

Minutes: **Draft**

SASY Neighborhood Association, Inc.

December 14, 2023, 6:00pm, Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Company, 2322 Atwood Ave

1. Introductions / Quorum

- a. Board members present: *Betty Chewning, Dan Lenz, Davy Mayer, Doug Johnson, Franzo Law, Ginny Jenkins, Joe Schubert (taking notes), Megan Williamson, Ryan Koglin, Sarah Paske, Susan Ramspacher*
- b. Board members absent (excused): *Aaron Embury*
- c. Community members present: *Ray Cruz, Stef Haima, Larry Jensen, Kristi Kaylo, Alex Sherwood, Chas Karch, Mark Ptak, Boni Westover, Chris Meyer, Sam West, Yogesh Chawla, Lisa Lenz and Kelly Koglin.*
- d. Quorum achieved: ~6:50pm

2. Motion to Nominate Secretary

- a. Joe Schubert nominated, motion seconded
- b. Motion passes

3. Committee Updates

a. Solstice - Betty

- i. Winter Solstice celebration 12/21 at 4 PM, everyone is welcome
- ii. Reminder that dusk is early!
- iii. There will be hot chocolate and cider, and we encourage people to bring your own mug

b. Parks - Betty:

- i. Olbrich North Parcel: City parks department recently held a public meeting, and will hold another meeting in the future.
- ii. Olbrich Park Playground: The parks department held an information meeting to discuss replacement. The replacement will include natural materials and a natural play area. There will be another meeting on this play area.
- iii. There is more information on both of these projects on the parks department website.

c. AtwoodFest - Ginny and Megan:

- i. Past partnership with Barrymore and Wil-Mar. Wil-mar has stepped back this year. Over the past few months, we've been coordinating and finding a new partner: Sector67. They are a neighborhood partner and one we have good synergy with! We are now drawing up our new collaboration agreement. Wil-Mar will still allow use of physical infrastructure.
- ii. Wil-Mar previously took out insurance. Given alcohol license requirements, SASY NA will now own the insurance (SASY taking on alcohol license, insurance, permits). Some questions were asked about what added SASY liability means to individual board members and what

additional work insurance takes; more information to come on these, but noted that taking on the insurance is not a substantial extra amount of work, in context of all that's needed for festival..

- iii. City communications: Some SASY members will be attending safety training with the city (e.g. lost kids, emergencies). City feels we're turnkey about permitting, because AtwoodFest has been run for many years.
- iv. Opportunity for volunteering: pour beer, sell tshirts, etc. There will be opportunities to become involved in the planning: more information to come out about this.
- v. Goal is to create a sustainable plan for years into the future.
- vi. Music: Some bands are earmarked every year. Barrymore and Rocker organize bands. All band requests go through atwoodfest at gmail.com

d. Sustainable Finance, Neighborhood Grant Program - Susan:

- i. Ryan intro - funding from AtwoodFest
- ii. Earmarked 25k for grants. They can go to any individual, business, or group of folks. For uses like public art, education, music, placemaking work, making SASY fun, exciting, and safe. Applicants can be someone in the neighborhood, or someone outside of the neighborhood doing something in the neighborhood. Encourage places that can't get funding elsewhere.
- iii. Examples: Girls inc at East High, garden spaces near dixon street, Art Lit Lab mural on Milwaukee street, Isthmus dance collective porta-potties
- iv. Due date to apply: February 1st. For those that write eligible grants, we ask they come to our February meeting. SASY board to deliberate about the grants in march, with money distributed afterwards.
- v. Max is \$2,500 per grant.
- vi. Grant can't pay wages or contract fees or any consultant. Can't pay for lobbying, religious or partisan work. Choosing not to pay for endowments or operating expenses.

4. Elected Official Updates

a. Yogesh

- i. Dane county board supervisor - see facebook page and website for more information.
- ii. For a more in depth conversation on topics like PFAS, land purchases or money to affordable housing, please come talk to me

5. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Seconded and motion passes