

SASY Neighborhood Association

Council Meeting Minutes ~ 11 July 2013

Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

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

1) Introductions / quorum.

Present: Mark McFadden, Gary Karch, James Montgomery, Brad Kuse, Lance Green, Catherine Stephens, John Steines,, Lou Host-Jabonski, Angelo Castillo, Meghan Williamson, Donna Magdalena, Melanie Foxcroft, Margo Tiedt, Betty Chewing

Excused Absences: Brad Hinkfuss, Doug Johnson

Guests: Angelo Castillo, Maggie Dorman, Diane Burling and Marsha Rummel, Alder

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes ~ see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/>

3) Additions/corrections to agenda.

- a. Communications Committee - would like to discuss working with the Win/Atwood Corridor Planning committee on Publicity.
- b. adding to transportation - short light at diagonal bike crossing
- c. noise concerns at Goodman Center
- d. agenda items - order rearranged at meeting

3) Invited Guests: Division Street at Hawthorne Park - how can we make this a safer street (neighbors near Hawthorne Park). (**Catherine S. and "Friends of Hawthorne Park"**). Diane Burling and Maggie Dorman

Neighborhood is looking into Traffic study and speed study after recent accident. Long process; many or may not get speed bumps. Intersection of Linden and Division, many people do not stop

Petitions for speed bumps first, traffic study will follow

Suggested temporary solutions:

- City repair, community process. Paint areas of the street ?
- Possibly borrow SASY sandwich boards
- City can provide signage to make drivers more aware of children
- "Friends of Hawthorne Park" will be moving ahead with petition for Traffic Calming.
- Such traffic calming requests are very 'locale-centric' form the City 's perspective. SASY council asks Diane and Maggie to keep in contact with us as they proceed with the petition; we commit to support as needed when/if they need us.

4) District 6 Alder Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

1. Union Corners

Finally moving forward on Union Corners - in the early phases of this project.

August 22nd at 7:00 PM: Multi-neighborhood meeting to describe project. Location TBD.
Will go over the letter of intent and the phases contained in that letter

Considering the Union Corners sales office - as possible restaurant space ?

TIF - analyzing the financial need from the area. Still to come.

City has invested 6 million dollars - street improvements. Purchased Land for land-banking; Gorman will need to need to pay this back.

The timing is right for SASY to weigh in on "Community Benefits Agreement" for Union Corners.

A group of alders is meeting to help to define a new TIF policy.

A redefined TIF policy may be a good way to codify these types of CBA standards.

2. 1965 Atwood / Chase Bank - Youth Services Upstairs - looking for a new tenant. Will refer to SASY Preservation & Dev committee.

3. Marsha attended Neighborhood meeting about Salvation Army relocating. 50 people attended, including architect. Lots of questions from neighbors about services, and how this works in the neighborhood. Neighbors feel over-policed and concerns shared.

4. Garver Meeting - What Makes a Brick Happy - Part Two
July 25 meeting at 6 pm at Goodman Center.

Architects that studied structural integrity of Garver building.

Betty asks - how can we re-open the issue of the Ball Parks diamond? It was a split vote from the Parks commission. What is the sequence? Marsha, can you ask for a copy of the Olbrich Plan ? Hope to share the Report with SASY so that we can review ahead of the meeting on July 25th.

5) SASY Council (Lou)

- a. Nominations and vote for vacant Special Rep SASY Council seat
John moves to nominate Meeghan Williamson
Betty seconds. Unanimous Vote - approved. Welcome Meeghan!

6) Preservation and Development committee (Brad H.)

- a. Discussion of the corridor planning subcommittee and some overlapping interest between P&D and the Corridor Planning Subcommittee.
Tabled / "Pastor" Brad Hinkfuss absent.

7) Winn/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad H.) - see July committee report

- a. Six all-neighborhood meetings to provide input into street design and placemaking.
(the meeting schedule has been/will be further revised):
#1: July 10: Planning Meeting / and Introduction to the Process.
#2: August 14: First neighborhood-wide meeting: Yahara River, and Kennedy Point Triangle/ Eastwood open space

Discussion:

July 10th meeting was a lot of discussion defining what the Corridor Planning Committee is trying to do and sharing some conflicting POVs.

City (specifically Rebecca) wants to have some successes. "Lighter Cheaper Faster" mentality shared by Mayor. Whole neighborhood plan is 'too big' in scope. Looking for something in the middle.

Lou: Shared concerns. It's more than potted plants and painted garbage cans.

SASY asserts that Transportation needs to be part of this plan.

July 10th meeting transitioned to a Planning Meeting with city staff.

Between now and the 8/14 we may want to invite a meeting with city staff.

Lou: Schenk's corners redesign is already in the neighborhood plan. Lean on this.

Consensus at the meeting was to focus on Shenk's Corners.

SASY needs to clearly define what we want to do and convey this clearly.

Some SASY members express concerns that the City was trying to take over the placemaking and corridor planning process initiated by SASY.

