

SASYNA Neighborhood Association
January 9, 2014 Monthly meeting agenda
Goodman Community Center
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm

1] Introductions / Quorum

Present: Megan Williamson, Brad Kuse, Donna Magdalina, Lance Green, Lou Host-Jablonski, Brad Hinkfuss, Margo Tiedt, John Steines, Gary Karch, Melanie Foxcroft, Doug Johnson, Angelo Castillo, Marsha Rummel, Carl Landsness, Ben Anton, Doug Cuetkovich, Kelli Lawler, Pamela Blair, Nabeel Syed, Diana Miller, Andrea Thundercloud, Libby Maurer, Dean Christianson, Shariff Syed, Ron Trachtenberg, Mick Toseff, Josh Connelly, Dave Deadman, Sarah Moore, Michael Donnelly, Peter Williamson
Excused absences: Catherine Stephens, James Montgomery

2] Approval of previous meeting minutes - please see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings>

Brad H Motion to Approve

Brad K Seconded

Minutes approved.

3] Adjustment of the agenda - Additions, Corrections, Guests and Invited Presentations, Items for Open Discussion
Dave from Chocolate shop (not Teresa from Bunky's)

4] Invited Guests and Presentations

4.a] BP Gas Station owner Nabeel S. Syed (2801 Atwood) asking for SASY support to sell beer. Per Dec 18 meeting, ALRC proposes a compromise with four restrictions:

1. a limitation to only use three coolers for display at retail for sales of beer;
2. a restriction not to use any floor space for retail sales of beer;
3. a restriction not to sell single cans or bottles of beer in any format; and,
4. an agreement to have the license reconsidered separately at renewal time in June 2014.

-Ron Trachtenberg, reports that they have applied for a beer license. Conditional use restrictions on property have been lifted.

-The above are limitations suggested by Ron and owners of BP Gas Station at a recent ALRC meeting.

-Beer would be sold 8am-9pm daily.

-Nabeel presented a petition by neighbors 168 signatures supporting beer sales at the BP gas station

-Ron agrees to have the license reconsidered separately at renewal time in June 2015 as well per Angelo's suggestion.

-Ron states that they are willing to be part of the solution as far as the issue of parks and public intoxication is concerned.

-There is a standard city requirement of no single cans of beer. This is not an uncommon condition to put on a convenience store, Though not all convenience stores have this restriction on their license.

-Lance: motion to approve BP station selling beer per restrictions above with the addition of ALRC conditions and with having a separate renewal again in June 2015.

-Brad H. seconds

-Ron would like to clarify that they have stated that they are willing to work with the neighborhood and business association to resolve any issues that sales of beer may cause.

-Lance states that he would like to amend his motion to state that SASY will also make a commitment to work with MPD, Parks, etc to address these same issues.

-Brad H agrees to friendly amendment

-Motion carries unanimously.

4.b] New ice cream shop on Atwood Ave (white building near Dunning and Atwood) - Dave Deadman from Chocolate Shop Ice Cream\

-This would be a seasonal ice cream store (May 1st through October).

-Chocolate Shoppe will be asking for variance from Plan Commission to allow walk up window on sidewalk as no customers can fit inside.

-They also want to re-landscape back for seating.

-Handout has a patio seating area sketch behind the store,

-Open around May 1st Th, Fri, Sat Sun and then every day after school gets out.

- Variance needed for walk up window that will serve to the sidewalk.
- Dave is looking for neighborhood approval
- Marsha states variance for walk up will be decided on the plan commission.
- Lou states that the outdoor seating may be a conditional use. Dave states that he will follow up on this.
- Dave indicated that the city may potentially limit the number of bike racks.
- Dave states that there will be about 24 flavors available
- Suggestions from SASY meeting:
 - Awning on the front of the building
 - Retaining wall out back due to slope.
 - Bench/seating in front
 - Water outside
 - This is a key node for Atwood corner, suggest that design be well thought out.
 - Stump out front should be removed
 - Recommend low voltage lighting/dark sky lighting.

[-Link to behind building.](#)

- Motion by Melanie: The council is in support of Chocolate Shoppe business, including variance for the walk up window, with further suggestions to include:
 - Dark sky lighting,
 - building design,
 - Bring design to future SASY meeting.
 - Work with the SASY Preservation and Development committee on design
 - Encourage city to work with business owner to incorporate placemaking Syd Boyum corridor.

Seconded By Brad H.

Motion passes.

5] SASY Executive Committee (Lou)

5.a] Discuss suggestions received to revise SASY bylaws AT GMM:

1. Drop membership dues. Increase fundraising efforts.

-Brad K Motion: Define membership dues a sliding scale.

-Melanie seconds. Motion carries.

2. Make the Transportation Committee a standing committee instead of ad hoc.

-Brad K motion to make Transportation Committee permanent

-Brad H seconded.

-Motion Carries.

3. Add special reps on permanent or ad hoc basis in SASY bylaws, e.g. Olbrich

-Donna suggests that we make a list of liaison reps we'd like to see.

-Lou states executive com will discuss and bring back language to discuss.

4. Clarify SASY committee membership.

-From the Bylaws 8.3.1 "The SASYNA Council appoints Committee members via simple majority vote. Committee members must be members in good standing The term of the committee member shall be one year, or less, if the committee is an ad hoc short-term committee. The appointment may be renewed indefinitely."

