

**COURTHOUSE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Steering Committee**  
**June 13, 1994**

Present: Joyce & Bill Anderson, Frank Council, Linda Muldoon, Ann Sager, Sally Johnson, Jackie Dungar, Mary Beth Laux, and Sue Martinson. Meg Casey being unable to attend, Sue Martinson served as recorder. Attorney Kathleen Arthur attended the meeting also.

1. Minutes of 5/9/94 were approved.
2. Jackie gave a treasurers report, noting that our deposits of \$267 and disbursements of \$12.95 (for check printing) left us with a balance of \$254.05. Jackie is keeping a list of donors, and it was suggested that we acknowledge/thank them in an upcoming newsletter.
3. Frank reported that much has happened on the government scene since our last meeting. Our presentation to the County Board was well-received, and several members of our Association also attended the Property Committee meeting. Recently a hearing was held regarding a maintenance building the County would like to erect; while neighborhood turnout was excellent, the plan was approved anyway. The block to the east of the courthouse and another in the neighborhood were then rezoned to accommodate this potential construction. It is felt that this action may have been done without proper procedure because those property owners directly effected were not notified prior to the hearing. Attorney Arthur suggested that we find an ally in the legal community, and look into this matter. She informed us that someone inside the government could ask the City Attorney for an opinion on this, but we should not directly pursue the City Attorney.
4. Linda spoke with David Horst of the Post-Crescent recently, who felt that our incorporation efforts were worth a story. Linda feels that they might be willing to do some investigative reporting for us--as in regard to the zoning issue mentioned previously. Mr. Horst suggested minutes of our meetings be sent to the reporters.
5. In regard to Historical Research, Ann reported on the trip to Madison that she, Frank, Sally, and Chris made to the meet with the Architectural Historian and Preservation Officer. Overall, it seemed like a disappointing meeting, from the standpoint that this gentleman found only four or five homes that were likely candidates for the National Register in the endangered area. Because it is a National Register, people need to be really well-known. Ann is in possession of the manuals necessary for completing the application for the National Register, and will begin working on the likely homes in-depth immediately. Even though this does defeat the idea of a district as we had first hoped for, the Preservation Officer did give the group some good advice. He felt we should disassociate ourselves as soon as possible from the courthouse--and therefore suggested a name change for our group, said we should continue to keep our story out in the community via our own

newsletter, posting signs when entering the neighborhood, and asking for a weekly column in the local papers featuring a home and its history each week. Frank spoke with the Preservation Officer in regard to deed restrictions and easements, which he was told the State Historical Society would not want to deal with enforcing.

6. Attorney Kathleen Arthur reviewed the bylaws regarding our incorporation and fielded questions from the group. The next steps are to pick a name (if different), file the Articles, and hold a meeting of the first four board members where dues will be determined. Then notices of a meeting will be sent; those in attendance at the meeting will vote on bylaws and elect other board members. (Please contact Frank if you need to see a copy of any of the legal stuff we went over at the meeting.)
7. The group spent some time brainstorming new names for our group, as suggested by the Preservation Officer. Sally moved that all Steering Committee members phone Frank (733-5766) with ideas for names for the group by Monday, June 20. Frank will then call each member after the 20th with the slate of names to be voted on by phone. Bill seconded the motioned.
8. The next Steering Committee meeting will be in the Outagamie County Courthouse on July 11 at 6 p.m. You will be contacted if time or location changes. And please remember to call Frank with name ideas prior to June 20!

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