

SASY Neighborhood Association

Council Meeting Minutes ~ May 10, 2012

1) Introductions /quorum

Council members present: Melanie F., Randy R., John S., Gary K., Doug J., Lou H-J., Sarah W., Lance G., Twink J-H, James M., Brad H., Brad K., Catherine S., Betty C., Mike B.

Guests: Tim Wong, Anne Walker, Alder Marsha Rummel and several others neighborhood residents.

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes: see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/> - Motion Lance; second - Sarah. Minutes approved unanimously without corrections.

3) Additions/corrections to agenda. Identify additional items, include guests and invited presenters, items for open discussion time. -- None mentioned

4) SASY Business

- a. Introduce new Council Members -- Brad Kuse and James Montgomery
- b. Nominations and vote for SASY Chair and Executive Committee
Chair: Betty nom Lou, 2nd ?? Catherine?

Internal Activities Coord: Lance nominated Catherine; Melanie nominated Sarah. Sarah declined.

Vote unanimous for Catherine

Communications: Twink nom. John

John points out the importance of rotating through executive roles over time. Twink: appreciates one more year of existing group to continue with work around re-org of SASY. Vote unanimous for John

- c. SASY Budget report. (Catherine)
Current SASY fund balance: \$1,265

5) Invited Guests – 15 minutes each

- a. Fair Oaks Intersection – visit from City Engineering
Melanie request moving Transportation Committee Report here to piggyback visit from city traffic engineering. Motion approved.

Anne Walker and Tim Wong: Tim introduce Steve Sontag from City Eng. and Yang Tao from Traffic Engineering

Steve: Pavement is in disrepair. Process began in 2010. Since then utilities on board, so we are replacing water, main, sewer and pedestrian improvements. Red asphalt crossings at Fair Oaks. Bid last fall. Contractor is RJ Huston.

All businesses will have access to Atwood during construction. Open to Local Traffic.

Will need to close the street - tight quarters during this work. Tight schedule to get it done as soon as possible. Timeline: June 18 -- completion by August 1st.

Maple Ave. - '5-leg intersection' plan to do a test of routing traffic. To begin May 21st and run till start of the project.

City staff shared map and overview of the project.

Changes: eliminate access from north to Maple Ave. Two way on the street, but can't enter from Atwood or Fair Oaks. Still testing to address possible changes needed later.

Will be counting and gathering data to test for manageable traffic on surrounding streets.

Favorable response to plan for the traffic routing around the intersection. 'Favorable' meaning no significant problems or negative feedback encountered during the test period.

Brad notes - there may be negative feedback from parents dropping kids off on Maple. But this can be a dangerous drop off point.

Matt -- have you considered moving the stop bars farther away from the intersection, for better safety from oncoming traffic coming down Atwood ?

Lance noted - neighbors posting about cut-throughs and avoiding the detour. Betty asked about traffic coming to Solstice Fest - will cars be able to get through to Olbrich? Answer: They will need to route through the detour.

Betty - Are you planning for wires placed underground for future Atwood resurfacing? Expect lots of people will ask for this. Steve: It will be considered, but not officially in the plan at this point. We are putting in the infrastructure to be able to install underground cabling in the future.

Intersection - no plans for underground conduits. Want to finish up work as soon as possible. Atwood is a future project.

Melanie asked about landscaping at the intersection. Can we plant trees here? Will plan to add two tree grates.

Check the city web site:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/roadworks/>

Marsha asked - will City be able to respond to "can we add a stop sign on Hudson? or stop sign on Oakridge?" to help manage the traffic?

Mike suggested a plan to route traffic that is headed to outlying areas to keep the traffic routed outside the neighborhoods. Signage needs farther afield to alert drivers from outside the beltline. If not signs, publicize staying farther afield to Cottage Grove, Monona, people headed to EPIC, etc.

Press releases will appear in local papers, TV.

b. Tex Tubb's - Patrick Patterson, GM at TT. Patrick corrected agenda - not outdoor seating year round but to allow us to participate in the Atwood Festival and have special events in the parking lot. Example - project movies on wall for kids night. This is our way to have a patio. Music would not extend past 9 pm and allow us to serve beer, wine and spirits outside. Current Lic = Class B, serve up to 2AM, inside only.

Goodman Center - concern about taking away from Fest beer sales. Patrick - we do make donations to the Center, and other non-profit. We would be willing to donate part of beer sales to the Center.

Patrick estimated 1 outdoor event / month. During June/July/August, fair weather months.

Would like it to be family friendly. Bring your own seating - lawn chair. Would designate an area past a few parking spots.

Affect other businesses parking? Patrick has feedback from other businesses - they are supportive.

Wendy - Player's Bar thinks it is a great idea.

Doug - Amplified music, too? Yes, tho' not past 9 PM.

Catherine - Margo has concerns about conflict with Fest. Patrick: Goal is not to compete or take business from Atwood Fest. Willing to work with the neighborhood, so won't have live music if that is in conflict. That's a promise.

Long term goal is to have a Patio, but this is not financially feasible just yet.

Patrick has had no negative feedback from neighbors. We will close it up at 9 pm.

Capacity in that space? 150 but would not expect that.

Catherine asked about safety for families around parking cars. Patrick described barricades that will section off area.

Lou: proposing general support for this idea, with the caveat of coming to agreement with Goodman. Straw poll passed with one vote against, and one abstention.

c. Player's Bar – Bar Manager, Wendy. Bar plans to provide overflow seating outdoors at Fest; share how can help Goodman Center during fest. This was approved by City.

