

**Minutes**  
**SW Neighborhood Steering Committee**  
**Greentree-Meadowood-Orchard Ridge-Park Ridge-Prairie Hills Neighborhoods**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2007**  
**Wisconsin Youth & Family Center, 1201 McKenna Boulevard**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

SW Neighborhood Planning Website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/swnp/>

**SW Steering Committee Members:** Sandy Erickson; Tim Johnson; Douglas Kammann; Joel Kupferberg; Marge Liss; Larry Luther; Tom McKenna; Karen Sielaff; Rick Stirr; Lisa Subeck; and Kara Boeldt. City Staff: Jule Stroick; Archie Nicolette; and Linda Horvath.

**Excused Absence:** Ernie Horinek, Durrell Ramer; Christie Howell-Yrios;

**Absent:** Ann Barker, Susan Clay, Bryan Summ;

**Others:** Tony Smick; Karen Deaton; Marge Hannan Rfer; Nicky Morris; Cheri Yearous

**I. Announcements**

**II. Approval of January 9 Minutes**

On a motion by Kupferberg, seconded by Kammann the minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Updates/Status Reports**

- Meeting with School Principals: A meeting with the public and parochial principals took place on January 11, 2007. A summary of the meeting was distributed.
- Community Garden Site Visit/Grant Application: Grant application for funding from CAC is due on January 26, 2007. Neighborhood residents visited sites and are preparing a grant application for a garden near Lucy/Lincoln/Hiestand Park. Approximately 25 plots could be available.
- Planned Meeting with Faith-Based Community: One of the other stakeholders that are important in the neighborhood is the centers of worship. One or two meetings will be scheduled in February-March.

**IV. George Hank, Director of Building Inspection**

George Hank discussed the work of the Building Inspection Unit (BI) and he also explained that last Fall, the Unit conducted weekly inspections of building exteriors in the Betty's Lane, Theresa Terrace, Russett Road and Hammersley Road areas. This is typically referred to as a building inspection sweep. George then invited the Steering Committee to ask questions.

Questions covered such things as anonymous complaints, frequency of inspections in the area, abandoned buildings, over-occupied buildings, snow removal, crime prevention through landscaping, increased lighting, and landlord training.

**V. Review/Discussion of Neighborhood Issues**

The Steering Committee discussed housing and land use issues in the planning area. The group began with discussing issues in the Theresa Terrace/Betty's Lane area. Steering committee members began to address those issues with limited time. Responses to the brief discuss time are included below.

Issues	Strategies				
	Property owners	Neighborhoods	Tenants	City	Service organizations and others
There are pockets of probationers and parolees in our neighborhoods.		Review the online density map of probationers and parolees to determine the extent of the situation.			Seek assistance for people recently out of jail through the Madison Urban Ministry Journey Home Project, which provides employment and treatment related services.
There are “large clusters” of rental property in the planning area.				Identify and promote incentives to turn some rental properties (in areas of high concentration) into condos.  Balance the amount of single-family and multi-family housing by turning some of the multi-family into condos	Inquire how Joining Forces for Families (JFF) teams can work one-on-one with families.  Explore participating in MOSAIC – a program at Falk Elementary school, which generates community spirit.
Rental property characteristics, such as no garages, limit the pool of prospective tenants in the Betty’s Lane/Theresa Ter area.	Add garages.			Educate/inform property-owners about rehabilitation loans to add garages to rentals.	
The concrete bunker style garages along Hammersley Road are unsightly.				Identify and promote loans for garage rehabs.	
Sense of safety in neighborhood		Organize “event” and “activities” to increase the presence of neighbors on the street	Organize “event” and “activities” to increase the presence of neighbors on the street and to engage individuals to know one another	Increase the presence of Police.	
Some tenants/landlords may not know how to be good tenants/landlords.	Organize and conduct tenant/landlord training.				Organize and conduct tenant training

**VI. Other Business**

A community-wide open house is scheduled for February 17 at the Meadowood Shopping Center and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Southwest Steering Committee members are planning the meeting.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will occur on February 13 at the Westside Police District, 1710 McKenna Boulevard, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and it will focus on safety issues.

Future meeting dates are:

February 13: Westside Police District, 1710 McKenna Blvd, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

February 17: OPEN HOUSE AT MEADOWOOD SHOPPING CENTER, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

February 27: Westside Police District, 1710 McKenna Blvd, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.