

Agenda: January 2024, DRAFT

SASY Neighborhood Association, Inc.

January 11, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm, Zoom

1. Introductions / Quorum

- a. Board members present: Davy Mayer, Doug Johnson, Franzo Law (joined at 7:20), Ginny Jenkins, Joe Schubert (taking notes), Megan Williamson, Ryan Koglin, Sarah Paske, Susan Ramspacher
- b. Board members absent (excused): Aaron Embury, Betty Chewning, Dan Lenz
- c. Community member present: Nicole Moll, Ray Cruz, Yogesh Chawla
- d. Quorum achieved: ~6:30

2. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

- a. MOTION: Doug Johnson
- b. SECOND: Megan Williamson
- c. PASSED: Motion Passes, Unanimous (yes: Davy, Doug, Ginny, Joe, Megan, Ryan, Sarah, Susan)
- d. Followed by a short discussion to make sure minutes are posted on the website.

3. Amendments/Additions to the Agenda: None

4. New business

- a. Nominations and recruit board members
 - i. Motion to nominate Ray Cruz to a special rep board seat: Ryan
 - ii. Second: Susan
 - iii. Discussion:
 - Ryan: Ray has been active in attending prior board meetings and meeting with SASY board members (e.g. Ryan and Franzo).
 - Ray: Appreciate the opportunity. Goal is to connect with the community on a more intimate level. Has a background in commercial agribusiness across north america, and now moving into commercial real estate on the east side and the isthmus.
 - Q: have you been involved in any boards or volunteer activities?
Ray: On board of own company (cucumber division) and board of Madison Magnate on their social committee, a NP org for young professionals in Madison. Is also on a regional real estate committee for young professionals.
 - iv. Vote: Motion Passes, Unanimous (yes: Davy, Doug, Ginny, Joe, Megan, Ryan, Sarah, Susan)
 - v. Welcome to board Ray! (multiple board members). We now have 3 open seats, with 13 on the board.
- b. Nicole Moll (owner of Greyley Wellness): they do individual psychotherapy, group sessions, workplace wellness, and Dane County CCS program. They just moved

into the third floor of Kennedy Place. Nicole saw signs about SASY Saturdays. Excited to have other businesses close by and a walkable neighborhood. Have 20 people on staff; about ½ are therapists and other ½ are CCS case managers. Trying to support local (purchased all staff gifts from local establishments). Nice getting to know other community members here!

- i. Board: excited to have you in the neighborhood. Can email Ryan after the meeting, like to announce new businesses. If you ever have an issue, want to collaborate, please email or join a meeting.

5. Committees Updates (part I)

a. Communication (Joe):

- i. Learning secretary duties and appreciate support and feedback from this group. Once he gets situated, will look to restart the communications committee, “comm comms”. Comm Comms is a space to connect on some places that others are already doing: Davy on social media, eastside news updates, website and minutes. In the past, this committee has largely been on tech issues and topics.

b. Membership Committee (Davy)

- i. Annual dues: Need to pay annual dues to vote at annual meeting. Previously, we would have someone at the entryway checking membership and taking dues; Megan last did this (in vice president role). Important to set a bar and have buy-in for membership. Suspended during covid, with no in person meetings and no great online method. Now, we do have an online method (previously 95% of payments would be during annual meeting), and will look to reinstate dues. Looking for ideas on how to sign up and synchronize timing of payments: If you paid in the past year, how does this work? Have already looked at bylaws, and the guidance here is that we need to say we’re reinstating 45 days before the annual meeting.
 - Group discussion around when and how the timing works: easiest and clearest would be to make the annual meeting the hard date. It’s also important for board members to have annual membership from the same dates, to avoid tracking votes and membership throughout the year. Can add note to the website: “Dues are \$5”, beginning the day of the Annual May Meeting”. Other option is to have payment be “pre” payment. Davy to write up a draft plan.

6. Elected Official Updates

a. Yogesh Chawla (Dane County Supervisor):

- i. Election time! Can see everyone who is running now. Two primaries: cottage grove and uw madison district. A lot of new people are running. 10 new supervisors (⅓ the board). Also, chief of staff retiring and new county board supervisor. Lots of turnover and transition.