During Goodman Fest, Bar supplies ice, electricity for bands, rest rooms. Block off the back, move dumpsters, standing space to listen to bands and finish drinks. Drinks not allowed outside via front door. Safety issue for Player's with so many people inside. No food or drink served outside. No Fest beer brought in.

6) City Report (Marsha Rummel)

Big News! - Developer interested in Union Corners: Mayor forming short-term and fast track ad hoc committee w/ four alders, developers, neighborhood reps (SASY, Emerson), three other citizens. "Start right away". Committee will draft RFP instead of city staff. Satya and Marsha made it happen! NA's will pick their reps, not the mayor. Clear and Cnare alders. Mario Mendoza on committee. Ken O. citizen member. Tuesday - will come forward and convene committee - to be named.

Sponsored by Soglin and Alders: Rummel, Clear, Bidar-Sielaff, Schmidt, Rhodes-Conway.

Well 8 letter to the Mayor - look for Mayor's response soon.

Betty - advocating for crosswalks in front of Olbrich. Marsha working with David Dwyer and may have found additional support in Yang.

Project Lodge art and music venue from East Johnson looking to move to Atwood Avenue - near Victory in older building.

7) State Update (Chris Taylor) -- Rep. Taylor could not attend this council meeting.

8) SASY Events

a. Goodman Fest July 28 and 29. Corn Grill sponsored by SASY ? (Catherine)

Fest hours - Saturday July 28 from 2 - 9 pm and day two is

Sunday from 1 - 7 pm. Pick a day ? and decide if want to do this.

Catherine can help put together a budget, we could earn \$500-600 per day. Long task list - need several people to help make this happen. Work can be hot and labor intensive. Catherine is out of town the weekend of the fest.

To fund raise for SASY. Lance asks, what do we use funds for ?

Catherine: food for events, room rental, signs, banner, printing, and could support Council retreat materials.

Brett Hagemeyer willing to help. Has done it in past.

2-3 hour shifts / each. Will need coordination.

James stepping up as coordinator. Will form a "SASY Grill Corn at Fest" committee.

Doug - Would like to see this go forward. Need to form a committee; moves to form an Ad Hoc Corn Grilling Committee. Seconded by Twink. Straw poll indicates approx. 8 members of council committing to being "somehow" involved that weekend.

Doug amends motion to reflect James as Chair of the AHCGC. AKA "Corny Committee".

Doug proposes it would be great to make this a two day event. SASY could take proceeds from one day; Friends of Starkweather Creek could take proceeds from one day.

Lou suggests James round up people to be on the committee before leaving tonight.

9) Communications committee report

- a. Overview of committees and communication roles (John)- DEFERRED to later meeting
- b. SASY PR campaign (Sarah) - DEFERRED to later meeting

10) Garver RFP, and hear ideas for Garver site (Marsha)

May 4, city issued RFP - Plan to do a structure assessment of Garver and consider for storage.

Water Utility still considering Garver for a well, so they may pay for some portion of new plans.

May open the window for a future use of the building - the Ruins Garden or other possibility?

Currently, it's the City / Olbrich / Alders focused on Garver. Betty asked how can SASY stay involved?

Lou noted the Garver Committee needs to meet soon.

11) Airport Noise Committee (Melanie)

Nothing to report except that they met. Two went to the recent public hearing on noise issues. Trend continues in decline in size/number of aircraft leaving. Sound contours are so close to the airport that we probably don't qualify for abatement money to insulate houses. More training due in the next six months...?

12) Kipp committee (Gary)

- 4/16 - neighbors' law suit amended to class action
- 4/16 - water utility open house
- 4/19 - DNR announcement PCE's over 110ppm - hazardous under Federal laws
- 4/19 - DNR letter to KIPP demanding removal....? 5/1 date to respond
- 4/24 - Lance and Chris Taylor interview
- 4/27 - Lance and Matt observed PCE sample work

Lance will give us his typed up version of these notes...

May 16 at Plymouth UCC, meeting on Soil Vapor Intrusion of PCE.

Lou asks - Do we have a response to our demand that Well 8 remains off until Sentinel Well is established? Marsha - City wants to keep it active.

Betty - Did Mayor Soglin respond to the letter? Marsha still waiting to see it.

13) **Transportation Committee ('Transpo') (Tim Wong)**

Tim - Discussed committee priorities for transportation corridors. Need to expand green space in the corridor. Woonerf = Dutch term for a form of neighborhood street that gives priority to pedestrians over vehicles, making safer, quieter living environs.

Atwood-Winnebago reconstructions coming soon.

Might Like To See: First motions - devote \$50K to test patterns at 2-way Winnebago?

Would like to get rid of the "flying right" at Blair/John Nolan. Would like this to be a stop light to deter traffic from turning onto Willy Street. Instead, head traffic off to East Washington Ave.

Transpo recommends sending the above motion to MNA traffic committee to get them on board.

Will revisit these issues at future SASY meeting.

Next time, Transpo will come with maps for further explanation.

14) **Development and Presentation Committee (Brad)**

Talked primarily about pre-planning to form stronger more viable committee than current 4 members. ID-ing local neighbors to be good candidates. Timeline - pre-planning work this year. Applying for 2013 Neighborhood improvement grants.

2114(?) Winnebago did not get the tax-credits to qualify for funding. They're on the waiting list however, so there still exists the possibility that the project could proceed.

15) **Old Business -- None taken up**

~~a. Form a SASY water committee~~

~~b. SASY Council retreat / workshop (Sarah)~~

16) **New Business -- None taken up**

17) **Adjourn - 9PM**

Sarah motions; Betty second. Unanimous vote