up by the City Parks Department. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 12 noon, volunteers will again pull Garlic Mustard—please help in this effort to keep the Elvehjem Sanctuary a fun and bio-diverse place.

***Neighborhood Garage Sale:*** Our annual sale was a big success; approximately 80 homes participated. The newly purchased large, reusable sign announcing the sale and our scheduling of the sale to avoid having it at the same time as surrounding neighborhoods worked well.

***Traffic Calming:*** ENA's ongoing effort saw the installation of speed bumps on Academy Drive in front of the Elvehjem School. We're awaiting the installation of a roundabout at the corner of Painted Post/Ellen this spring. This is due to the overwhelming response from the neighborhood.

***Extension of Capital City Bike Trail:*** This project is scheduled for a 2004 study and a 2005 installation. (We will provide an update soon.)

***ENA Website & Bulletin Board:*** ENA added a Bulletin Board to its website this year. Original use was for Board member communication and the Board found it a fast and effective tool. We then opened it up to the neighborhood. This is a great spot to chat, see what's going on or to advertise for dog walking, babysitting, etc. Dean K reported on the Bulletin Board and also talked to a few neighbors regarding its use.

***Holiday Sing A-Long:*** We held our annual sing at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Droster and again it was a great event for all. We had a good turn out and Santa enjoyed the cookies and children's smiles.

***Holiday Decorating Contest:*** This contest becomes bigger and better each year—LVM neighbors out do themselves with the lights and displays.

***Political Forums:*** ENA worked with other neighborhoods (Glendale and Richmond Hills) to hold political forums. One was at LaFollette High School regarding the casino issue; another was for the County Supervisor primary election at Elvehjem School. A third is a "Candidates' Forum" scheduled for March 24.

***Sweetheart Dance:*** This was a success with about 100 participants and over \$1,100 worth of prizes. Success was due in great part to the efforts of Gary H.

**By-Laws:** See the February 2004 *Echo* for the proposed changes. Dean explained the revisions. The changes were approved after some clarification and rewording.

**Mayor Cieslewicz:** The Mayor explained the need to develop a neighborhood association for the

Allied Drive Neighborhood and discussed the need to review and update garbage and recycling trucks. This was widely discussed with the neighbors about the pros and cons of the need.

**Madison Police Department:** Lieutenant Snyder discussed the plan to build a new East District Police Station at the corner of Cottage Grove and S. Thompson (currently a dead end).

**New Board Members & Officers:** Dennis S decided not to seek re-election. Rudy L, Cynthia S, and Dean K were all nominated to the ENA Board and approved unanimously. Cynthia S will serve as President; Dean K will serve as Vice President; Jeanne R will serve as Treasurer and Brier N will remain Secretary. Your new Board is Cynthia S, Dean K, Jeanne R, Brier N, Tom P, Jim P, Andrew K, Karl K, and Rudy L. There remain vacant seats on the Board; if you are interested, please contact a Board member.

**Thank You!!** A Thank You to everyone who attended our meeting, including City Alderperson Judy Compton, County Board candidates Dave de Felice and Andrew Kraiss, incumbent/candidate Judge Koval and Madison School Board candidate Johnny Winston Jr.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 7, 7:00 PM, at Dean K's home. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

**Minutes By:** Brier N.