

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Agenda ~ January 9-10 2013
Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

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

1) Introductions / quorum: Betty Chewning, Lou Host-Jablonski, Margo Teidt, John Steines, Brad Kuse, Catherine Stephens, Randy Roden, Lance Green, Gary Karch, Melanie Foxcroft, James Montgomery, Twink Jan-McMahon, Brad Hinkfuss

Excused absences: Sarah Williams, Doug Johnson

Also participating: Mark McFadden (Olbrich rep), Alder Marsha Rummel

Neighbors present: Adam Smith, Amy Miller, Marlene Pearson, Jean Rawson, Barbara Kostrenva, Megan Williamson, Terri Wolf, Amelia Royko-Maurer, Nate Royko-Maurer,

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes ~ see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/> - Motion to approve: Lance Green; Seconded: Gary Karch. Unanimous.

3) Additions/corrections to agenda. Identify additional items, guests & invited presenters, items for open discussion.

Brad: Add brief overview of Switch Workshop; ask for time slot for the next meeting.

Catherine: @ Invited Guests: No resident from worthington park here, but still talk about it

Twink: Announcement and Sustainable Atwood report at the end of the meeting.

4) Invited guests:

a. Invited guest from Worthington Park NA sharing [news](#). Note: WPNA is planning to have a representative visit at the February SASY meeting for an update.

b. Amy Miller, Marlene Pearson, Amelia and Nate Royko-Maurer. Amelia and Nate lived with Paul H. They are neighbors and want to discuss a possible response to the recent [police shooting on Baldwin Street](#). Live next-door to site where shooting took place ; have written a letter regarding concerns. Amy became involved because: Four shootings in MNA in the last nine years - more than any other neighborhood in the City. Unarmed, intoxicated and 5 minutes after call - 30 seconds after officer arrived - Paul was dead. City unsafe with such rash police decisions.

Marlene: Does this set a precedent for the police department? This tragedy should be a catalyst to examine and address MPD policies and procedures.

Amelia: (Pauli's roommate)

Ameilia has been reading Officer Heimsness' report. Officer Heimsness stated that his fear increased as Paul approached. Ameilia states that by drawing his weapon, Office Heimsness unnecessarily set up a situation where violence was forgone conclusion. Amelia states that the back up Officer (Name?) was a second away ready to tazer.

There was no reason for the officer to sneak up. Officer Heimness was probably backlit and therefore difficult/impossible to identify as an officer. He never identified himself as such. 20 steps to get to paul. He could have announced that police officer was approaching.

Amelia asked a retired officer: Do officers respond to the [call](#) or what they are [witnessing](#)? Amelia relayed a story from the retired officer: This officer responded to a call of a possible burglary -- only to realize on site that the two suspects were at their own home.

Amelia asks why no grand jury? This happens in other states. Wisconsin policy follows 'Home Rule', which allows law enforcement to create their own rules, without third-party scrutiny. Amelia suggests that a third party review would be appropriate.

Home Rule might be fine for envirnmental laws, etc, but should not apply to police officers.

Home Rule is state law, therefore needs to be addressed at state level. Police should not be investigating themselves. This system is unjust. Needs to be addressed.

The internal Investigation was terrible. No consolation from City of Madison police to Paul's family. The police press information referred to Paul as a burglar for three days before they were prevailed upon to correct the statement. Police appear to be scrambling, looking for explanation.

Amelia and other neighbors have spoken with MNA as well. Amelia states that those who want to act should put pressure on Chief Noble Wray, and pressure on the DA. Need to work on all levels immediately. It is a BIG consuming project to get involved in. Amelia requests that community tell police that investigating themselves is unjust. Phone calls, email.

Amelia has been in contact with Michael Bell Sr. Background: Michael Bell Jr. was, shot by police in front of his house in Kenosha. Michael Bell Sr. is working against Home Rule. Billboards are going up purchased in part by Mr Bell and Amelia and neighbors. For more information on the Michael Bell incident: <http://michaelbell.info/MBell-HP.html>

Amelia also states that there is a protest on Saturday. According to an [NBC15 page](#), it will be at on "Saturday the 12th at noon in front of the City/ County Building in downtown Madison"

The Paul Heenan Facebook page has also begun to organize a Letter writing effort. Marsha Rummel / Cheri Maples - working on panel with police. Need community response.

Lou: What could this council do?

