

Minutes – Regular meeting
SASY Neighborhood Association Inc., Board of Directors
8 August, 2019, 6:30pm,
Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St.

Presiding officer (*Hinkfuss*) present, *Tish* substituting as Secretary for *Dan Lenz*.
Quorum (8) achieved at 6:40

Board members present:
Hinkfuss, Tish, Driscoll, Vickerman, Lica, Jenkins, Johnson, Koglin

Guests present: Steve Klafka (re: Truax EIS), Kathy Douglas (re: Darbo Worthington), Anne Walker (re: MNA trees initiative), Andrew (no surname offered), Carl Landsness, Mary Johnson, Franz Law II

Kathy Douglas explains that she is representing an effort to revive a neighborhood association in the Darbo-Worthington area, and she is here to observe how SASY NA Inc. works

Approval of minutes: Not approved due to unavailability of minutes to board members

Steve Klafka presented his interpretation of the recently released Environmental Impact Statement relative to the proposal to station F-35 fighter jets at Truax Field.

-extensive discussion among board and guests-

Motion: *Hinkfuss* moves to write letter to local leaders and decision makers asking them to articulate their position on the impacts of the F-35 program on minority and disadvantaged communities, neighborhoods, and advocate for stronger mitigation of impacts throughout the entire north and east sides

Second: *Vickerman* Seconds.

-more discussion-

Carried

Anne Walker (representing MNA Green Spaces and Tree Committee) discussed their efforts to decrease challenges to, and increase density of Madison's urban tree canopy. Their committee will write a letter asking mayor's office and city agencies to address those challenges, with a goal to increase urban canopy from the current 23% to 40%.

Walker requests SASY to join MNA in pressing Mayor's office to consider policies on building, planning, and engineering that benefit tree canopy. MNA will draft letter to this affect.

Letter would focus more on isthmus neighborhoods because of development pressure and intense planning areas.

Vickerman suggests that the letter should request city to address policies city-wide, not just isthmus neighborhoods.

Discussion among board concludes that SASY will very likely sign on to the letter once it is finalized. Board requests that the committee share the final letter with *Hinkfuss* in order to initiate the electronic voting process to approve signing on to it.

Yogesh Chawla – District 6 update:

- Budget process will begin next month
 - Chawla supports dredging between Mendota and Monona and eventually between Monona and Waubesa
 - County jail - Supports reduction in jail population through de-carceration programs during the time (approx. 5 years) before new (jail) cell tower is built.
 - Gun violence – supports developing a trauma-informed response, providing the right mental health resources, and recovery resources.

Tish provides brief update on Green Spaces Committee’s work toward some improvements at AtwoodFest pocket park.

Driscoll provides update on efforts of Environmental committee, suggests a meet-up prior to September board meeting hosted by SASY Leaf-Free Streets effort. Idea is broadly supported.

Tish prompts board/committees to consider budget needs for upcoming budget year. Board may consider adopting budget at October meeting.

Announcements:

Lica announces that Goodman Community Center will hold a community party to celebrate completed rehab of the Ironworks building, Sunday Sept. 29.

Motion to Adjourn: Driscoll

Second: Hinkfuss

Carried (8:50pm)