

# SASY Neighborhood Association

Council Meeting Minutes – 8 December 2011

Goodman Center – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

1. **Introductions / quorum** – *Council members present:* John Steines, Lance Green, Twink Jan-McMahon, Sarah Williams, Gary Karch, Catherine Stephens, Betty Chewing, Randy Roden, Margo Tiedt, Melanie Foxcroft, Doug Johnson, Mike Barrett, Lou Host-Jablonski, Brad Hinkfuss.  
*Excused:* Ken Fitzsimmons  
*Others:* John Young (1<sup>st</sup> and Main), Dave Porterfield (Moving Out), Meghan Blake-Horst, Larry Lundy, Joan Malvech.  
*Electeds:* Marsha Rummel, Chris Taylor
2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** – see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/>
  - a. Twink made a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
3. **Additions/corrections** to agenda. None noted.
4. **Reports from invited presenters**, community members and committee reports
  - a. *Moving Out project* – Neighborhood meeting took place to discuss development project at 2400 block, Winnebago Street. Propose to create one new building, 95,000 sq. Mixed use, mixed income. 24,000 SF of commercial space with 65 rental units, mostly affordable housing. Moving Out is owner of residential; Accipiter Properties is owner of commercial tenants. Marketed to individuals for disabilities, home-made bases. Moving Out office to be located here. Developer taking 2-step approach: first seeking General Development Plan (GDP) zoning permit, and then will come back next year for Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) approval. Applying to WEDA for affordable tax credits. Applying for New Market tax credits for commercial portion. Working to create synergy between non-profit commercial space, artist space, studio space, meeting and gallery space, residence space.  
  
Initial plan: 120-145 parking with 60 spaces underground. Concerns at neighborhood meeting about too much parking.  
  
Next step is Urban Design. Moving along.  
  
(Sarah) Environmental sustainable building? (John Young) Yes, we are advocates for solar.  
  
(Mike B.) Suggests soften the building right up to the street. Add green space near the street. Instead engage the pedestrian along the way. Look for market based solutions to reduce the number of parking stalls. Betty C., others express agreement with these suggestions. Marsha notes UDC likely will opine that parking count is too high.  
  
Council members expressed general support for mixed use and affordability, and bringing new residents into neighborhood, especially with good provisions made for those with disabilities and other challenges.  
  
*See Brad's P&D report posted on SASY website for more details.*
  - b. **Alder Report – Marsha Rummel**  
  
*Redistricting:* January 1<sup>st</sup> our district changes take place, adding areas around Milwaukee Street and Highway 30.  
How to integrate this neighborhood with Worthington Park? Marsha would like to have a meeting to invite two groups to meet. 900 new people added to district.

*The new Downtown Plan:* working its way through City committees & public comment period. Attention to lakefronts -- describes a few highlights. Includes a Cultural Plan section.

*Hudson Beach:* Marsha has secured funding in the City budget to improve the safety access to the beach. Thank you, Marsha! (general applause).

*Homeless Shelter:* Proposal to use the Don Miller site as a homeless shelter, now that the Central Library and Capitol basement will not be available to survive the winter. Approvals in place to run the shelter from mid-December to mid-March as a daytime drop-in for all. Hope to have computers and other resources. Brad H. adds substantial details on operations, challenges, how this project will happen. SASY council expresses general support.

### **C. Representative Report – Chris Taylor**

*Homeless Shelter:* Chris shared her role with getting the homeless shelter up and going. Moving folks from the basement of the Capitol to there. Scott Walker's DOA has flatly stated, "We don't want homeless in the Capitol."

*Capitol:* New Rules = restricted access to the Capitol per 22 page-long new policy. E.g., 4 people or more gathering require a permit. If you promote an event, you could be liable for an damage and policing. Capitol Police not liable for injuries during arrests. No signs, no banners around and in the Capitol. Lawsuits expected soon to challenge the new rules.

The Solidarity Singers; the Recall Effort underway events at the Capitol would be stifled.

Governor's special session on job creation is concluded (= no jobs). However, now we can carry a gun with no case plus have rifles in our cars with no case. (Some derisive scoffing)

*Legislation:* The mining bill is out today. Great concern. 22 pages summary shared.

Attacks on reproductive health care. Attacks on Medicaid. Dropping 53,000 from Medicaid including 20,XXX children.

*Kipp report:* (See Chris's letter to the DNR posted on the SASY Kipp committee page.) Marsha and Chris toured Kipp. Kipp sharing no intent of excavating the soil; DNR not pushing this approach. Maps of pollution being prepared by Kipp. Kipp however not notifying property owners when going on property, not sharing test results, and overall, not communicating with the neighborhood.