- ii. Airport joint use agreement. Last county meeting, they made a resolution to postpone; they want the county to renegotiate, especially with PFAS. County board is trying to get three specific things: 1) indemnification clause updates (2) PFAS removed from all firefighting responses, this new foam has been approved by the FAA and we'd like to see a plan and timeline. (3) want to make sure that if we have millions of dollars in PFAS clean up cost, that we're compensated. County board meeting is one week from today. Yogesh will post an analysis of open records request.
- iii. Voting on 13 million for jail at the next county meeting. County put out an RFP and had one respondent that came in above what our contract was for; need criminal background checks for construction company. Location for the new jail will be next to the existing public safety building.
- b. Marsha Rummel (District 6 alder): did not attend or email.
- c. Dina Nina Martinez Rutherford (District 15 alder): did not attend or email.

7. Committee Updates (part II)

- a. Festivals (Ginny + Megan)
 - i. Ginny: planning to move forward for AtwoodFest the last weekend in July and Sector67 will join us. We'll have a SASY meeting no later than the end of February where people can join to learn how to participate?
 - ii. Megan safety update: safety symposium today put on by Madison police and fire. Directed towards event organizers. Learned some things that are applicable to our event: Mandating any event over 1,000 people will need 2 people trained in crowd management. They went over what they'd like to see on our emergency action plan; Atwoodfest is in a good position here given years of work on this. There was information on everything from national weather service to bomb detection dogs to police and fire services pay scale
 - iii. Liability Insurance: Barrymore gets back soon. We'll get a quote from our insurance provider.
 - iv. Contract: We have a group agreement and contract. The only change is Wil-Mar to Sector67. Discussion around whether the board has and/or needs to vote to approve, and whether someone from the Exec Team needs to sign, especially with insurance concerns. Nothing has been signed yet. Ginny to share the current agreement with the board.
 - v. Rentals: we have a request out. Need to decide on MG&E vs generators for all vendors (Sector67). Have Intellasound booked and in contact with other stages. Work being done on getting music. Next up is an email on planning of physical streets.
 - vi. Finances: Barrymore taking care of day to day money. Still need to get down to the bank, and have a new account with all 3 new organizations.
- b. P&D Committee (Davy)
 - i. Will have a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Will discuss Schenk's Corners for national historic recognition. National =

about recognition and grants, different from local. If we move forward, we'll reach out to local businesses to see if this is something they want. Would also bring back to board, if we want to do this. Won't pursue if we get a lot of pushback. General education for folks to learn more about. Ginny looked into this for the Barrymore and there were some downsides; it could affect the business district. Update on this will go on facebook and is on P&D email.

- c. Solstice (Betty via Ryan)
 - i. Betty is not here, sent out an update. Solstice was an amazing community event: the weather was great and there was a good turnout (over 2k people responded on facebook). Group discussion calling out individuals' contributions (Betty, Susan, Sarah). Next time, we should have our SASY banner up, and maybe one for Friends of Starkweather Creek? Did have QR code at table this year. We ran out of cocoa and cider b/c people had Stanley mugs - use more of the budget to purchase more supplies next year?.
- d. Membership Follow up (Ryan)
 - i. Creating a cheat sheet on ways to get involved in SASY. E.g. send Davy or Megan an email to become involved in respective committees. Could put this in a couple of different places (e.g. apartments).
- e. Sustainable finance (Susan)
 - i. Grants coming up. Please send out to people you know who might be interested. Grants due feb 1, and have 1 in so far. Easy to find the grant: go to sasyna.org, and it's right up front, and is also in emails we've sent around. Some folks have volunteered to do prescreening and make sure grants are ready to go. Anyone who wants to be a part of that can join a sustainable finance meeting on friday february 2nd at 5 pm. On Feb 8th sasy meeting, people will join the meeting, grantees will come to talk to us and there will be pizza; will be at Goodman, in a room where it's easy to hear people. At the March meeting - we'll turn in our votes and board members need to be present to do this.
 - ii. Let Goodman know in the budget process we allocated 4k to Goodman, for the older adult program. Program manager will come and give an update at the April or June meeting.
 - iii. We're the fiscal passthrough for sasy saturdays. Ask former board member back to SASY meeting. What role are we looking to play?

8. Community events: None

9. Motion to Adjourn

- a. MOTION: Davy
- b. SECOND: Ginny
- c. PASSED: Motion Passes, Unanimous (yes: Davy, Doug, Ginny, Joe, Megan, Ryan, Susan) (tech issues: Sarah)