

Agenda: March 2024, DRAFT

SASY Neighborhood Association, Inc.

March 14, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:00pm general session, 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm closed session,
Goodman Community Center

1. Board Introductions / Quorum

- a. Board members present: *Aaron Embury, Betty Chewning, Dan Lenz, Doug Johnson, Franzo Law, Ginny Jenkins, Joe Schubert (taking notes) Megan Williamson, Ray Cruz, Ryan Koglin, Sarah Paske, Susan Ramsbacher*
- b. Board members absent (excused): *Davy Mayer*
- c. Quorum achieved: ~6:35pm

2. Amendments/Additions to the Agenda

- a. No additions to agenda.
- b. Question about February minutes: Joe and Ryan will coordinate to prepare ahead of the April meeting for approval.

3. New Business

- a. Garver (Bryant)
 - i. Garver seeking letter from SASY NA to the city that asks for the city to work with Garver on Olbrich North Parcel. Background presented about Garver (15 small businesses, located near park space, 180 people employed by building's businesses, near Olbrich Gardens, holds various markets). Hope to expand work with artists, food entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Referenced challenges of 2023 gravel crushing.
 - ii. Olbrich North Topic will be taken up by the SASY P&D committee and discussed in their meeting on March 26th, where this committee will consider Garver's request for a letter and other perspectives from the neighborhood.
 - iii. Dina Nina is meeting with Ann and Adam from Parks about both Olbrich park developments and hoping for collaboration. There have been multiple sticking points, notably about parking. Dina Nina sees the parking as a win-win.
- b. Brain Plate Grows (Eliot)
 - i. Brain Plate is a grassroots organization that does community compost, gardening and environmental advocacy on the isthmus. They have received grants in the past years, partnered with other organizations to work with 23,000 pounds of organic material from restaurants and homes. Brain Plate is hoping to add compost to land SE of Garver ('Olbrich's maintenance area'). They hope to make Olbrich an ecological hub as they scale their operations with lessons learned from their first year. The compost site would scale incrementally, and only have plant matter. Mentioned Earth Day Every Day event at Garver on April 22nd.

4. Elected Official Updates: Dina Nina Martinez Rutherford (District 15 alder)

- a. Topic 1: Olbrich Park Nature Play Area Project: fundraising efforts and community fundraising proposal. There was a brief overview of the project's history and then discussion of the next steps and the city's latest proposal; challenges in the process with park removal and design were noted. There is some excitement about the proposal, and there is the possibility to fundraise for a swing set. Fundraising will be through the Madison Parks Foundation, and the swing set can be added after the play area is built. Those involved in these efforts may come to a future SASY NA meeting. City is pricing out features for swings, and it will likely be over \$10k.
- b. Topic 2: Olbrich Park - North Parcel Park Development Plan. Brief recap that the city recently presented a revised plan at a second online meeting. There will be remediation and removal of contaminants. There were questions about why both Olbrich sites are getting nature play areas, and the total amount earmarked for the Olbrich North Parcel (potentially ~\$1 million).
- c. Topic 3: Amtrak Service and Train Station: SASY/MNA co-hosting neighborhood meeting. Trying to find dates in April that don't conflict with existing neighborhood meetings. Dina Nina expressed interest in a centrally located train station and excitement for rail. There was a brief discussion about how the tracks used to enter the city could cut through and disrupt the SASY neighborhood.
- d. Topic 4: Minocqua Brewing Company (MBC): conditional use permit for food trucks. MBC is opening a location next to Trixie's on East Washington, and there was a brief discussion around the status of the food trucks and their permits. Dina Nina and residents also discussed the general process of MBC applying for different permits, their opening and the impact on the immediate area.

5. Committee Updates:

- a. Membership (Davy): The annual meeting will be May 9th, with the location tbd. There will be a membership meeting on March 20th, where they will discuss switching the calendar for SASY board terms and the annual meeting to the early Fall, with these changes starting in 2025. These changes are to better structure our board terms around large commitments (AtwoodFest and Grants). SASY Board encouraged to start thinking about what you're going to do if your term is up in may, and also to talk to neighbors about any interest in SASY NA.
- b. Communication (Joe): Sarah and Joe emailing to find a set of times to put into a doodle poll. This will be for a working meeting on website, and to discuss a template for quick updates after the meeting, on things like upcoming events
- c. Festivals (Ginny + Megan): All things AtwoodFest are moving along at a good pace, with the festival roughly 130 days away. Please connect with them if you're interested in volunteering. April 4th will be the next festivals meeting. For those willing to do sponsor requests, we have pitch forms and paperwork forms. Please run any sponsor requests by Ginny, Megan and Chris.

- d. P&D (summary from Davy): At the March 26th meeting we'll discuss the Schenk's Corner historic district idea, the train station, and Olbrich North Plat.

6. Closed Session: Grant Application Discussions (8 PM)

- a. SASY board moved into a closed session to discuss grant applications.

7. Motion to Adjourn

- a. MOTION: Ginny
- b. SECOND: Betty
- c. PASSED: Motion Passes, Unanimous.

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