

SASY Neighborhood Association

Council Meeting Minutes ~ 13 June 2013

Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

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

1) Introductions / quorum.

Attendees: Doug Johnson, Brad Hinkfuss, Lou Host-Jablonski, Brad Kuse, Betty Chewning, John Steines, James Montgomery, Lance Green, Melanie Foxcroft, Donna Magdalena, Mark McFadden, Gary Karch, Catherine Stephens

Excused absences: Sarah Williams, Margo Tiedt

Neighbors & Guests: Kim Neuschel, Megan Williamson, Marsha Rummel, , Angello Castillo, Scott Jones, John Pickle, Hugh Wing, Becky Steinhoff,

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

Motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Community events:

- a. "Make Music Madison" Goodman Center outdoor green space - June 21st 5:00 - 8 pm
Paris Blues, Margo Tiedt, Community Drum Circle, Whisky Doll
- b. Solstice Celebration – Olbrich Park – June 22nd @ 8:41 pm
- c. Atwood Festival – July 27 and July 28

5) Invited guest. **Becky Steinhoff and Hugh Wing (Food Services Director), GCC – expanding premise permit for GCC liquor license.**

1 year ago - GCC requested a liquor license. Asking for an expansion of current Liquor license to encompass the entire premises including outside. Serving alcohol until 11 PM, both outside and in the gym.

There is concern from Police about how to ensure all serving of alcohol is contained at events. For tented events, plan to ask all attendees to wear a bracelet (over 21). This helps us raise funds for GCC. Will be valid for large events and concurrent events. Goodman currently provides alcohol for private parties and events in the space in which alcohol is allowed. Helps address control of alcohol and consumption. The current license for GCC limits location of where alcohol is served. This request covers GCC sponsored events in the expanded spaces, and with other non-profit events. Would allow GCC to serve liquor, beer, wine. The license now is just beer and wine. Private events would serve beer and wine only. Big events coming up - 5 year anniversary for GCC.

Questions about the language in the revised permit, how this expands the current permit, whether neighbors have been informed.

Goodman has notified the Neighborhood with signage and emails. Goodman will be the only organization that can serve alcohol on the entire Goodman Property. Private Parties and other non-profit orgs will not be able to use this expanded space to serve alcohol. Increasing seating for alcohol drinking guests from 335 (currently) to up to 835 (the maximum, if filled all spaces).

MOTION: Mark makes a motion that we identify Council members to draft a letter in support of this request, restating the language on the revised permit and that we vote on this letter electronically. Betty Chewning seconded the motion. Betty and Mark will work together to draft the letter.

Melanie asked adding language that helps address noise associated with events serving alcohol.

Council voted and the Motion carries unanimously.

6) HVAC Noise issues - GCC update and opportunities for questions (Becky Steinhoff)

Goodman Center staff met back in November with neighbors. We have been monitoring noise levels. Handout shared with attendees.

Both on and off -- the noisiest place we record is in the street nearby to business with chillers running (Waubesa). Note - noise levels are up near Kipp where units are also running near Wirth Court Park. East end of Wirth Ct. park is loudest as a result of the noise from multiple HVAC units in the immediate area.

Purchased an industrial outside fan - will be near Waubesa and RR tracks to force air into chiller platform, reducing demand on chillers. Hopefully mask the frequency of the HVAC unit coming from Kipp. Fan will also reduce load on the chillers. The walls around the chillers are to be hinged. The need to be open when temperatures reach 90+ degrees. The fan may make it possible to leave these walls closed more often during time of heavy load on the chillers.

Our AC is adjusted based on number of events. Shuts down early if nothing going on. Also recent trial of increasing inside temp 2 degrees (so far no complaints). Chillers emit sound at a higher frequency; fans at a lower frequency. The two may interfere with each other mitigating the effects of the high frequency noise coming from the HVAC units.

Questions: were all chillers ON when you did the decibel readings? (yes)
Megan W. - noticing the Noise is much less since installing the Wall up that is a noise barrier.

ACTIONS: Brad K will contact Becky via email to obtain electronic copy of GCC HVAC Update document for the SASYNA.ORG website.
Becky will email Megan when they turn the industrial fan on to check in about noise level.