Possibilities:

- Invite Noble Wray and sponsor a community forum.
- Marsha is working on effort involving restorative justice.
- Working to get a meeting called, small group meet with the chief, figure out when to move forward.
- Marquette NA may ask that Heimsness not be assigned to their neighborhood.
- Amelia: Creating Paul Heenan Memorial page (FB)
- Organizing letter writing, phone calls,

Amelia suggests making distinction between Officer and Citizen Heimsness, (e.g. professional training and policy vs. personal judgement and decision-making. However, people should be given warning or be allowed to reject him being assigned to another neighborhood.

Lou: requests that the memorial page be added to the SASY site. <https://www.facebook.com/PaulieHeenanMemorial> See Letter about Pauli on the Facebook page.

Lance: Supports external investigation. Show solidarity

Amelia: Initial energy can dissipate. Emotional issue and early transition to meetings and discussion undermines overarching objectives. One person said "meeting with chief is softball" Suggests multiple groups host this meeting with MPD.

Motion:

Betty: moves that SASY would write a formal letter from SASY directed to the media, officials, the Mayor, police officials, DA office, State Reps calling for independent inquest of event and asking for an independent investigation of the case and request a review of the policies, procedures in place *including home rule* for handling the shooting, and how police handle firearms.

Second: John Steines.

Call the question: John Steines

Further discussion

Motion carries unanimously.

Comment -- this letter should be shared with other NAs and have other NAs sign on.
Twink supported this idea.

Brad Kuse: Legal options to address home rule? inquest, formal

Comment: can we write a second letter with other NA support, asking that Police Heimsness not be assigned to our neighborhood?

Motion:

Twink moves that draft letter be voted on via email.

Seconded: Melanie

Discussion:

Motion carries unanimously.

5) City Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

Blizzard: contact Marsha with any trouble or concerns.

RE: WPNA organizing. Concerned with a proposal by Youth Services of South Central Wisconsin currently located above chase bank on Atwood to build an 8-bed shelter facility for teen homeless on the old McDonald's site.

Additionally, Salvation Army is also interested in moving their shelter to former McD's site.

Meeting WPNA Wednesday, Jan 16th: Basement of Salvation Army 6:30 pm.

RE: Nelson Bros site - Atwood @ First St: Developer - Scott Lewis proposing to build the adjacent Phase Two of that project. Will follow existing GDP but not SIP. Marsha & Brad H. will schedule meeting with Scott and his architects soon to review their proposal.

RE: Community policing: Working towards addressing community policing with a community event. Starting with neighborhood most affected. MPD / DA Panel Community Panel. Chief Davis - rescheduling.

RE: Stalzy's: Commercial sign put on building. Not permitted legally. Marsha states that he could affix a sign of the same design legally. Seeking other solutions.

RE: Union Corners: City is still negotiating with Gorman on their proposal; it's taking a while.

6) SASY Membership Committee (Catherine)

a. Wintertime SASY Fundraising Dinner

Thursday January 17 at Bunky's, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday Jan 11th; reserve by emailing Catherine to purchase at the door by Saturday Jan 12th. (ticket is tax deductible)

Report on Ticket Sales - 43 sold.

Buffet served. SASY Council volunteers needed to help with serving, filling water glasses, cleaning up. We are using earth friendly bio plates/forks/napkins - Sarah, Betty, Margo volunteer. Hoping we have Chris Taylor present to say Thanks to Bunky's and all.

b. SASY Annual Membership Meeting – save the NEW date for **Thursday May 2nd 6:30-8:30 pm**

Discuss design our own SASY event around creative neighborhood placemaking.

Form a small committee to flush out details. Note that "[Odd numbered](#)" Council reps up for election.

7) Corridor Planning Initiative (Brad Hinkfuss) : Update.

John and Lou met with Brad, Bill White, Anne Walker and a local transportation planner.

[See report](#) posted on the SASY meeting page, about strategic thought towards getting the process going.

Bill W. also organizing an invitation to 6-8 planning people for meeting at his house.

Catherine: Can Donna Magdalena Transpo chair be invited to the next meeting?

Mark: raises the question that the above process should be more of a Stakeholder engaged process. Suggests a tipping point between bottom up process and exclusive interested party process.

John: Someone needs to do the research on all of this information that needs to be considered.

Twink: Donna Magdalena should be invited to these meetings.

Mark: Concept of corridor planning, no up to date neighborhood plan, this needs to be addressed. Track 20 plan and business plan (old plan).

John: Time sensitive steps need to be taken.

Catherine and Lance: Speaking to SASY's dedication to Neighborhood plan, funding, grant. Informational meeting (happening tonight concurrently w/ Linda Hovath, City staffer) to get into the place making grants.