Donna: "Lighter, Quicker Cheaper" is more about experimenting and implementing, not about short term/sighted solutions.

Winnebago-Atwood Business Association is getting involved in this process as well.

Mark: Noting that we asked for City help with this effort - and then July 10th we negated that help. Not all of us on the Committee have been involved with the Pre-planning of this group which has challenged consensus process.

8) Goodman Center withdrew expanded alcohol license - update (Margo / or ?)

No longer pursuing the expanded license; we ran into rules about having children near the space; still pursuing how we could do it. Looking at an exception for special event. Lou asked that SASY hear about progress. For Five Year Anniversary we will sell beer and wine, not alcohol (outside).

9) Update on BP Gas station alcohol sales - How this is moving forward. (Marsha/Mark)

(Marsha): Neighborhood meeting took place - about 50/50 weighing in.

Next, BP - going to ALRC - and bypassing the planning commission.

Suggest that we draft and send a letter to ALRC. Mark McFadden volunteered to do this -- for electronic vote (we talked about at this at the last meeting).

10) Report: June 25 NRT (Neighborhood Response Team) meeting (Gary attended)

Gary attended, and offered SASY's help with writing a letter concerning the increase in crime near the Mobile station. Gary offered to write the letter on behalf of multiple NAs.

11) Planning for July 27-28 Atwood Summer Fest (James/Catherine)

a. SASY Info Booth (have asked to be near the Corn Grill) - and proposal that we create a Poster sharing when SASY reps are at the Booth to chat about special topics.

1. Group decided we would not offer the "come to talk SASY schedule".

2. 2. thanks to Doug for applying for booth - booth fee: \$40 / each day.

3. Motion to earmark \$40 from SASY budget for Doug to cover SASY portion. Approved.

b. SASY corn stand - *sign up to volunteer at corn grill !*

Help is needed: taking cash, grilling corn, preparing the corn, drop by that day and help!. Let's send invite across the List. Offer free SASY membership and a cob of corn. Sign-up will be posted online.

12) Communications committee (Catherine/Betty/Brad)

a. Share progress on SASY window decals (Brad Kuse).

Hoping to have Produced by Atwood Summefest at Badger Graphics @ \$0.70 / sticker. These help us interact with businesses in the area. We have a database of all Winn/Atwood businesses.

Suggestion - Join SASY at Atwood Fest as member and get a Sticker. Pay \$5 dues. Mark motion; SASY allocate \$150 / from SASY budget to print 200 stickers. Betty seconds.

Margo reminded group - we are tax exempt, need to know Who to pay bill.

Betty reminds us - we are trying to get these out to Businesses.

Lance - suggested that businesses pay \$1 for a sticker.

Catherine suggested we reserve 150 stickers, and take smaller number to fest. When someone joins SASY, they get a sticker. They are not on the table as free give-aways.

Motion approved.

b. East Side News - suggestions for topics for Sept/Oct news (article due Aug 3). (Betty C.)

c. Communications Committee offers to help with Publicity for Winn/Atwood Corridor work. Press release, WORT and a poster template for meetings. We will talk with Brad Hinkfuss / Bill Whyte.

13) Kipp Committee – recent news and SASY response (Gary) - tabled

14) Transportation Committee (Donna) - see committee report.

Transpo Committee has drafted a letter to the City to commend the diagonal bike path.

Angie pointed out that the Light is too short. Please ask to lengthen the light. Light only cycles when you hit the button.

Donna moves that the council approve the letter to Traffic Engineering, removing the reference to concerns about Dunning. Mark seconds.

Amendment to the motion: Splitting this into two letters.

First: "Thanks to Traffic Engineering"

Second: "Sharing concerns about the the diagonal and use of the bike paths"

Letters will be written by Transept, subject to electronic vote.

Motion carries unanimously.

15) Olbrich Gardens / Garver report (Mark) – see comments shared by Marsha above.

16) Airport Noise Committee (Melanie) - Letter to Parisi - review

Council members made a few suggestions about the Letter. Please email Melanie suggestions. Let's revise the letter and take an E-Vote. Motion and vote carried.

17) Solstice Committee (Betty) - Report

Successful event, ended it early because of Storms.

Safety of crossing Atwood Ave because of Police who attended (Donna recruited).

Note - City Transportation promised barrels and crossing gear that never happened.

Let's do better next time.

Negotiated parking with Olbrich Gardens; all Three Food Carts sold out.

Next time - have Bullhorn on hand to move crowd if needed.

18) Propose timeline to sunset the Union Corners Transitional Use Committee (Mark).

tabled

19) Announcements

Hudson Beach Committee (Matt Miller): Hudson Beach Fest - *Saturday, August 17th*
at Noon. Bring a dish to pass. Music and games provided.

20) New Business: Goodman Noise

a. Angie plans to meet with Becky - ask that Noise Readings continue on over Summer.

Also, asking for copy of reading sites. Brad will post to last months meeting notes. Looking for below 50 decibel range.

21) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. Seconded

Adjourn at 9:04 pm.

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