

# SASY Neighborhood Association

Council Meeting Agenda ~ 9 August 2012

Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

<http://www.sasyna.org/> ... Please read posted committee reports

## 1) Introductions / quorum

**Present:** Lou H-J, James M, Doug J, Randy R, Catherine S, Sarah W, Margo T, Lance G, Melanie F, Betty C, Gary K. **Excused:** John S, Twink J-M, Brad K, Brad H

**Also attending:** Alder Marsha Rummel, Kathy Uteley (Food Pantry), Deenah Givens (GCC), David Griffith, Cathy Loeb, John Fender, Sylvia Fender, Keith Symonds (Atwood Brewery project)

**2) Approval of previous meeting minutes** ~ see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/>  
Motion to approve: Lance. Second: Doug. Motion passed.

**3) Additions/corrections** to agenda. Identify additional items, include guests and invited presenters, items for open discussion time.

## 4) Invited Guests

- a. Deenah Givens from Goodman Community Center. **Asset Based Community Development** project focused on Darbo-Worthington Park, 6 month project, part time role on project. Description: Going door to door. Connecting neighbors to neighbors and to resources. Working with neighbors to build coalitions based on strengths and skills.  
Challenges: Worthington Park NA - leadership changes. Could SASY offer suggestions to keep Worthington Park NA strong?  
Other ideas: Sarah suggested we could offer a casual music sing-along.  
Deenah gathering ideas from WP residents.
- b. Deenah also shared post cards for **Wisconsin Voices** - project to assess community involvement with voting behavior. Fill out cards. Fund Raiser for GCC, too. <http://www.wisconsinvoices.org/>
- c. Kathy Uteley from **Goodman Community Center Food Pantry** manager from Goodman, and manages community gardens. Kathy described revamping Block Captains - now called *FoodWorks Volunteers*. Goodman could use more volunteers, there are gaps. Volunteers organize food collecting in different ways, whatever works. We're encouraged to volunteer or reach out and find new volunteers. Looking for healthy foods - serious about that. Fresh fruits, vegetables, low sodium, high fiber foods encouraged. CSA users if out of town - send boxes here.  
Marsha mentioned a new food council at the City level org by the Mayor. Contact info: 834-2051; [Kathy@goodmancenter.org](mailto:Kathy@goodmancenter.org)
- d. Keith Symonds, possible **brewery/tavern project** for 2439 Atwood Avenue, across from St. Bernard's church - shares fence with Bunky's. Already has good parking / buses / bikes / walkable. No lease yet - we are waiting for a facade improvement program first. Community-centric restaurant tavern making own beer. Small, 3 barrel brewery. Beer and wine license only. Modern tavern fare - well sourced brats, etc. 120 person capacity. Communal seating. No bands - maybe some open mike. Building is functional if not a little tired - facade improvement grant approved \$10,000 + \$20,000 from owners on this project. ADA compliant door and bathrooms.. Hoping to apply for outdoor seating depending on how much parking is needed. Five apartments upstairs stay. Keith shared that building owner has spoken with tenants.  
Times of operation: 11 PM on weeknights. 12 Pm on weekends. Open for lunch.

Lou asked that the Building Owners be invited to attend SASY meeting. Please submit drawing and more about the building improvements, esp. facade improvement. Project

went to UDC / City of Madison yesterday.

Marsha shared the fade improvement grant around the table.

Lease -- with right of first refusal to purchase the building. Improvements include signage.

Business Plan: A place making its own beer; designed for "polite political discussion".

#### **5) City Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)**

- a. Leadership changes at Worthington Park NA. Join SASY? Next Wednesday 8/15 at 6 pm Marsha hosting a meeting Salvation Army -- neighborhood meeting with City leaders. SASY welcome to attend. Catherine expressed desire to continue conversation regarding merging w/Worthington Park. Not the first time this has come up. Revisit at next meeting and invite some Worthington Park folks to the conversation.
- b. Union Corners - Wednesday public meeting organized by EINPC and Joe Mingle, part two from Monday's meeting. Developers invited.
- c. July 23rd meeting with Parks - future of Garver.

#### **6) State Update (Rep. Chris Taylor) - submitted a written report to SASYNA list.**

#### **7) SASY Events**

- a. Goodman Fest / Corn Grill report (James)

We will try this again ! and try to cut back on expenses a bit to make more of a profit.

Fest goers were happy to see grilled corn back !

*Splitting the profits with Friends of the Creek (Margo & James do calculation).* Next time, can add more info about SASY at the table. Let's revisit the logistics - and figure out how to make more money next time. James has the details. How can we better raise awareness about SASY next time? Many thanks to all volunteers.

#### **8) Communications committee report (Sarah)**

- a. SASY book group / salon focused on Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard by Chip and Dan Heath - first meeting report (Sarah)

1. first meeting was great. Notes have been shared.
2. Second meeting in September - others welcome to join us. Sarah has books.

- b. East Side News articles submitted and deadline for next issue. (Betty).

<https://www.goodmancenter.org/services/esn-calendar-deadlines>

Pics from Atwood Fest submitted. Lou suggested add captions to pics if we can.

#### **9) SASY Water Committee (Dan Melton) (Tabled)**

- a. Water Committee charge (Dan Melton) (Tabled)
- b. SASY response to turning on well no. 8 (tabled)

#### **10) Union Corners (Lou)**

- a. Union Corners RFP Response Meeting hosted by EINPC (Lou and James attended)

- b. Propose SASY vote for Union Corners proposal (Sarah W.)

Catherine - suggested SASY members attend the meetings coming up and if we want to vote, go from there. Lou agreed, this would be very helpful.

Lou reported the City committee is looking to choose a developer; sell the Union Corners to a Developer. Once a project is selected, then the process unfolds, and then design suggestions can be suggested.

Marsha added, we are doing a Lease to Buy.

Four meetings coming up.

Next week is citizen meeting with 5 proposals, city staff, developers. With Joe Mingle and Jody from EINPC.

### **11) Garver Committee (Lou / John)**

Tuesday, with Lou and Betty and others - Marsha introduced a resolution at City Council that Garver RFQ (engineering and architectural firms) will need to come back to City Council and Board of estimates to be approved.

Some background recent events: RFQ prepared and comes out. Says we'll tear down half of it before they even studied it (?).

Garver committee (Lou, Betty, Sarah White & John Martens) attended Tuesday City Council meeting; not allowed to speak but went to demonstrate that we're not allowed to speak.

Lou picked up a map at the OBS 'meet-the-architects' evening last week; discovered that it showed a cross hatched with sections to be demolished.

Marsha met with Parks - what's going on ?

Meeting with Parks. Marsha: "Let's look at the entire structure." Marsha and others making strong effort to come back and demand to study the entire building.

Garver committee -- went to the Parks Commission meeting last night. Regaled them with comments about Garver; essentially said "Study whole building not just half of it." John Martens spoke about renovating old buildings - the whole building, not just part. Lou - we value transparency and hope you support us.

### **12) Airport Noise Committee (Melanie)**

Press release is in the works about meeting with Joe Parisi.

Letter waiting to go out, too, before November election.

### **13) Kipp committee (Gary) See written committee report on the SASY website.**

Lance report: More soil sampling tests done. DNR notified neighbors to attend meetings. Trying to form a citizen advisory committee. Not required by Wisconsin law. Neighbors involved with law suit may be reluctant.

Neighbor concerns about assessment of property near Kipp.

Lou asked, can the City sue Kipp over loss tax revenue?

Sentinel well for well no. 8 not drilled yet. Waiting for testing from other wells, including well near Kipp.

Can we invite Kipp staff to meet with SASY.

Betty suggested contact Bob Moore - toxicology expert w/ School of Pharmacy, lives in the neighborhood. MAY help with reviewing reports.

### **14) Transportation Committee (tabled)**

Lou and John meeting with the Transportation Committee to help with process issues. Meeting scheduled

### **15) Development and Presentation Committee (Tabled -- Brad H excused)**

### **17) New Business -- none**

### **18) Adjourn - 8:47 pm**