

3. Listserv discussion guidelines

Discussion summaries (from email exchanges post posting):

If we could agree to some guidelines, what about posting them monthly on the lists as a reminder to the mailing list participants? If things work out, then maybe that's all that needs to be done. If people object to somebody's future posting as contrary to the guidelines, let them bring the complaint to the SASYNA Ruling Troika and let them make a decision on how to follow up.

I like the idea of the periodic (i.e., not personally targeted) reminders.

I would think that even once a year or max every 6 months would be more than sufficient.

And then definitely making it required reading at subscription. I think that may be the most important point in time for getting the message across.

Discussion Group and Email List Code of Conduct - original

The mission of the SASY is to advocate for a better community for its residents, businesses, and visitors through an open, consensual process.

This email listserv was established to facilitate communication among SASYNA community members. Our expectations are that all contributors to this listserv will communicate in a manner that affords all members mutual respect and dignity. To facilitate effective, respectful communications within our community, all listserv contributors will adopt the following guidelines for electronic communications:

Do not post or send any communications to the group that is:

- Exclusive, such as an invitation to an event that does not include everyone on the discussion group or email list.
- Promotionals including selling, advertising, or "offering" products or services to others; junk mail, "spam," chain letters, contests; or any other form of promotion or solicitation except as directly relevant to the SASYNA community.
- A defamatory, malicious, or disrespectful communication targeting race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, physical characteristics, or disability.*
- Obscene, vulgar, harmful, insulting, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, libelous, slanderous, untrue, a personal attack, or invasive of someone else's privacy.*
- Profanity or other inappropriate language. If you have any doubt that a specific comment might be considered offensive by someone else, don't post or send it.*
- Not yours to publish (because you did not create it or you don't have the legal right to publish it). Don't violate any copyright or other proprietary rights.

*Note: Using misspellings, asterisks, or other symbols to represent the actual letters in a word or phrase that's listed above is not acceptable.

Also please don't:

- Quote someone else's communication (verbal, written, or electronic) without that person's explicit permission.
- Divulge private information about another person.
- Forward or post messages that someone has sent to you unless you have his or her permission.

Please:

Always sign your name with your real name. This is a neighborhood list of neighbors.

This discussion group is meant to be used to communicate matters directly relevant to the community that are of interest to the people in the discussion group or on the email list.

Remember that discussion groups and email communications by nature are not private, they are public, and while the practice is discouraged by etiquette and these guidelines, they can easily be forwarded. Also, be aware that you are responsible for all of your communications and their content while using the discussion group or email list.

If an issue occurs with the communications of another person in discussion groups or email, please try to resolve the matter constructively by contacting that person directly, talking it through, using your own good judgment, and assuming the best intentions

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4. REPORTS

a) Development & Preservation Committee

Development & Preservation Committee

The Development and Preservation Committee is meeting to consider a proposal for 2733 Atwood Ave on Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30pm. This is a follow-up meeting to an earlier initial presentation by the architect representing the developer. The general consensus is that the original proposal is too tall and massive for the small site on which it is proposed to be located. The meeting is intended to continue the dialog between neighbors and the developer to see if some common ground can be found for the proposal. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Development and Preservation Committee is at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 27th at the Goodman Community Center.

Mark McFadden

b) Bylaws Committee Report

BYLAWS, SASYNA July 2011 Meeting

In October 2010, the SASYNA Council formed a committee to examine the current bylaws and make a recommendation to the Council on whether they should be updated. Based on the recommendation of the committee, the Council directed the Bylaws committee to propose a redraft of the Bylaws for a vote by the General Membership in the Spring of 2011. The Bylaws committee met eight times during the winter and proposed a draft set of Bylaws at the February 2011 SASYNA meeting, those were amended at the March and April SASYNA meetings and then approved for review by the General Membership Meeting in 2011.

At the General Membership Meeting, one change (the removal of a section entitled "SASY Communications Not Used For Election") was approved by voice vote. No other changes to the Bylaws were made at the meeting and the newly revised Bylaws were approved by a show of hands.

The revised Bylaws are now posted at the SASYNA web site.

The Bylaws committee is aware of some remaining issues that were raised at both the SASYNA General Membership Meeting and in subsequent SASYNA Council meetings. The Bylaws committee is also aware of minor edits that need to be done to the Bylaws and has these documented. Currently there is no timetable for making these minor changes and reopening the Bylaws for any further discussion. While the Bylaws Committee stands ready to make changes, it feels that the resources of the Council might be better directed to other pressing issues. As a result, there are no new meetings of the Bylaws Committee scheduled in the near future.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee,

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Mark McFadden

c. UNION CORNERS - temporary & transitional uses

Union Corners Temporary and Transitional Uses

This month's Union Corners Temporary and Transitional Uses Meeting was rescheduled. I'll distribute information about the new date and location widely when it is available. In the meantime EINPC is holding a meeting to discuss the Union Corners proposals that emerged from the New Urbanism Conference last month. The EINPC meeting may be held in the old Union Corners sales building on East Washington Ave. on July 28th.

