

SASY Neighborhood Association

Approved Council Meeting Notes

Thursday 12 April 2012 ~ Goodman Center – 6:30 - 9:00 pm

<http://www.sasyna.org/>

1) Introductions /quorum

Present: Melanie Foxcroft, Brad Hinkfus, Margo Tiedt, Doug Johnson, Mike Barrett, Lou Host-Jablonski, Catherine Stephens, Gary Karch, Twink Jan-McMahon, Lance Green, Randy Roden, Tim Wong

Absent and excused: Betty Chewning, John Steines, Ken Fitzsimmons, Sarah Williams

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes – www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/

3) Lance and Twink offered a few minor corrections to Feb and March minutes to be updated by Lou. Minutes for February and March approved.

4) **Announcements and additions & corrections** to agenda. Identify additional items, include guests and invited presenters, items for open discussion time.

- a.(Lou) Stalzy's requested to attend meeting and may be here to gather input on proposed 8 seat outdoor seating spots during limited hours.
- b. (Doug) Friends of Starkweather Creek offering tour this Saturday at 9 am of the Pltner property near Voight Park. Tour includes meeting with Madison Parks to look at projects that FSC could sponsor.
- c. (Twink) The DNR Urban Forestry grant & Full Cycle Wood business is working on project to install "Little Free Urban Forestry Libraries". Hoping for 4 of these.

Would SASY like to be partner on the grant ? Other partners include Teamworks, Goodman CC. Let's discuss later in the meeting.

5) Annual Membership Meeting (Catherine, Sarah, Margo)

a. **The Annual Membership Meeting is** in one week away, on April 19th Communications and Membership committees report.

(Catherine) Getting the word out. Our poster flyer is in windows and businesses on Atwood.

(Lou) Let's post more. Catherine will email Poster to Council members. Please print and post around the neighborhood.

(Catherine) The invite is shared on the SASY list and on Facebook. We will send this message out again before Meeting. Also, please email neighbors, talk to neighbors and encourage all to come.

Members check in and will be asked to pay Member dues – suggested

\$5.

We have two guest speakers. The agenda is on the SASY site. The [Council seats up for election are posted on SASY, too.](#)

Remember we are recruiting an East Washing Rep – please help recruit.

(Lance) asked question about the East Wash zone. Check the [SASY map](#) and find the East Wash corridor. We have a large SASY map that shows SASY zones; Catherine will ask Betty to bring to the meeting which helps if someone asks, which zone am I am ?

The meeting starts at 6:00 pm – *please arrive early with food to help with setup.*

Thanks to all for contributing to the Potluck. Also thanks to those helping with cleanup. Look for email from Margo that explains what to do.

Need help with check in (Melanie will help)

(Lou) all be on hand ready to help with what is needed to make the meeting a success!

b. Yard Signs (Catherine)

There was a delay in getting them printed and we decided not to push too hard to use these are a way to Promote the Annual meeting.

Email this afternoon from Sarah – says the Yard Signs are at Sarah's house ! Look for a plan to distribute to all Council members. Each Council member will receive 3 signs. One for your yard, and find 2 more spots.

6) DNR-MKC Committee -- Kipp update - (Gary Karch and Committee)

- a. Committee canvassed the neighborhood and gathering questions from neighbors. Committee encouraged immediate neighbors to attend info meeting by the WDNR for residents. Attended recent meeting DNR, Health Department and felt meeting went very well.
- b. Attended water utility meetings – monitoring issue with well 8 and the sentinel well.
- c. We met with the DNR and suggested ways to strategize with the neighborhood.
- d. Gary interviewed Lance on WORT. You can find this online. www.healthwriters.wordpress.com
- e. Kipp contractor (ARCADIS) is working on sub-slab sampling 12 properties near Kipp. There are also two test wells behind Kipp near rain garden and bike path.
- f. Committee met with realtor about values of property where pollution needs to be disclosed.
- g. Gov Walker signed a contract with BT Squared, WDNR contractor to continue with testing. No word yet on DOJ referral (SOW).
- h. Watch for public presentation on May 16th meeting, with Lenny Siegel, expert on soil vapor sponsored by Chris Taylor.

