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Hi

We need a Board meeting before the next general meeting on the 30th of January. I guess this Sunday is better than Super Bowl Sunday and besides we need time to get the announcements printed up and distributed.

The agenda item is what to do at the 30th meeting--how to get all that the Town has put on our plate taken care of. We have ALL the items that were discussed at the December 5 meeting--(1) Western Avenue sidewalks; (2) Western Avenue report final draft and Town actions, if any; (3) Pond; (4) vest pocket park on Mercer; (5) tree plantings; (6) more sidewalks on McKown and other streets; and (7) Elmwood Street traffic; (8) flooding of Western Avenue; (9) speed limit reduced to 30 mph; and (10) more street lighting where desired.

Most of you were promised by me to not have to do any work other than attending meetings and passing around flyers if you would agree to serve on the Board. I never wanted this much to do and I am sure neither did you but we have a responsibility to McKownville to see that each of these "promises" made by the Town at the December 5th meeting to help us are followed though on and get done right. McKownville may not have another chance for a long long time.

Committees would make the most sense but only if the person heading the committee is interested in doing the work. I will help but I would like to have some help.

For example--I could do (1) and (2) since I have done much of that already. Doug Smith might do (6) since he lives on McKown Road. David Knight might do (4) since he lives near there. John Esler has offered to do (3) the pond, though he is not a Board member. He is interested and has been president of the Association and a Board member and officer many times. Marty Gnacik might do (7) Elmwood since he lives there but he might want to do sidewalks since I think he is now on the Town Pathways Committee. Sue Brown might be interested in doing (5) trees. Jim White is terribly over committed but maybe he could help out on (9) the speed limit since he has had such a long and great relationship with the Town. Maybe Martha Harauscz could do (8) flooding. And maybe Joe Trapasso could do (10) street lighting.

I know that Bill Meehan, Steve Berg, and Kathy LeRoux have not been suggested as co-chairs but that is because they are officers and can serve as co-chairs when I cannot get to something. Paul Haldeman volunteered to be our designee with the Kiwanis and so he was left off the list. And

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Alice Torda has served on the Association since before Columbus discovered America and deserves to pick whatever she wants to do.

I am certainly open to other ideas about how to get all of this done right and right now.

To enlist other people to help, sure. To discuss more precisely what we want, sure. But someone has to lead and if it is left to me then I might find that things slip by because I just do not have enough time/attention to get the things done right and right now.

So the idea for the 30th meeting is to talk about each of these items, announce who will co-chair committees and ask for volunteers from those in attendance. And then get to work.

Thanks.

See you Sunday, 5 Norwood Street, 7pm, January 19th, 2003.

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