Mark McFadden

d) SOLSTICE (as prepared for East Side News submission)

SASY GCC Pergola Report July 2011

The Goodman Community Center pergola is in and plantings are in place. Committee members expressed disappointment at how much wood was used in construction. Plant selection type follows suggestions from committee (native bittersweet, clematis, herbs & veggies). Hopefully, additional measures over time will make the site appear more attractive, as it currently strikes some as rather plain. Site might be a good site for a future SASY informational display (sign board) if mutually agreeable to SASY & GCC. Recommendation is that this committee is disbanded at this time. Submitted, John Steines

f) WABA

WABA

Winnebago Atwood Business Association took place on Wed, June 22nd at 9a-10a at Stalzy's Deli, 2701 Atwood Ave. The group is working to

formalize its process and organize itself as a business association.

Two groups of speakers were invited to talk about their structures, including their pros and cons: Dan Frost, President GWABA and Anne Nardi, Construction Coordinator--Willy Street construction project; Mary Carbine, BID Executive Director, Madison Central BID and Susan Schmitz, President, DMI. Presentations were followed by questions and answer period. Next meeting will be held July 27, 2011 location TBD. Contact Meghan Blake-Horst: meghan@absolutelyartllc.com.

g) Tree Inventory

Tree Inventory

The Sustainable Atwood DNR Tree Inventory and EAB Education & Outreach has just concluded its six month report (available after review by DNR). After an active time of education and outreach in the first 5 months, the inventory itself was kicked off with a publicized event at the Yahara River Parkway, June 13, 12:00 pm. The first tree, located at the head of the parkway was a mature ash. As of July 11, 2011 *all* trees 6" diameter + in the parks, public spaces and bike paths will have been inventoried. Private properties will be inventoried next. Starting with the Yahara section of SASY, we'll work our way through each section of the neighborhood. Volunteers will go door to door to talk to their neighbors about the project, give them our flyer and offer more information as desired. We stress that the person taking tree measurements is employed and insured by Gere Tree Care, Inc., will be wearing a blaze orange vest with a GTC logo, and will need appx. 0-10 minutes per yard. Contact: Twink Jan-McMahon phone 886-3379.

h) REDUCED MOW HUDSON PARK

Reduced mowing at Hudson Park, SASY report July 2011

John Steines and Matt Miller met onsite to discuss documents to be included in final letter (including photographs, mapping including entry and exit points of mowed areas), but final document not yet ready due to unexpected delays. Still planning to complete. In the meantime, Friends of Hudson Park have agreed to work with SASY to form a new NA ad hoc committee for Hudson Park. That material is submitted under new business. Submitted by John Steines

i. Madison Area Bus Advocates meeting

Madison Area Bus Advocates meeting, early July 2011, report to SASY

1. The group is interested in metered parking at parks...or at least some parks. An example is Vilas. This might accomplish several things. Limited parking would not be used disproportionately by longer hour users or by people not actually using the park or zoo. Second, it encourages more bike and mass transit use to the parks.
 2. A strong recommendation was to work much more closely with Madison Metro to increase accessibility to the parks as destinations. The weekends are much worse now than weekdays in terms of needs to transfer, frequency of buses, when the last run is. Please publicize on the PARKS website how to get to the parks via mass transit on the weekend as well as weekdays. I believe this could be a great student intern job if you would like me to try to find you one. I am happy to approach the landscape architecture or geography or URPL groups to see if we can't get you one or more to do this. I think you will be shocked when you do this. I went to the Metro link you mentioned to try to see how to get to Olbrich from the west side. It ain't easy, but it's possible. It's important for Parks Dept to confront the difficulty of the transfers and length of time it takes as well as when service begins and ends.
 3. Another suggestion is to have your major events have event announcements and travel directions to include pertinent bus (bike and pedestrian) information to get to the event. The Mallards are a perfect example of a major event to the same location. I know that Vern believes in being environmentally friendly, and advertises this in terms of the recycled material in their seats. Transportation is a much bigger issue and I would strongly suggest that they (and your other major events) do something like the Great Taste group by not only encouraging bus riding but arranging for additional transportation and then ADVERTISING how the transportation needs of participants will be handled.
- Carl Durocher was kind enough to send me this link from the group's event last year. I think it is a great model for all your major events. Why not include this as one of your conditions for a major event....look into how transportation can be handled and specifically how Madison Metro fits in along with any other transportation strategies the group cooks up. This link takes you to the Great Taste page of the Madison Homebrewers' Guild website
- <http://www.mhtg.org/great-taste-of-the-midwest>
By clicking on "transportation", you'll see the pre-planning we do in setting up the event.
(What's up there now, is still last year's info.)
4. A strong suggestion was to un-bundle parking costs from other parks fees. Frugal people could choose not to use their cars and not to subsidize someone else's car/truck use. In other words, currently you have the boaters pay a fee when they park at your lots by the lake. Why not make it clear that if they bring their boats by hand (true of most kayaks and canoes for example) one doesn't need a permit to use the launches. In essence you are un-bundling the cost of parking space so that people requiring that loss of green space are being taxed for that loss to the rest of us.
 5. It is very strange that the entrances to our Park buildings are not systematically oriented toward sidewalks rather than parking lots when they are on the opposite side. I give you the example of Warner Park. Someone in a wheel chair recently took the bus to Warner for a public meeting, and when leaving, asked if she could exit out the back of the building toward the sidewalk and bus stop. She was told no. That's just an emergency exit. Of course if you are not in a wheel chair, you would never think about this. But seriously, this is a problem that shouldn't be that difficult to deal with especially when we already have doors at our public buildings.
 6. The group asked me how much the new Parks and Open Space Plan has been sensitive to the needs for mass transit accessibility. What can you tell me about that?
 7. A question was raised as to why the Park commission meetings are held at Warner which is so difficult to get to rather than Olbrich was easier. I said it was size of the meeting room and they pointed out the large room downstairs. They also suggested meeting downtown.
 8. Lastly, I suggested that the group come to the Long Range Planning Committee to have input into the Parks and Open Space Plan discussion. I hope they will do this because they will add a much needed perspective in this time of tightening resources and need for sustainability. Times are not like they have been.