Great work, thank you to committee !

7) Planning & Development Committee - (Brad Hinkfuss)

- a. P&D report on it's meeting with City of Madison Planning Director Steve Cover, in preparation for the Annual Meeting
- b. Brad, Lance & Lou met with Steve Cover to gather what can be shared with Neighbors next week re: Neighborhood Plan.
- c. City offers help, technical support, and resources for neighborhood planning. SASY is on the radar to get started, and we understand more about the process.
- d. We will be passionate about certain topics to include in the plan, and we should be.
- e. Pre-planning ToDo: target neighborhood grant program, next February. We have timely issues in the neighborhood that the plan can and should address. Would be great to have this in time for street reconstruction.
- f. Preservation & Development Committee will be reviewing other neighborhood plans soon, to learn from, and help identify strategic issues. We anticipate neighbors will come together and help build a plan around topics people care about.
- g. Current plan is out of date – recent amendments from 2000, to the original plan over 20 years old.
- h. Lance: mentions working with WABA, too.
- i. Brad: a core of people will plan to put in lots of time. Other neighbor in put is vital, but time commitment for them will be less.
- j. Barrett: Be cautious about boiler-plate, rubber-stamp plans. (Cites examples of such past neighborhood planning issues).
- k. Lance: Neighborhood plans go to the Council and passed by the Council. Current plans are in a 10 chapter format, in accordance with City's Comprehensive plan.
- l. Melanie: Transportation committee would like to be part of this.
- m. Catherine: Let's gather some input from the attendees at the Annual Meeting and ask what topics neighbors would like the plan to focus

on. Gather input in 3.5 index cards that neighbors hand in. Acclaim of this idea. Brad agreed to do this and will frame question for neighbors at his talk on the 19th.

n. Margo – we can also post a survey in the East Side News.

8) **Transportation Committee** (Tim Wong)

a. Report of recent meetings

i. The Committee met 3/27 and 4/10.

ii. Committee discussed transportation issues coming up – including the Fair Oaks / Atwood reconstruction starting June 18th. Discussed the city's proposed detour and concern that residents will ignore the detour. Residents will use shorter easier route.

iii. Committee discussed desire to bring in consultant not from Madison; to look at neighborhood; look at traffic flow; focus on non-auto options.

iv. What we learned from the Willy Street reconstructions – narrow streets, have canopy trees.

v. Election for co-chairs. Tim and Anne will co-chair.

vi. WABA held a meeting with Christy Bachman from Engineering and rep from Traffic Engineering and someone from Peggy ? Went through questions about intersection detour, and neighbor concerns.

vii. Monona Drive construction has begun. Will shortly be down to one lane.

viii. Committee suggested coming up with suggestions for “how to approach” that could be published.

ix. Matt Miller sharing committee news and driving maps in the East Side News.

x. Lance pointed out there are sustainability issues around conserving trees. Need more space, more dirt for trees.

xi. Topics coming up: Winnebago / Schenk's corners to East Washington construction.

xii. Marsha asked, did committee talk about what to recommend about the detour ?

xiii. Catherine – reminder -- the committee can share committee work and list of construction projects on the web site. Send to Catherine or Lou to post.

xiv. Mike asked, how early can we engage on the design of Winnebago / Schenk corners work ?

xv. Lou suggested – let's start the work by identifying what issues are important to us.

xvi. May 9th is the next Transportation Comm meeting.

b. Melanie – can the web site gather input and concerns about Transportation ? Lou – not sure if our current web site can do this, we'll check. Could end up being another Yahoo group list or some such. If/when we get it sorted, this will be a feature that will benefit other committees too.