-The question is asked, what will the criterion be to approve committee member?

-Could the "good standing" part of this part of the bylaws be removed?

-Committee report include a place to list each member.

-Committees are always supposed to suggest actions to the council, not necessarily take action themselves.

-General consensus is that we leave this section of by-laws as is.

Goal: With Council direction, the Executive Committee will draft revised bylaws in time for April 3rd

5.b] Recruiting SASY Council reps and SASY exec committee.

5.c] Olbrich Gardens neighborhood liaison recruitment

-This would be a member of the Olbrich board.

-What work does the committee do?

-Monthly meetings. 4pm-5pm

-SASY rep is a liaison to Olbrich. Letting Olbrich know SASY's positions.

-Voting - Sue Thering wins election to be Olbrich Rep.

6] SASYNA Committees and Liaisons

6.a] Union Corners - John S.

1. Introduce charter for intentionally welcoming various communities & cohousing - John S.

6.b] Kipp Committee (Gary/Lance)

1. Test drilling near Kipp.

-New test well drilled at Northeast Milwaukee Street/Oak Street intersection. .

-Gary contacted the DNR and suggested that since they drilled another well on Milwaukee and Oak, it would be the perfect time to release a press release on this project. The idea was well received and Gary will follow up with them.

6.c] Garver Committee (Betty/John/Lou)

1. SASY position on phosphorous treatment plant

2. News from City on future of Garver

-There is an upcoming RFP from the City.

6.d] Solstice Committee (John/Betty)

-Successful event!

-Safety issues crossing the street.

-There was a police presence.

6.e] Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad H.)

Report from 1/8 - Win/Atwood wrap up meeting.

-Last night was the 6th meeting.

-Well attended. Will now try to summarize and condense information from all 6 meetings. Will also meet with city staff and prepare an informational event for neighborhood targeted for the spring.

-Working with City staff to come up with a substantive set of ideas and plans about the corridor. Specifically about the 1900 block of atwood which is coming up this year. There will be an effort to come up with drafts. This is a process involving a dialogue between WIN/AT Cor com and City Staff.

6.f] Preservation and Development Committee (Brad H.)

6.g] Communication Committee (Brad K.)

1. Review draft of letter to area businesses; budget request for mailing to list.

Brad K. states that he would like to change email address in letter to a sasyna.org specific address
communicationscommittee@sasyna.org

-Suggestions:

-Face to face communication important

-Council members seem receptive to divvying this up.

-Store front businesses easier to communicate with than those run out of the home.

-Motion by John S. to approve letter with email contact address changed, drop budget request and come to council next month with outline for action.

-Melanie? seconds.

-Motion carries.

2. March/April ESN - *deadline is February 3rd.*

-tabled due to time

3. Promoting the Spring Membership meeting.

-tabled due to time

6.h] Membership Committee (Lance/Margo/all)

1. SASY available funds balance: \$

2. Planning for [Spring Annual Membership Meeting](#)

Date: Thursday, April 3rd. Time: 6 - 8 pm

Program: "SASY State of the Neighborhood" presentation with SASY and Marsha Rummel with engagement from members.

- Committees send content for (3) PPT slides to Catherine *by March 13 SASY council meeting.*

6.i] Transportation Committee (Donna)

1. Planning a public meeting about residential traffic calming; working with city staff.

2. Reconstruction of 1900 block of Atwood. Concept drawings gathered at Win/Atwood corridor planning.
<http://sasyna.org/index.php/recent-activities/corridor-planning/>

-Facebook Page. Search for SASY streets to find and join.

-Donna requests addition of info and more voices in the discussion on Facebook page and help dropping flyers that announce the meeting to all homes in SASY.

6.] Friends of Starkweather Creek - (Lance)

7] New Business

Margo Tiedt- GCC and Atwood Summerfest

-After 31 years, GCC is not going to continue working on the event. It is too much work and draining energies from other things that the GCC wants to do.

-Margo states that GCC has always said that this should be a Neighborhood association, Business Association thing.

-All of the info is fresh in the minds of GCC.

-Now would be the time to seize on this to learn the process.

-Organizers, managers, information is still fresh.

-GCC is looking for a new organizer

-Volunteer coordinators are on board.

-GCC does not want to have a staff person on to answer questions.

-Council suggest that we work with AWABA.

-Margo states that she will speak with Becky about SASY interest in picking this up.

Ben Anton

Donna Magdalena

Brad Kuse

Lance Green

Megan Williamson

Gary Karch

express interest.

8] District 6 Alderperson Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

-Liz Lauer interested in 2223 Atwood. Demolish and redevelop as three story mixed use building with her office on ground floor.

9] Community Event Announcements (also, see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/special/>)

10.a] Next SASYNA Meeting – 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 13, 2014

10.b] SASY Annual Membership meeting - 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 3, 2014

10. Adjourn (note time)

Adjourned at 2118.

Future / Upcoming

- Consider inviting Amy Scanlon and/or Katherine Cornwell, City Planners to attend SASY meeting and share about Garver Building
- Invite Parker Jones (UW student) to share his presentation at SASY monthly meeting re: landscape architecture and design options for North Plat.