Be well,
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Betty Chewning

j) EAST SIDE WATER, CAP / WATER UTILITY

East Side Water Supply Project, report for SASY

July 2011

Several SASY members attended one of the two four hour Water Listening & Learning forums held by the Citizens Advisory Panel (Monday, June 27, 2011 Thursday, June 30, 2011). All materials are available here (including well 7, 8, 11, 15 specific materials):

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/plans/eastWaterSupply.cfm>

Panel discussions were videotaped. Participating members were very willing to engage in conversation regarding details related to flow, usage, contamination and planning.

Supply demand indicates that regardless of conservation, water demand will continue to increase. Treatment systems for specific well issues suggested. Conservation in terms of constructing gray water systems, which are currently illegal, will be addressed, as a critical mass demands and will require change at the state level as regulations fall under DNR. Systems for both black and gray water recycling are available but not being pushed at this time. Restricting growth not considered at this time. Long term safety of water resource (lower aquifer) at risk due to long standing contamination issues. Recommend SASY address concerns to Water Utility Board July 26 2011. Submitted by John Steines

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The CAP holds regular biweekly meetings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

- Monday, 7/18/11, Anderson United Way, Evjue Board Room B
- Monday, 7/25/11, Anderson United Way, Evjue Board Room B

Water Utility Board Meeting July 26, 2011:
Decision on ESWS Project recommendations

k) Hudson Park, Proposed SASYNA Ad Hoc Committee

Proposed Hudson Park Ad Hoc SASY Committee

July 8, 2011

Drafted by: Matthew Miller, SASYNA member,

Bill White, Friends of Hudson Park,

John Steines, SASYNA Council

Name: Hudson Park Ad Hoc Committee

Mission: The Hudson Park Ad Hoc Committee seeks to resolve (long-standing) issues regarding safe access to Lake Monona at Hudson Beach, vegetation management, and erosion control with the neighborhood and the City of Madison Parks Division (City Parks).

Goals:

1. Work with City Parks and City Engineering to design and install safe access (with railing) to Hudson Beach.
2. Work with City Parks and City Forestry to design and implement vegetation management and erosion control in Hudson Park.
3. Other items as approved by the SASYNA Council.

Tasks:

1. Meet with City Parks as necessary in order to ensure neighborhood input into decisions regarding Hudson Park.
2. Perform on-site investigation of shoreline to determine present vegetation status of each portion of shore.
3. Develop management scenarios that can be applied to individual areas.
4. Educate homeowners regarding vegetation management methods in Park areas next to, or across from, their properties.

Terms of the Hudson Park Ad Hoc Committee:

Sunset: July 12, 2012, renewed as necessary.

Membership of Committee: To be appointed by the SASYNA Council.

Chair of Committee: To be appointed by the SASYNA Council.

The Committee Meets as needed.

The Hudson Park Ad Hoc Committee Reports monthly to the SASYNA council.

Hudson Park by the numbers: 4.17 acres in area, 2,407 feet of shoreline,
3 effigy mounds, silt loam soils, slopes up to 85 percent (38 degrees),
40 homeowners adjacent, 2,150 feet on Lakeland Avenue.

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5. LOGO BANNER - two versions