9) **East Side Water Utility** (Lou)

- a. SASY letter to Water Utility – Last meeting, Dan was here and gave a description of what to include in the meeting and noted two upcoming meetings. We went to the meetings. Dan recommended let's stick with the four points. Lou composed letter and sent to Betty and Dan for review.
- b. Lou will share the Letter with the Council, and ask for an Email vote.
- c. Mike moved to see letter online and vote on the letter within 5 days.
- d. Motion approved.

10) **Airport Noise Committee** (Melanie)

- a. Council members asked to review Letter shared. Meeting coming up May 3rd, would like to bring the letter to the meeting.
- b. Council received letter last night and not all of us have read the letter.
- c. Motion is to table the vote approval until next week's meeting. Please review the letter and cast a 'yay' or 'nay' with a paper ballot provided at the Annual Meeting. Motion approved.
- d. Catherine will create a ballot for the meeting.
- e. Tim noted there be a current version of the letter to be shared with minor changes. Melanie will be sure we have the current version.

11) **City report** of items not covered above -- (Alder Marsha Rummel)

- a. Peter Gentry nanobrewery meeting with neighbors went well.
- b. Tex Tubs applying for holding outdoor events – movies, parties, fundraisers. May also be asking for permission to do it all the time. Some concern expressed about noise and liquor served outside.

- c. 2100 Windbag project : Still trying to get TIF financing. This project is both commercial and residential, for-profit and non-profit combined, each with different rules. This is adding difficulty for developers vis-a-vis the City.
- d. Downtown Plan – Thanks to Mike Barrett for his comments.
- e. The East Wash Metcalf Project – Neighbors love it. It and UL’s project are working through the City process. Includes full service grocery store, urban farm on rooftop, includes commercial element. Letter of intent could build out on the whole block. However, local Alder Bridget is proposing to alter the current process.
- f. Mike B. noted that both proposed East Wash projects include 100’s & 100’s of car slots. Can we do better and be more car friendly? Let’s pay attention to research: 26% less driving and car ownership by younger generation. Why can we not develop our downtown for walk / bike? Mike would rather see investment in amenities. Example of some Epic Corp. employees actually preferring to live in downtown Madison and commute to rural Verona.
- g. (Twink) Sector 67 – Winnebago Street. Any locations that you know of? Lou suggested Great Big Pictures location off East Wash, owned by Mullins family and recently vacated by the Children’s Museum exhibit department.
- h. (Brad) Downtown Plan – Please focus on bringing basic sector employment downtown to strengthen the local economy.
- i. Olbrich Botanical – Kevin Briski let Marsha know he is working on plan to save core of the building. RFQ for engineering studies being readied. Marsha: can WE look for an additional and smaller use for Garver? Twink will share Sean’s idea around re-use of wood. Lou voiced bafflement at the apparent disconnect between Briski’s RFQ text and OBS’s expressed intentions to explore integrating garden uses into the Garver building.

12) New Business

- a. Solstice trees on Union Corners (Catherine)
Catherine described issue of trees piled up near neighbor’s house = potential fire hazard. Can we move trees to Union Corners? Joe Mingle says ‘yes’ and asks for SASY approval, then should have City approval. Marsha doubted it would be easy to get City approval. No consensus of SASY action proposed. Conclusion: Spreading the trees (and the potential fuel-loading) across neighborhood members seems like the best idea.
- b. Cultural Plan -- Randy R. has some thoughts for us (*tabled*)
- c. Atwood Summerfest looking to do two days this year. Lou mentioned the request to have organic corn at grill, and compost the corncobs, being led by Amy Klusmeier.

d.(Twink) – Looking for a partner on the Full Cycle Wood grant. This would mean being an active partner to make this all work; or help with problem solving. Brad and others expressed support, but asked questions about long-term reporting back to potential partners , and possible future shifts in business priorities and activities that might come back to impact partners. No consensus reached on action -- Twink will bring back to next meeting.

13) **Adjourn at 9:10 pm**