

# Agenda: October 2024

SASY Neighborhood Association, Inc.

October 10th, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm, Goodman Community Center

## 1. Introductions / Quorum

- Board members present: Aaron Embury, Betty Chewning, Davy Mayer, Doug Johnson, Joe Schubert, Megan Williamson (left 7:25), Michael Vickerman, Ryan Koglin, Ray Cruz,
- Board members absent (excused): Ginny Jenkins, Sarah Paske, Susan Ramspacher
- Quorum achieved: 6:37

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

- MOTION: [missed in notes]
- SECOND: Ray Cruz
- PASSED: Unanimous
  - Need to add "Y" to harmony and add attendance to the top

## 3. Amendments/Additions to the Agenda (none)

## 4. New business

- Rotunda Cafe: Chip and Melissa from Rotunda Cafe joined to talk about a beer/liquor license they are pursuing. Chip talked through the background of Rotunda, and how their focus has been on creating a community space and succeeding with coffee as focus for a full year. They want to continue creating an intentional community space, and to expand via an entertainment and liquor license. They talked about their backgrounds in music and interest in supporting musicians with a mix of local and national acts. There was a brief discussion where board members asked about their capacity (170, sweet spot is 75 or under), Lake Ridge's view (excited about space), expanded hours (not immediately moving to full expansion of hours, but starting with specific events and don't want to just be a bar). They asked for a letter of support from SASY.
  - MOTION to write letter: Davy
  - SECONDED: Megan
  - PASSED: Unanimous
- Environment committee: Betty spoke about interest in re-booting the environmental committee. Recently a group met for a tree walk, and there have been other environment related items in the neighborhood lately (e.g. parks, airplane noise). Others from the tree walk (Ray, Michael) also spoke about the tree walk, and some of the details the city forester shared (e.g. tree species selection, curb bump outs to accommodate trees); there are places where we don't have trees on Atwood where we could have trees. City forester seemed very interested in working with neighborhood groups. A few board members expressed interest and Betty will look at next steps to setting up the committee.

## 5. Elected Official Updates

- Yogesh Chawla ( Dane County Supervisor)
  - Traveling to see family, but noted via a message the budget amendment to invest in wetlands and other land conversion.
- Marsha Rummel ( District 6 alder)
  - Has sent out some budget items in email
- Dina Nina Martinez Rutherford ( District 15 alder)
  - No response

## 6. Committee Updates

- Sustainable finance (Susan)
  - Ryan presented the 2025 budget, including moving money into different accounts, adding funding for the environmental committee and additional amount for the grant program. There was a brief discussion, and the budget was approved.
- Communication (Joe)
  - Will have a website meeting before grants go live to add grants information and add new SASY emails to the website.
- Festivals (Ginny + Megan)
  - First AtwoodFest meeting is in 2025
- Membership Committee (Davy)
  - Social events (Ray): have talked through the concept of hosting social events with a few local businesses, and received positive responses. There was a brief discussion around whether there would be a specific topic to the meeting, and whether the December SASY NA meeting should be a more social one, or if that should be a separate social event.
  - P&D (Davy): Minocqua Brewing Company will need new permit for amplified music, after missing this in their prior permit (which did not have sasy na outreach). People are starting to move into apartments at old Stop N Go. Noted speed checkers on Winnebago, after the police officer attended SASY NA meeting to talk about car violence, speeding and road design on Atwood. P&D did not meet as a committee last month (members sick).
- Solstice (Betty)
  - The winter solstice celebration will be 12/21. Dusk is early that day, just before 4:30. Will light then fire then. If anyone is interested in volunteering, reach out to Betty. Insurance was confirmed with Doug (through Friends of Starkweather Creek). Will do hot chocolate and hot cider - do not bring your own thermos (there will be cups sized so all can enjoy). At the summer solstice celebration, someone flew a drone and counted 1,100 people. After the solstice update and discussion, Betty invited the SASY board members to a Safe Communities event at the Black Business Hub.

## 7. Motion to Adjourn

- MOTION: Michael
- SECOND: Davy
- PASSED: Unanimous