7) NAs response to increased crime on East Washington and near Mobile gas station. (Gary)

John, Marsha and Gary attended May Worthington Park NA meeting. The recent gun shots at Mobile station was on the Agenda. The police report that the shooter was someone from the West Side, the victim was also from the West Side. Second incident on Hermina - and feedback from Neighbors is that neighbors do respond and call the Police. Alfonso reported that the Police suggested area NAs write a letter from the (3) NAs expressing concern about crime near the Mobile station. Do we write the letter to the station asking for a Police stationed near by?

Question from Kimberly N. about Why the Mobile station is an area of concern? Is alcohol being sold? Near the Mobile station - youth meeting up and hanging out there. Youth coming in to buy food, lottery tickets.

Question from John S.: would like to know more about the issues. Can we talk to the beat cop.

If we write a letter and basically force increased Police presence, is this what the Mobile stations wants, what the neighbors want? Can we find out more from the police rep Suzy Gonzalez?

Catherine S suggested we could invite officer to the meeting to better understand the issue.

Kimberly pointed out - we can nvite organizations in the area that assist youth. They may want to target this situation looking for/implementing solutions. May want to involve NRT Neighborhood Resource Team, and city staff. NRT teams address services just for the neighborhood. Reach out to owner of Gas Station as well. Reach out to Mentoring Positives, Salvation Army, Will Green. Police, Susie Gonzales, Mobile Station, Neighborhood Resource Team. City wide NRTs that focus on 8 different target areas.

Suggestion: Identify a few SASY Council members to attend NRT meeting.
The NRT for this area meets the fourth Tuesday of the month - at 1:30 pm at Hawthorne Library. Gary and Donna will attend the June 25th meeting. Added to [SASYNA Calendar](#).

8) District 6 Alder Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

1. City letter of intent for Union Corners. Now public. See letter shared across SASY today. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SASYNA-Discussions/message/17107>

Phasing -- Clinic in the first phase.

Next goes to the Economic Development commission, Planning Commission, then to Council.

2. Paint the Pavement - introduced to City staff.

Based on Seattle community building project. Intersection Repair. Using the streets to build community by using art / painting designs on streets.

\$ 10,000 earmarked to support 4 Pavement Painting installations. \$2,500 a piece.

Charter ordinance. Got around state law. These paintings are not Signs. Organizations would need to apply.

Neighborhood groups can propose a Sign design, and take to Traffic Engineering / David Dryer. Need insurance. Have to maintain it as well. Need to close off streets to do this. There are costs involved.

If you renew drawing every year, don't need a new permit.

John S. - interested in pursuing a project in Worthington Park neighborhood. Betty also interested in art in Worthington Park.

Kimberly N. noted this is based on "City Repair" - Portland, OR started this. <http://cityrepair.org/> It's intended to be a participatory process, the neighbors nearby would contribute and be part of the project.

Proposal comes from the Madison Arts Commission.

Gary K. mentioned - street work is coming up at Worthington Park and should hold off.

3. Salvation Army on East Washington - proposing to relocate to Darbo neighborhood center.

4. Hermina Street - closing for a Test. Traffic count related to McDonalds. There is interest in closing the street to car traffic. Does Traffic help keep this street safe ?

5. Solstice Bonfire Ordinance - did pass. Thanks Marsha and all involved.

6. BP Gas station neighborhood meeting. Not a big turn out. About 50/50 in terms of support or let's be fair here. It's a land use decision made at a certain point of time.

Emails received - majority against selling beer/wine at the gas station. Esp from nearby neighbors.

BP Owner going forward to apply to the Planning Commission to revoke this rule.

MOTION: Mark McFadden recommends that SASY take a stand against the selling of alcohol. Based on the restriction set in place for this property. Make this recommendation to the Planning Commission, and make this clear at ALRC, and to Marsha Rummel. SASY Neighborhood comes out formally against changing this conditional use.

Lou asked - does conditional use license go with Property? (yes). Liquor license go with the person? (Yes).

John S. - suggested that we look at this carefully. Is this fair considering the number of businesses selling alcohol on Atwood Ave ? Mark suggested - fairness does not apply. Other nearby businesses don't have this restriction.

Brad K. asked about number of owners at the BP. This is the fourth set of owners bringing this up after the conditional use restrictions were put in place.

Angello - doesn't agree this is a fairness issue. The owner has said he doesn't need to sell alcohol to make a go of it. He wants to offer as a convenience to the neighborhood. He can make a go of it - so this is less of a fairness issue.

Lou noted - the gas station is turning over with the same condition in place. We could consider reexamining this if the current owner stays in the neighborhood for a longer period of time.

