

**SASY Neighborhood Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday 13 December 2012**

**Submitted by:** Brad Kuse, John Steines, Sarah Williams

**Attendance:**

Council members present: Lance Green, Doug Johnson, Lou Host-Jablonski, Catherine Stephens, James Montgomery, Brad Hinkfuss, Melanie Foxcroft, John Steines, Betty Chewning, Sarah Williams, Twink Jan-McMahon, Brad Kuse  
Excused: Margo Tiedt, Gary Karch, Randy Roden

Committee Chairs: Donna Magdalena

Guests: Mark McFadden, Jason Tish, Scott Thornton, Angelo Castillo, Jenny Hanson

**Welcome**

**Approval of Oct 2012 Minutes:** Motion, second, approved without alterations.

**Additions/Corrections to agenda:** No additions

**City Report - Marsha:** Marsha unable to attend

**Membership Committee** (Catherine)

a. Wintertime SASY Fundraising Dinner.

Thursday January 17 at Bunky's, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Get your tickets now. \$25 per ticket, children under 12 \$15. Catherine asks for volunteers to distribute posters.

Request for SASY Fundraiser poster in Jan/Feb East Side news for \$60 (Catherine) Seconded ?  
Motion carries.

b. SASY Annual Membership Meeting – save the date: Thursday 18 April 2013, 6 – 8 PM  
Submit ideas for a possible guest speaker.

c. SASY Budget Update: Current balance in the SASY account is \$1,428.17.

**Corridor Planning Initiative** (Brad Hinkfuss): Brad Provided Update

**Airport Noise Committee** (Melanie)

a. Phone call from the FAA – Office of Civil Rights. Melanie and Catherine spoke with representative. Grants are provided to income-qualifying residents for home improvements to help buffer noise. Residents must be clustered. Someone needs to advocate for these residents for something to happen.

b. Meeting with Joe Parisi – scheduled for January 24th

**Solstice Committee** (Betty / Lou / John):

a. Update provided. After some doubt, the permits are secured; brief summary of discussions with the Fire Department..

b. Friday Dec 21st. Fire lighting starts at 4:30 PM. Need volunteers for parking attendants.

**Union Corners Committee** (Lou and Marsha)

Update: City RFP process is moving along, with negotiations with short-listed developer, Gorman & Co. The City committee's selection work is finished for now.

**Communications Committee** (John/Sarah)

Written report submitted. PR around January fund-raising dinner; Press releases, posters; Individual sales – members (push)

- a. East Side News articles and deadline for next issue. (Betty)
- b. Switch Salon Meetings – summary (by Sarah) -- aiming for summer workshop/retreat for SASY
- c. Pick up more SASY yard signs (Sarah)
- d. Brad Kuse picking up SASY web site updates. Brad will speak with Comm Committee and Steve Klafka about moving the site to new web host. Brad will speak with Catherine and Margo about payment for domain and hosting.

**Garver Committee** (Lou / John / Betty)

Met with FSC Dec 10 on Garver/North Plat. Elevated salt/chloride levels and garbage after dumping plowed snow there.

Mark McFadden -- OBS board rep update:

Investigation of the extent of the masonry expense and subsequent remediation is underway; Facility Engineering From Madison is doing the study. \$265K in capital money in Parks budget to do something with the site; OBS has pulled its money out.

OBS has growth and storage needs, education classes, upgrading disabled access etc. Design study is currently underway; Hammell, Greene and Anderson consulting. Mark has serious concerns about the overly 'linear' design of the public-input process that they plan to use, which could serve to limit meaningful feedback. Mark urges early involvement & constant vigilance.

Mark's recommendation: If SASY is interested bringing up questions of the land use, parking, ball diamonds, etc., then best approach is to ask Parks Dept to reopen the OBS masterplanning process; then bring specific issues to the table. In Mark's opinion, the current masterplan is now 'obsoleted', in part by the ongoing unresolved issues with Garver. (John & Lou): Garver committee is working towards a constructive and more positive engagement with OBS.

**Development and Preservation Committee** (Brad Hinkfuss)

- a. 1912 Atwood Ave update: Foreclosed on earlier this year. Architect working with Scott Lewis approached Brad; will work with P&D, then looking to engage the council soon. Apparently staying with the original PUD however (Lou per recent Marsha email). Street reconstruction at Schenk's Corners may affect their continuing plans.
- b. Brief update on old Bongo Video site. Property sale apparently imminent; no other change known.

**Transportation Committee** (Donna) Meeting minutes and report submitted.

a. Transportation Committee recommends that the SASY request the stoplights at the Dunning St. & Atwood Ave. intersection be flashing from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, seven days per week in all seasons and revert to standard light service at all other times, with a letter to that effect sent to Rob Phillips, David Dryer and Marsha Rummel, and cc's to Arthur Ross, Dan McCormick, Brian Smith and Christy Bachman. This is primarily to make the intersection safer for biking and foot traffic.

b. Donna = newly chosen chair. Meetings moved to first Tuesday of month. Bumped to 2nd Tuesday as needed due to holidays/elections, etc. Next Meeting: 3rd Tuesday in January.

c. Discussion of Transpo report re: their recommendation at Dunning/Atwood/Bike path. Concerns expressed (Mark, Lou, Brad H., others) about if/what level of outreach occurred to surrounding neighbors. SASY council must cognizant of effects of recommendations on neighbors. Apparent open meeting earlier, including public officials, presented this plan to neighbors. Organized by Marsha? Who was/was not notified? Some confusion/disagreement about what are next steps...

Motion: Lance Green - SASY council could consider asking Marsha to have a meeting to request public input on this recommendation. Seconded: Betty.

Proposed amendment by Mark: include immediate neighbors and businesses for feedback on that intersection. Melanie suggests clarifying substitute language. Straw poll: Substitute motion is accepted as main motion. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Transportation Committee *recommends* that SASY goes on record opposing any and all bus fare increases in 2012 and 2013. Bus fare service should be considered as a community service much like police, fire, libraries and trash collection.

Donna: Motion for SASY council to write a letter to Transit and Parking commission cc-ing the Mayor stating that the bus fare service should be considered as a community service much like police, fire, libraries and trash collection and that SASY oppose any and all bus fare increases in 2012 and 2013.

Motion second: Brad Kuse. Motion carries, 8/3

**Meeting with Goodman Center re: HVAC noise** (John) Written report submitted  
GCC worked with two certified acoustics specialists. Recommend looking at louvered acoustical fencing at Lorraine Hotel downtown. Revisit this at the May SASY meeting.

**DNR-MKC ("Kipp") Committee** (Gary)

Lance Provided update on results of testing. Chicago Lawyers have offered to come to SASY council meeting to explain what's going on.

Announced: Informational Meeting Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at GCC.

### **New Business**

James eats the last chocolate - for the team. Thanks, James!

### **Adjournment**

Motion & second to adjourn. Motion carries; meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM