

SASY Neighborhood Association, Inc.

November 14th, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm, Goodman Community Center

1. Introductions / Quorum

- Board members present: Betty Chewning, Davy Mayer, Doug Johnson, Ginny Jenkins, Joe Schubert (taking notes), Megan Williamson, Michael Vickerman, Ryan Koglin, Susan Ramspacher
- Board members absent (excused): Aaron Embury, Ray Cruz
- Board members absent: Sarah Paske,
- Quorum achieved: 6:33

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

- MOTION: Davy
- SECOND: Betty
 - Friendly amendment: not encouraging people to bring their own cups due to larger personal cups and limited drinks
- PASSED: Unanimous

3. Amendments/Additions to the Agenda

4. New business

- Forward Craft and Coffee (Chad Walhood, one of three owners) joined to talk about future plans, including an application for an alcohol license. They're looking to expand their offerings to include drinks like Irish Coffee and potential cocktail pop-ups, which requires a liquor license. They're not looking to become a shot or 'rum and coke' style place. Would also accompany liquor drinks with NA options. Afterwards, Chad answered questions: will there be a change to hours? (A: no, beyond popups and nothing beyond original Forward proposal of midnight), will there be food to accompany liquor? (A: no more food, license only allows simple foods, Forward baristas have liquor licence and take serving alcohol seriously), when? (A: application is in, meeting is on 11/21, goal date is 1/21 but this is also pending availability of liquor licenses in city).
- Atwoodfest checks address: Megan confirmed address for checks and there was a brief discussion around this.
- Winterfest Sponsorship- Aaron Embury/Ryan Koglin. There was a brief discussion around Winterfest, an event where Santa goes around to different stores and kids can say hi; some shops have drinks. Lake Ridge Bank is contributing, and the group discussed SASY donating \$150 to Santa.
 - MOTION to donate \$150 to Santa: Ginny
 - SECOND: Davy
 - PASSED: unanimous
- Updates on restaurants in the neighborhood: Daisy Cafe space update- a new restaurant (Taco Madre) is moving in; they have a few other locations. Stalyz's last day as a diner is Nov 17th:

5. Elected Official Updates

- Yogesh Chawla (Dane County Supervisor): At PTA
- Marsha Rummel (District 6 alder): did not attend
- Dina Nina Martinez Rutherford (District 15 alder): did not attend

6. Committee Updates

- **Sustainable finance** (Susan) update on 2024/2025 grant program. There was a brief discussion around the details of paying people through grants (currently not something we do) and IRS language.. Next, there was a brief discussion of the score sheet, and whether it's right to include prior grant recipient in scores. There was also a brief discussion on the value and trade-offs of requiring applicants to attend the grant in person, and what other options we might offer (e.g. video). The outcome is along the lines of: want people to come to the meeting, and we'll make it clear everywhere that it's a representative (not necessarily applicant), and then option to contact SASY for accommodations. Grant applications are open december 1st through february 1st.
- **Communication** (Joe) update on website. Davy and Joe met for comm comms meeting this month. Davy added a calendar, and we made some small edits, and prepared for grants application. Priorities for next month will be grant application and minutes.
- **Festivals** (Ginny + Megan) update on AtwoodFest. Working on 2025 contract, including insurance; Oct 31st meeting on partnerships. No final numbers yet on 2024.
- **Membership Committee** (Davy): tentatively planning on a two events, one in january and one in february at Rotunda and Harmony. Each meeting will have a theme to spark conversations.
- **P&D Committee** (Davy): Met a couple of weeks ago, and mostly went over updates in the community (some topics were Zion Lutheran redevelopment, discussing insulation and walls, Minocqua Brewing Company amplified event and neighbors. The next meeting will be in November (fourth Monday)
- **Solstice** (Betty): had a good meeting and things are on track for winter solstice. Will reach out to Ray to do socials, and connect with Susan on supplies.
- **Environmental Committee** (Betty): Group met (Michael, Doug, Joe, Betty, and Lissa will join too). They adopted a charge (Betty then read this). Starting with a letter to Alder Rummel to get guidance on who (and when) to talk with City about making North Plat parking lot more sustainable with planters. There was a brief discussion around process for SASY sending letters; if for advocacy, run by the board or the president and if for more information, can send directly.

7. Motion to Adjourn

- MOTION: Ginny
- SECOND: Davy
- PASSED:unanimous