Brad Hinkfuss agrees with taking a stand here. This conditional use goes with the property.

Vote on MOTION above:

8 Yes

3 Against

9) SASY Council (Lou)

- a. Sarah Williams resignation from Council effective this meeting. We have a month to recruit, will vote next time. Looking for nominations.
- b. Open Membership / Internal Activities Coordinator announcement.
Catherine nominated Betty, noting Betty is taking care of some Membership tasks.
Mark McFadden expressed interest. Betty withdrew nomination.
Mark McFadden nominated and council voted - unanimous Yes.

10) SASY – consider involvement with city budget (Mark)

Mark shared a handout and described the current city of Madison budgeting process.

Budget being developed
Capital = Stuff
Operational People services, Salaries, Contracts
Mayors office - Needs to build the Executive Budget
Listening sessions are over now.
Propose budget initiatives
Ideascale - web tool gathering some data. Propose and vote on ideas.
Mark gives overview of top 5 on ideascale.
Ideascale ends in June.

Any person in the City can provide input into the City Budget. This budget has a real impact on neighborhoods. The Executive budget is not yet put together. SASY has never taken a position on items in the City Budget.

Looking for
-key priorities
-neighborhood initiatives
-Ad-hoc committee to insert themselves on behalf of SASY into the budget process.
- City budget process ends in October

John S. suggested this could be a meta-committee from across SASY Committees. All SASY committees should be informed about City budgeting issues.

Brad Hinkfuss - speaking from Corridor Planning - for example - is focused on working with City staff and tapping City resources for a specific focus.

Lou and Catherine - shared concern about capacity for Council and how we line up with other efforts already underway.

Melanie - noted it's a little late with City Budget Cycle to start this. Maybe we start this next year.

Donna - agreed we are doing some of this in our Committees. Donna recommended check out Idea Scale.

11) Preservation and Development committee (Brad H.) - see committee report

- a. Discussion of the corridor planning subcommittee and some overlapping interest between P&D and the Corridor Planning Subcommittee. *Discussion tabled.*

12) Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad) - see committee report

- a. June 6th Meeting with the City staff. *Discussion tabled.*

13) Planning for July 27-28 Atwood Summer Fest corn stand – fundraiser for SASY (James/Brad K.)

- a. Consider adding a SASY info booth for outreach and build membership. Share with FSC? Need volunteer staffing Can design a poster of who is at booth to answer questions about special topics across SASY.

James reports that we plan to have a Corn Stand, with new strategies for this year to cost less.

Yes, let's do both. Circle back to Volunteer sign up at July meeting.

14) Communications committee (Catherine/Betty/Brad) – see committee report

- a. Check out new SASY web calendar of events at <http://www.sasyna.org/>.

To post SASY Committee meetings to calendar, email Catherine or Brad Kuse. (also invite to Council to post Committee meetings on the calendar).

- b. We have 180+ on the SASY facebook page; SASY invite to visit page and post comments.

- c. Propose print small size clear window decals about SASY and cost (Brad Kuse).

MOTION: Brad K. motion to spend up to \$75 to print 100 decals. Lou suggested we develop this idea and check back at July meeting. Check in with Megan at Absolutely Art.

- d. Brad Hinkfuss - created SASY Sandwich Signs - let's decide what to do with these, and where to store these.

15) Kipp Committee – recent news and SASY response (Gary)

- a. SASY response to DNR letter – approval of letter.

John motioned that we approve letter. Betty seconded the letter.

Discussion. Lance asked about how we would form a CAB. John noted it's important that someone from Exe is involved. Lou noted that the Kipp committee is doing much of this work.

16) Transportation Committee (Donna) - see committee report. *Discussion tabled.*

17) Olbrich Gardens / Garver report (Mark) – see committee report. *Discussion tabled.*

18) Solstice Committee (Betty)

- a. Solstice Event Saturday June 22 at Olbrich Park.

4 - 10 pm in Olbrich Park, Baseball Diamond #5. Canoe Rides, music, star gazing with Space Place. Talking with police to get off duty police to help with traffic to help with crossing.

John -- we need volunteers.

John - request for \$200 to help support the event.

Mark made a motion to approve \$200. Brad Hinkfuss seconded.

We could sell items - the permit covers this.

Vote -- Yes, approved.

19) Propose timeline to sunset the Union Corners Transitional Use Committee (Mark). See committee report. *Discussion tabled.*

20) New Business / Old Business

21) Adjourn @ 9 pm.