

SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
11 OCTOBER 07

The meeting was called to order by president Joanne Lepanto at the appointed time. Members present included Dick Hayes, Jack Sullivan, Nancy Jennings, Tom Kerester, Pat Lidy, Don Fullerton, Joe Fischer, Margaret Goodman, Laura Vetter, Carter Flemming, and Bruce McCarthy, secretary. Also present were Mark Jinks from the city, council person Justin Wilson, APD Capt. Hassan Aden, and Bill Roberts.

The minutes of 13 Sept. were approved as written as were the minutes of 31 July. Treasurer Jack Sullivan noted a balance of \$25,265 in the treasury. The Atlantis restaurant will be expanding at Brad-Lee, it was reported. At the Mayor's Economic Sustainability Working Group, Mr. Sullivan read out the principles of the SHA, a well received effort. Capt. Aden reported ten arrests in the Seminary Hill area in the last few months and also provided accident statistics at various crossings in the city. Jack Sullivan pronounced speed cameras an "abomination." The Landmark Area Redevelopment Plan will not go forward without modification, it was reported, with the SHA credited with doing a good job in keeping up and providing leadership. Pat Lidy reported that the Burke Library needs a good power wash and general cleaning and is working with the city to that end. Joanne said SHA did not get notice of a recent Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Joe Fischer asked "how many tax dollars are being spend on Seminary Road for traffic improvements.?"

Dick Hobson, Joe Fischer, Pat Lidy, and Jack Sullivan comprise the SHA nominating committee and will reveal it's candidates at the annual meeting on 15 November at the Seminary. The annual meeting will feature coffee, cookies, and soda. Not clear yet who will be the principal speaker. New owner Mr. Breen is offering the property at 508 Quaker Lane for \$750,000. Ms Goodman was recently in Chicago, saw a Frank Lloyd Wright house and wondered if more architectural diversity might not be a good idea for our area. Response was tepid. SHA member Bill French spoke about speeders cutting through traffic. Joanne noted an apparent stepped up police enforcement. Laura noted that it has taken five years of effort to achieve the current level of enforcement. "Head knocking" is needed, Mr. Franch observed. There was a general discussion of the question of illgal immigration and its impact on taxpayers. Joe Fischer asked if the SHA board agreed with the Mayor's hustling through a vote to support illegal immigrants without due notification of citizens that such a motion would be coming up. Nancy Jennings wondered whether politicians say one thing and do anoither, noting that 20 percent of school children are offspring of illegal parents. Ms. Lepanto will invite the Mayor and council members to the next SHA monthly meeting. to respond to procedural questions regarding the Council vote on immigration. Joanne said that civic organizations and citizens should be kept better informed and given better and more current information. The meeting adjourned before 10 PM; next meeting on 8 November.

Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary.