

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Minutes
February 9th, 2012
Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 pm
<http://www.sasyna.org/>

Quorum council members present: Betty Chewing, Catherine Stephens, Gary Karch, Melanie Foxcroft, Doug Johnson, Lou Host-Jablonski, Brad Hinkfuss, Twink Jan-McMahon, Lance Green, Sarah Williams, Randy Roden, John Steines – note taker.

Excused: Margo Tiedt, Mike Barrett,

Not present: Ken Fitzsimmons.

Guests: Marsha Rummel, Matthew Miller, Mike Fisher, Dan Melton, Sean Gere.

MINUTES: 12 December, 2011 meeting. Move approval – Sarah Williams, Second – Betty Chewing, unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS: Council meeting times.

INVITED GUESTS:

1. Mike Fisher, Yahara Rocks Group

Mike reported on interface with City parks staff regarding removal and replacement of playground base with urethane coated rubber and rallied residents to push for natural treatment at playgrounds in parks and at schools. The recycled tire rubber, which carries a 20-year warranty, is gradually replacing natural materials in all playground locations, except where alternatives have been requested by individual neighborhoods. Park locations where this was done include Morrison Court and Hawthorne Park. This is approximately \$17,000 in costs per year for materials (rubber).

Science is unclear on risks of rubber used in this way in environment. There have been four hasmet rubber fires reported (MR). March 02 of 2011 Yahara Rocks Group met with Marsha Rummel and Mike Briska and persuaded them to hold removal of natural materials. Legal issues include requirements for soft landing materials for short (2 feet) and long fall (above 5 feet), and note from Kay Rutledge reads that wood chips are unacceptable for long fall because they freeze in the winter. KABOOM uses wood chips at 95% of their playgrounds. Residents should know that if rubber is not used in playground, the type of playground equipment (tall equipment) is changed to reduce risk (MR). However, wood fiber should be ok for tall equipment (MR).

Yahara Rocks Group prefers pea gravel (short fall) and wood fiber (long fall) that is treated to remove sliver risk. They request a general letter of support from SASY Council for use of natural products to include pea gravel for short fall and wood fiber for long fall at all sites within neighborhood. Some council members argue for letter requesting use of these materials citywide. Issue noted with pea gravel is that it scrapes wood floors when carried indoors on shoes.

Twink moved council support use of gravel at shortfall locations and wood fiber - treated to remove sliver risk, at long fall sites within neighborhood playground sites. Second – Catherine. Motion is amended to request that neighborhood input be sought in decision-making process for replacement materials (Lance Green). Accepted and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Transportation** – members: Donna Magdalena and Twink Jan-McMahon forming.

Submitted committee draft based on Planning and Development (P&D) committee charge. Need to consult with city and alder on issues noted. Transportation is different from

P&D because it deals mostly with government agencies while P&D deals mostly with private enterprises, therefore it may require a different approach. Council wants transportation to be anticipating issues the neighborhood needs to address, including how planned streets work affects local businesses and detour routes. Also, bus service and interaction with agencies needs to be a component of charge.

Members want to understand how council interacts with committee function. Analysis is not mentioned in charge. History of transportation committee functioning within Sustainable Atwood (SA) is noted. Noted that Fair Oaks/Atwood intersection is scheduled for full closure this March, 2012 and a suggested bypass route for duration is needed. That intersection is very constrained and improvements will include a narrowed crossing distance for Maple Ave and speed radar for Atwood. Suggested city adopt 100 foot safety back off for vehicles from intersection to increase safety.

Council feels some word-smithing needs to be done at committee level and second draft brought to March SASY meeting. John will help committee draft language.

2. **MKC Committee**

Charge re-write presented for approval. Moved and approved revised charge.

Clarification of questions of media to committee addresses in relationship to bylaws requirement that chair speaks for council. Suggested members begin with a statement that they do not speak for the council but committee is exploring this information and is recommending x, y, z to council for discussion. It was noted from chair that MKC committee has been doing lots of good work and producing solid material. Any individual can say anything they want to media. Committee members need to eliminate personal opinion from process. MKC committee sees itself as an information seeking body that reports to the council and suggests action.

It was suggested that the committee might look at what is the future of MKC at this location. Question asked if the council is ready to call a press conference to address failure of DNR and MKC to answer litany of concerns neighborhood raised in letter on Scope Of Work (SOW) process following meeting in fall, 2011. Marsha reported she has pressured the DNR to report to the community and that meeting will be February 29, 2012 at the Goodman Community Center (GCC).

Noted that Maria Powell of MELO (Madison Environmental Justice Organization) had a meeting with City Water Utility, DNR and health agencies, and none of MKC committee members were able to attend. Noted that outside parties can and will do what they want and that SASY committees need to keep the alder in the loop and work from the charge of the council. EPA guidance on RICRA requirements call for citizen action committees to form and call the agencies in question to attend to and report on their responsibilities, suggesting it is the responsibility or opportunity of the citizen advisory group to hold the agencies responsible. Can SASY MKC committee be that group or is collaboration with other interested parties a better approach? What is format for being advocate? Community organizes meetings and invites players (DNR, City) to attend. This may be what MEJO is doing, but we don't know who MEJO is, what membership is, what their mission and agenda are, and they are not responsible to SASY. Noted that EINPC has been involved with MEJO.

Noted that word to committee is that since issue is in DOJ hands, there is no action that DNR, City of neighborhood can take – short of media action.

Twink motion, Sarah second: MKC committee should investigate options and opportunities for convening meeting and or press conference in conjunction with interested parties, and make sure that relevant governmental agencies on all levels are directly responsible to the community. Council empowers MKC committee to continue their detailed work and move toward action without regard to SOW release. Approved unanimously.

GARVER SITE with guest Sean Gere:

Introduction by Twink - Sean did tree survey for last years SA grant and is working on neighborhood guide to wood products in conjunction with city forestry for this years SA grant. Sean has a wealth of knowledge and along list of resources for wood products including artists, craftspeople, urban ag users (mushroom logs and chips) – wood processors who will do more with removed trees than simply turn them into woodchips.

Sean circulates three bowls turned from different trees taken down within the neighborhood. Urban trees are an untapped urban resource and a processing site is needed. Garver is ideal as it is already used for woodchips, leaf mulch and other organic material processing, and it creates a site within the SASY neighborhood for this additional purpose of higher end use of wood products. Noted that currently, woodchips are handled poorly in that diseased and healthy stock are mixed, and so risk the spread of disease. The grant will delineate and link potential high end users in guide book form. Sean is already in liaison with George Dreckman of city and others on project and they support.

Twink feels strongly that this is about Garver. Council considers that Garver, at present isn't safe for usage. Currently Garver is currently a no-man's land except for the work done by Olbrich and Parks. Sean's team is only looking for outside space at this time and believes noise and impact issues can be minimized to avoid disturbance of quiet zones, so the proposed use is in synch with current use of space. Access to Garver location is a challenge because of railroad tracks. This project should not be looked at as the answer to Garver, but the first of other possible uses that can transition into more permanent business uses over time.

City will look more favorably on a developed business plan. SASY Council isn't equipped to evaluate a business plan. Critical decision makers are Parks Commission and Olbrich. Olbrich currently has no claim on Garver but that may change as plans develop for the site as restored cold storage. While OBS is involved in cold storage at Garver, their long-term vision is for an evaluation of eventual space needs, which will probably need to be more accessible to the area of the ball diamond gardens.

It is important that the uses suggested not conflict with other neighborhood restoration goals for green space around site. Sean's proposal should not be strictly linked to Garver, as Union Corners could also serve the need and Sean admits he could set up the processing site anywhere, but it makes sense that it be in SASY near source material and artists. Council supports the idea whole-heartedly with the above noted constraints in mind.

Twink moves, John seconds: Council strongly supports the proposed idea of high end use of wood products within neighborhood, and recommends research into the use of Garver, or other neighborhood sites such as Union Corners, as a staging area for this project. Passed unanimously. Additionally, council recommends an approach to Parks Commission and Olbrich liaisons to move project forward and seek assist on development of financials in business plan modeling.

Marsha's REPORT TO COUNCIL:

GCC liquor license approved on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012 with expected Mayor's veto and council overturn of veto. That is to be played out yet.

City transportation Master Plan Request For Proposals (RFP) is circulating with expectation that there will be a citizen advisory committee to evaluate and SASY/District 6 should plan to have a member on the committee.

Union Corners permit was issued by Real Estate for use as an urban ag site with no permanent structures to be part of the development.

2100 Winnebago Project hit some roadblocks as their proposal is dependant on a combination of WHEDA, tax credits and tif and the amount is currently exceeding tif policy requirements but it is hoped that can be worked out.

Neighbors of Garrison and Fair Oaks held a meeting and fifteen residents showed up to discuss issues with theft and break ins in a few limited blocks has some residents alerted and concerned.

Honey Bee Ordinance is making it's way through city committees and is at the Plan Commission on Monday. Concern is that smaller yards as exist in SASY area will be precluded from having bees because of the setback restrictions.

District 6 connects up with Worthington Park Area (WPNA). On Feb 25th there will be a WPNA meeting/listening session at 2 pm at Salvation Army Center. Shooting on Wells has come up as a concern. Salvation elimination of community garden and their extensive parking lot is mentioned as a concern, wondering if there can't be some trade off for all that parking and the runoff risk. At a minimum, the soils developed over several years could be moved to a new garden site.

DRINKING WATER ISSUES – DAN MELTON:

Meetings are important. You need to show up. Comments from neighborhood are needed before next Water Utility Meeting, which is around end of February (meeting announcement expected Monday, Feb 13, 2012).

1. Should Well 8 (Olbrich sledding hill) run this Summer? At all? Not until a Kipp sentinel well is operating and / or Not until an Iron-Manganese filter is operating? Council needs to decide and act.

2. Do we know Kipp PCE is not an issue with Well 8? NO.
New Groundwater Model - not released yet but almost ready (transparency – model should be looked at by community members to evaluate and not left to experts alone)
Sentinel well – not placed yet
Map plume (breadth, depth) – not mapped
Once Well 8 begins to pump harder, longer (2014), it will pull water from a larger area than now, might alter groundwater flow

Motion by Melanie Foxcroft, duly seconded and passed by the Council, to recommend holding off of installation of the Well 8 iron and manganese filter until after testing and geological study relating to Kipp contamination plume is studied and assures no contamination enters well 8 water.

3. Well 8 Iron-Manganese filter ~ Where should we put it? Next to existing pump house? Garver (in which case Water Utility would put some \$ into Garver)?

4. IF at Olbrich sledding hill, what will it look like? Will City replace reservoir (reservoir sits under the sledding hill)? Potentially. Would look-shape-feel of sledding hill be altered? Uncertain, probably. Look of filter-pump house exterior? Lannon stone? Will it fit with current look is issue. With parks space.

5. IF at Garver, what would it look like?

6. IF the City drills a new eastside well, where should it be?

Neighborhood should let it be known if it has an opinion.

Mendota Street-Highway 51 area?

Airport-Anderson Street area?

Highway 30-Fair Oaks area?

Milwaukee Street-Fair Oaks area?

Heistand Park area?

Felland Road Reservoir area?

Madison Water Utility plans to add an iron-manganese filter on two of the three oldest City drinking water wells:

* Well 7, near Sherman Middle School, drilled in 1939, supplies drinking water to areas S of Sherman Middle School, East Wash-Lake Mendota; Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Yahara River-Livingston Street; and

* Well 8, Olbrich sledding hill, drilled in 1945, supplies drinking water in Summer only to Atwood Neighborhood, and parts of Emerson East Neighborhood.

The need for an iron-manganese filter on both wells is not in dispute; that's been settled. What remains to be discussed are physical-practical-operational-construction questions, like:

What will the filter house exterior look like?
How many additional sq.ft. will it add to the well footprint?
Is there room on site to build a filter house next to the well? Or
will it have to be constructed nearby in the area but not right next
to the well itself? Will the City have to buy additional property
nearby?
What's the anticipated remaining operational shelf life of each well?
Does the City anticipate future water quality problems at either well
with other contaminants in addition to iron-manganese?
Are the existing wells too old to be able to handle the addition of a
filter? Will the existing wells need to be rebuilt, to some extent, to
be able to accommodate a filter?

Dan includes [forwarded emails]:

From: Madison Water Utility Principal Engineer Al Larson
<ALarson@madisonwater.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 6:35 AM

Subject: RE: Results of Pilot Study for Iron and Manganese Removal -
Wells 7 and 8?

We received the 1st draft of the pilot study last Tuesday the 24th. I
have circulated the draft to the staff for review and comment.
Preliminary results indicate similar results to Well 29 with iron and
manganese being reduced to single digit levels with pyrolucite filter
media. Nothing in the pilot indicated that we would not be able to
filter the water at either Well 7 or Well 8.

Al

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Subject: Results of Pilot Study for Iron and Manganese Removal - Wells 7 and 8?
Joe, The October 2011 Drinking Water Quality Update said Pilot Study
for Iron and Manganese Removal - Wells 7 and 8 "is expected to be
completed by mid-November."

What were the results of the Pilot Study?

From: Madison Water Quality Manager Joe Grande

Subject: RE: Results of Pilot Study for Iron and Manganese Removal -
Wells 7 and 8?

Thanks for your inquiry, Dan. The actual study was completed in
November although the final report is not yet available. Al is the
project manager for the study so he would have a better idea when it
will be ready. My understanding from talking with the pilot operator
was that pyrolucite (the same media used at Well 29) was shown to be
an effective media for iron and manganese removal.

[<http://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/headers/waterutility/DrinkingWaterQuality.jpg>]

The Drinking Water Quality update for October 2011 is now available at:
[http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/waterQuality/documents/
October27.2011.pdf](http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/waterQuality/documents/October27.2011.pdf)<[https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?
ID=37299&MID=6414&LID=59](https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37299&MID=6414&LID=59)>

Topics covered in the update include:

- Well Status Report
- Water Quality Test Results - July through September
- Radionuclide Monitoring
- <<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37300&MID=6414&LID=59>>
- Chromium 6 Monitoring

<<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37301&MID=6414&LID=59>>

Update

- Lead & Copper

Monitoring <<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37302&MID=6414&LID=59>>

Update

- Water Main Flushing <<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37303&MID=6414&LID=59>>

Update

- Well 15 CAP <<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37304&MID=6414&LID=59>>

Update

- Pilot Study for Iron and Manganese Removal - Wells 7 & 8

- Groundwater Contamination - Madison Kipp Corporation

- Contact the Water Utility

<<https://my.cityofmadison.com/emaillists/redirect.cfm?ID=37305&MID=6414&LID=59>>

Sincerely,

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Meeting Adjourned @ 9:30 pm!

Notes posted to council on Feb 13, 2012 for comment.

Corrected February 27 & 13 April, 2012.

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