Brad H: City has changed it's process - \$ moved into another staff position instead of neighborhood planning.

Place on February Agenda - Moving forward with Neighborhood planning

8) Airport Noise Committee (Melanie) : Nothing to report. Upcoming meeting with County Exec Parisi later this month.

9) Communications committee report (John/Sarah/Betty)

- a. East Side News SASY column, and deadline for next issue. (Betty)
- b. Invited SASY Committee Chairs and Olbrich rep to join the Council email list.
- c. Brad Kuse requests time on agenda at next council meeting to conduct Switch workshop, complete with playing cards, with Sarah Williams

Place on February Agenda - 45 Minutes for the facilitated 'Switch card-game' process

10) Garver Committee (Lou / John / Betty)

- a. with Marc McFadden Olbrich rep update [See report shared on Meeting page.](#)
- Invite to attend [Olbrich Botanical Public Stakeholder Meetings](#).

Meeting upcoming: Garver Feedmill Study - Feb 7 @ 6:30 pm @ Olbrich

City Facilities Dept. will share agenda across SASY when announced. Parks Dept to be there to discuss options.

11) Solstice Committee (Betty, Lou, John)

- a. 2012 Winter Solstice event recap - great event. Special thanks to Megan Williamson. Betty shared that we need help now to ensure that we have a bonfire / recreational fire permit in place for Summer Solstice.
 - b. Propose letter to traffic engineering for cross walk from Olbrich Park to OBS, possibly with temporary lights. Kudos to Carl Landsness on traffic assist to and from site. Crosswalk at this site is in the plan. Ask for meeting with David Dryer? Mark suggested that NA can request a police officer at the event to manage the traffic. Officer there for the period of the event.
- Discussion about crossing the street from the Olbrich parking lot.
Melanie: Suggests that a one time Police presence is not sufficient.
Margo suggests moving the event across the street.
Betty states that there are multiple reasons that event across the street (near ice rink area) is not feasible.

12) Development and Preservation Committee (Brad Hinkfuss)

No meeting last month.

Scott Nelson purchased 1910 Atwood Avenue property -- see Brad's report posted on SASY Meeting page.

13) Transportation Committee (Donna absent): Update

Lance asked to review Transportation Committee requests last meeting to write letters from the Council. Also, can Marsha coordinate a public meeting to review change to stop lights at Atwood and Dunning.

14) Kipp committee (Gary): No committee meeting this month. Some members attended a listening session Dec 17th, which was formatted as 'one on one' questioning, i.e. DNR personnel at tables, with community members circulating.

Gary: Sense that the community was shut out at the last meeting. (Listening session)
States the need for a more general meeting format where all neighbors can listen both to all the information presented and all questions that are raised.
Structure of the last meeting was such that it is impossible to have a public record of what was said. Gary would like to press for a more inclusive meeting format.

Concern: What is happening at base of Wirth Court (tented enclosure, etc)?

Brad Hinkfuss: Suggests a discussion with Robin Seymore, an environmental remediation expert consultant who he works with, who may be able to help with explanations of the exploratory techniques and processes typical of these kinds of investigations.

Marsha: Understands that the sentinel well [near Circle Park] is now not going in. Tho's it's been budgeted for.

Lance: was told the it is still going in, but is currently on hold, waiting for the Dane County watershed model to be made public.

15) New Business

a. Place-Making grant opportunity (Lance).

<http://www.thedailypage.com/theguide/details.php?event=296448>

Catherine asked can this grant help support our idea for the Membership meeting? Looks like you must be ready with a specific proposal for a specific place. Lance & Catherine volunteer to look into this and report back.

b. Twink J-McM: resigning from the Council as of this month to focus on new SA work.

News: Sustainable Atwood has just been awarded a DNR grant for the third year in a row. To expand on the work already underway, this year we're creating an online marketplace for urban wood utilization.

c. Twink shared that Donna M. is interested in serving as Interim Yahara rep in her stead.

Catherine nominated Donna Magdalena as an interim Yahara rep.

We will share an open call for Yahara rep across the SASY list, and vote on this at the next meeting.

16) Motion to Adjourn @ 9 pm. Unanimous.

For February meeting:

1. revisit the City Neighborhood Plan and steps to take.
2. Worthington Park NA rep visit.
3. Planning for the Membership meeting
4. 'Switch' concepts shared to suggest strategies to effect change. (45 min. presentation with small group work.
5. Lou shares open nomination for Yahara Park rep across SASY list. February meeting, we vote on Yahara interim rep.