

**SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday 12 May
7:15 pm @ Goodman Center**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Introductions (5 minutes) – Lou Host Jablonski, Melanie Foxcroft, Rek Kwawer, Gary Karch, Brad Hinkfuss, Catherine Stephens, Andy Heidt, John Steines, Margo Tiedt, Doug Johnson, Twink Jan-McMahon, Ken Fitzsimmons, Mark McFadden, Marsha Rummel, Matt Miller, Lance Green, Mike Barrett, John Steines, Randy Roden

We have a quorum.

2. Nominate and elect a business rep to the council. (7 minutes)
 - a. Mark McFadden nominated Lou and several seconded.
 - b. Twink mentioned there could be other Business reps and questioned whether we have reached out to the NA. We did our best, and need to do better.
 - c. Lou voted in as Business rep
3. Review roles of chair, internal activities coordinator, outreach and communications coordinator. (10 minutes)
 - a. This group shares the work of keeping the Council running and stays in touch with all.
 - b. See bylaws for more on roles of the Executive Committee
 - c. Melanie suggested that committees include a chair or lead person that then communicate with the Executive Group.
 - d. Brad noted that it would be good to establish a window of time for sharing the Agenda prior to meetings to give NA time to respond. Catherine agreed.
 - e. Lou pointed out there is a process to update our Bylaws and we do plan to keep working on the bylaws.
4. Nominate and elect a Chair. (7 minutes)
 - a. Mark McFadden nominated Lou, and John Steines nominates Mark McFadden.
 - b. Mark withdraws because of Lou's willingness to serve as Chair.
 - c. Lou notes – he has served on council for 10-12 years. I may not be that good of a chair because I'm busy; I tend to not get the Agenda done on time; I'm good when there is a timeline on projects. I will do this IF the work is shared. Catherine has been very helpful. I would rather not be trying to cover everything. The council work must be collaborative.
 - d. Twink and Lance Green both vouch for Lou.

- e. Note -- internal Coordinator helps support the agenda.
 - f. Catherine suggested that we use Google Docs and all take part in building the agenda. Lance and Melanie agreed.
 - g. Lou called a vote. Council unanimously approves Lou as Chair.
Action step: Catherine setup Google docs for agenda forming.
5. Nominate and elect the SASY Executive Committee. (10 min)
Committee is made up of
- a. the Chair
 - b. the Internal Activities Coordinator
Melanie nominated Catherine
 - c. the Outreach and Communications Coordinator. This person coordinates the Outreach committee. Twink nominated John Steines for Outreach and Communications.
 - d. Lou called a vote. Council unanimously approves John and Catherine in roles as stated in the bylaws.
6. Suggest membership for SASY standing committees (7 min)
- a. Membership Committee – Margo Tiedt joins Catherine
 - b. Communications Committee – Betty, Randy, and Rek Kwawer join John Steines.
 - c. Preservation and Development Committee
Catherine and John S. nominated Mark as Chair. Council unanimously approves Mark as Chair. Brad Hughes and Doug Johnson join Mark on this committee. Lance Green also expressed interest in joining the committee.
7. Brad and Twink and suggested please post committees and their goals on the SASYNA.org web site.
8. Look ahead, review goals, review and identify SASY ad-hoc committees and assign reps (see working doc) (20 min)
- a. Catherine prepared a working document to get some issues on the table and for discussion.
 - b. Mark McFadden made a motion to form a SASYNA adhoc committee focused on temporary / transitional uses at Union Corners. Lou called a vote. New adhoc committee unanimously approved. Gary Karch and Ken Fitzsimmons join the group.
 - c. Catherine suggested we form an adhoc committee to review the SASYNA neighborhood plan. Marsha noted that City is reviewing the Zoning Code, the timing seems right. Also neighborhood plans should be reviewed every 10 years.
Lance Green expressed interest working on this.
Action step: Mark suggested that the Preservation and Development Plan assess the work involved and report back at the June meeting.

- d. Lou noted that we can revisit ad-hoc committees at the next meeting.
9. Hudson Beach project (Matt Miller) (10 minutes)
- a. Sewer line project is now complete. Project also focused on preventing soil erosion. See history project updates in East Side News.
 - b. Hudson Beach Working Group is looking at improved safe access to the beach. Would like to see better steps and a railing. There is an existing structure in the hillside that could be converted to steps. Existing railing is falling apart. Could just build stone steps and clean up the site.
 - c. Have been asking for and improved access to beach for 15 years. Work with the City and this park becomes problematic and the work stalls. Site is delicate and close to Indian Burial grounds.
 - d. What the Parks and City Engineering proposed a wide path, too wide, and this was not approved by the Neighbors.
 - e. Catherine mentioned that she spoke with Betty Chewing today and Betty has requested that the Parks Commission review safe access points near Hudson Beach. Betty can report more at the next meeting.
 - f. **Motion/action step: Council is in favor of searching for a solution for safer beach access in a timely manner, and urge the Alder to work Madison City Parks and the Hudson Beach Working group. Lou called for a vote. Unanimously approved. Council crafts a letter.**

10. Alder Report.

- a. Marsha reported there is work underway to respond to the Kipp issues. Concern about Volatile organics moving through the soil and vapor intrusion in homes. Marsha is working on setting up a public meeting with Public Health, County Exec Parisi, DNR, the Mayor, the neighbors, Kipp rep. Maria Powell from the neighborhood helping gather info. Margo noted that extensive soil testing that was done at Goodman Site and ground soil cleanup. No contamination was found. Catherine expressed concern. There is DNR testing underway. Lance noted that any citizen can ask the DNR for a copy of work underway. Matt Miller reported that companies do have a way to remediate the soil; cleanup work could be done.
Action step: Catherine will ask Dan and Steve to draft a letter to the City of Madison, Kipp, DNR, and share with Council.

Sustain Dane running into trouble with property purchase.

2733 Atwood new development – neighborhood meeting coming.

Redistricting happening. There is interest in bringing all of

SASYNA into District 6. Alder Palm no longer lives in this district, see Larry's article in the East Side News. More public meetings coming.

May 26th – meeting at O'Keefe Cafeteria. Bike boulevard proposal, starting at Jen Street to Atwood. Invites to going to attend.

Mike Barrett asked about City plan for more road expansion. Marsha reported there was a recent Informational presentation at the City Council meeting but not much opportunity for input. Mike and Twink expressed concern.

Randy suggested we invite Paul Soglin to a Council meeting.

Action step: let's do it.

11. Propose host Communications and Conflict Transformation sessions at Goodman Center with Carl Landsness.

Carl observes that the energy coming across the NA is of concern, and sees opportunity to bring people together focus on communication techniques. Carl has helped convene discussion groups; we would view a video and discuss. Carl has led groups around topics of Conflict Resolution, looking for interest and a place to hold the meeting. Would love to see this 'hood learn and model communication techniques that are compassionate. Margo volunteered to help set up meeting at the Goodman Center and help host the meeting. Catherine also expressed interest in helping.

12. Pergola Committee – Margo noted the work is getting underway soon.

Action step: John Steines, Brad, and Mike should meet. Send suggestions to Margo this week.

13. Propose TWO SASY email listservs. Discussion of moderated and un-moderated lists. Discussion tabled, out of time.

Action step: The Communications Committee will take this up, and Council members and others can send suggestions to John and group. Communications Committee will share recommendation with the Council.

On agenda for next time:

- Trash at Union Corners
- Matt Miller will return in June to talk about limited mowing at Hudson Park.
- Preservation and Development Committee assess review of SASYNA neighborhood plan.

- Note – put guests first on the Agenda.
- Airplane Noise
- Communications Committee shares recommendation about NA list.
- Review draft letter to Kipp.