

OLD THIRD WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
Steering Committee
November 15, 1994

Present: Joyce & Bill Anderson, Frank Council, Linda Muldoon, Sally Johnson, Dan Hulbert, Carol LeRoy, Rebecca & Greg Johnson, and Sue Martinson. Meg Casey being unable to attend, Sue Martinson served as recorder.

1. New board members in attendance drew for the length of their terms from a hat. Dan, Linda and Bill all drew one year terms. Ann and Bruce, who were unable to attend the meeting, will serve two year terms.
2. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/18/94 meeting; Sally seconded, and minutes were approved.
3. Jackie was unable to attend the meeting, so Frank read the treasurer's report. Receipts since our last meeting were \$135, disbursements of \$466.75, leaving a balance of \$682.08 in our checkbook. The lawyer was very generous, and billed us only \$351 for her services.
4. Frank reports that our membership consists of 72 individuals and 45 households as of today. Frank also read the committees we may sign up for: special events, government issues, public campaign, historic research, membership committee, and newsletter. Please let Frank know if you can help with any of these committees.
5. In regard to government issues, Frank reported on a meeting he and Sally attended with Paula Vandehey and Dave Vaclavik of the City regarding the planning associated with the widening of Prospect Avenue. Much discussion took place, including the idea of having 5th and 6th streets be one way streets. Concern was expressed by the planning department regarding the Spencer/Badger/Memorial intersection. Other possibilities included making 6th street three lanes, with two running west and one going east--as there is a greater volume of traffic going west. Discussion was also entertained regarding turning Lawrence and Appleton streets back to two way streets, allowing greater access to downtown. Linda suggested that John Bergstrom may be in favor of this because it would allow easier access to the Paper Valley and Midtown Ramp. Ms. Vandehey will study these options between now and the November 29 meeting to discuss Prospect Ave. further.

Rebecca Johnson spoke about her efforts to unite Prospect residents to fight this proposed expansion. She has had positive feedback from Alderman Whitman but is unwilling to sit back while decisions are being made without residents' input. She asked for our suggestions regarding organizing and running an informational meeting.

6. Frank reiterated what had happened at the meeting with Ron Van De Hey prior to our annual meeting. The County has its sites on Casa Clare, Shelter Care (which they already own), Gage, Fox, and Baumrak homes. The idea being that they want to "square off" blocks already containing parking lots. They propose tearing down the current Shelter Care facility and rebuilding on the same site.

Carol and Frank attended the County Property Committee meeting on November 8, where internal bickering and strange behavior seemed the order of the day. The Property Committee will no longer allow us to meet with any County entity to discuss the parking/neighborhood situation unless the Property Committee is present.

A joint meeting of City and County planners, the County Property Committee, and OTW residents will be held December 6 at 4 pm in the County Board Room to discuss our situation. Please invite your neighbors to come to this meeting. We will need ideas in writing for the December meeting. Get them to Frank by 11/29 for his compilation. We need creative solutions to the situation.

7. Regarding the public campaign, Sue will be the distribution point for signs and buttons. Sue researched the cost involved in doing window decals and bumper stickers. a quantity of 500 will cost us \$170. Bill made a motion to go ahead with that, and Sally seconded. Sue will get the logo to Sally or Carol for their use in drawing up a flyer to be distributed during the Holiday parade 11/22.

Motion made by Frank and seconded by Linda that we pursue a bulk mailing permit. Sue will get additional information and secured permit.

8. Frank reported on his meeting in Madison with the people doing the comprehensive plan for the City. They are very receptive to our position, and Frank pitched for a cooperative ramp project in a 20 year time frame. The final plan will be presented to the City on November 28. The plan will also be presented to Appleton Downtown Inc. November 29 at a breakfast meeting.

9. George Saunders asked Frank to inform us that the League of Women Voters is taking on the project of low income housing and will be in contact with us.

The property next door to Linda's is for sale. Frank, Chris & Ann, and Linda toured the home. There is potential to restore it to a nice two family; it is currently split into three apartments. We are looking for investors.

Next meeting on Tuesday, December 20, at 6 pm.