Kipp case referred to the Wis. Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ says, if there is any action soon, case will go to litigation. Still waiting for the scope of work. Kipp may be headed towards contempt of a court order. Fines to follow. Doubt there will be another neighborhood meeting. The scope of work is still not out. At the last neighborhood, there were many concerns about Kipp's plan, then.

Does this impact the private suit? DOJ said, no. There may be a time period in between suits.

What can SASY do? Follow-up with Mike at the DOJ.

- d.** Meghan Blake-Horst: Report from the newly-forming Atwood Winnebago Area Business Association (AWABA). Have passed bylaws; Meghan is now figuring out a fiscal partner. "We are collecting dues from those interested in being a part and focused on gaining membership. Plan to meet as an association, soon. Then, bring in speakers to educate businesses on current trends and issues. Keep as an attractive neighborhood for new businesses to come in." Meghan has a list-serve for quick news flash, share resources. Has learned a few things from GWABA.

John S. mentions the existing page on the SASY website for SASY businesses. Group is using Google docs to collect the business lists; skills, type of business, etc.

Lance thanks Meghan for the Atwood Winnebago Carnival -- great event.

Catherine suggests AWABA meet with SASY Communications committee and consider if website efforts could be combined.

- e. *SASY Financial Report* – Catherine
  - i. Request for money to support Solstice Festival
    - 1. Twink motioned to give \$100; Motjon passed unanimously.
  - ii. Request for money to print Soglin event flyer
    - 1. Twink moved to provide \$150 for Soglin flyers. Motjon passed unanimously.
- d. *Executive Committee* – Lou
  - i. Rescheduling Mayor Paul Soglin visit – meeting rescheduled for January 12, 7-9 PM Meeting preparation – Questions are being compiled. *Please watch email and SASY site for future updates.*
- e. *Preservation and Development* – Brad
  - i. Bongo Video site: No submittals to the City on this; no news, verified by Marsha.
- f. *Membership* – Catherine
  - i. Confirm willingness of SASY volunteers for Corn Grill at Summerfest
    - 1. Can decide in March; could make up to \$1,000. Will need committed volunteers.
  - ii. Raising money for such things as food and supplies for neighborhood events, SASY projects; Printing and mailing; Peat-Piper Scholarship; Solstice events; Atwood Summerfest event; Space use fees and permits for meetings and event; etc.
    - 1. Twink suggested: tap into community members who have skills in fundraising.
- g. *Communications* – John
  - i. No meeting / no report
- h. *Airport Noise* – Melanie
  - i. Letter to Joe Parisi update. Letter shared with Council and *posted on SASY website.*
    - 1. Questions sent to 30 NAs and EINPC. Let's ask Mayor Paul to sign on.
    - 2. Suggestion to pare this down and check for redundancy in the list.
- i. *DNR-MKC ("Kipp")* – Gary (new chair)
  - i. Introduction -- plans for committee to meet soon.
- j. *Hudson Park* – see Marsha's update.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. Garver update, including formal approval of the Grave Re-Use Committee
  - i. Tour of Garver with Lou H-J, John S., Sarah White, John Martens, Chris Quandt, Gary Tipler, 4 city staff. Some discussion of remedial work and could see arches bricked in. Building is in bad shape but is still a grand space. Jake Arndt who has done masonry work for the City visited the site last week. Thinks the building is sound from the outside, with no visible structural cracking. Paul Stamet from City staff noted that as a City Project under City staff will cost more than, for example a Commonwealth or other 3rd-party restoration project.
- b. Lou reported that meeting with the Landmarks committee went very well. Presented the video (*see SASY website*) and answered questions with John Martens. Explanation of tool used by Landmarks Commission, called a Certificate of Appropriateness, which would be needed for ANY change to the building, as it is a registered landmark. Landmarks has recently already voted to recommend preservation of the building in some form; they were generally supportive of neighborhood initiative to find a viable re-use, although they felt that taking another

resolution would be duplicative.

c. Catherine made a motion to begin a Garver Re-use Committee. Motion carried and approved.

d. Update on formation of potential Transportation Committee. Twink distributed a written draft of a committee mission, for discussion at the February meeting.

## 7. **New Business**

Margo Tiedt – Goodman Center alcohol license application. Goodman Center would like a system into place where weddings and events and alcohol purchasing come through the Center. At the public meeting, there were a few concerns raised; meeting not well attended. Will keep alcohol in a secure location. Events wrap up by 11 PM, overall Goodman policies do not change. This will bring about more control over alcohol use at events.

Mike Barrett made a motion that the neighborhood support this. Sarah seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 9:33.

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