

**SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Minutes ~ May 9, 2013
Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM**

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

1) Introductions / quorum.

Attending: Lance Green, John Steines, James Montgomery, Melanie Foxcroft, Donna Magdalena, Doug Johnson, Betty Chewing, Catherine Stephens, Sarah Williams joined by Skype
Excused absences: Mark McFadden, Brad Hinkfuss, Margo Tiedt, Gary Karch

Neighbors: Magdalena Lloyd-Mead, Bruce Felland, Meg Williams, Shariif Syed, Nabeel Syed, Megan Williamson, Angelo Castillo,

Alder: Marsha Rummel

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

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

1. Red Crossing Flags coming soon at Ohio Street intersection. Betty/Catherine

4) Invited guests: Shariif Syed - 2801 Atwood Avenue is asking help to drop restriction on beer license at BP Gas station site.

- Prospective owner (Sharif) is pursuing a Class A Beer Package Carry out license.
- Friend of the family (Bruce Felland) shares history of business and good neighbor.
- Clean business, no citations, no problems.
- Carry out beer from a gas station would go home.
- Does this property have a history? Have bad things happened here before? Then, a reason for concern.
- Process of purchasing the property by new owner.
- Has a number of properties in Madison, including South Park Street. Donated money towards Madison community centers.
- Prospective owner is trying to provide a convenience to the neighborhood.

Marsha: There is a conditional use associated with this property around Class A license. Judy Olson, the former alder, worked with neighbors and Plan Commission to place a conditional use on the rezoning of this property. Addressing crime, shootings, theft occurring near property (2005). Suggested Process:

- Marsha would organize neighborhood meetings.
- Ask the commission to overturn the condition on the property and then Shariif would go to the ALRC.
- There is an underlying feeling of a promise that was made to the neighbors.
- This would be part of the discussion at any neighborhood meeting.

Angelo: Drinking in nearby Parks is getting worse (drinking and subsequent harassing of families and children in Wirth Court, Circle Park) and the problem is carry-out package alcohol, not in-home consumption or a brew pub. The Parks Department's recent policy change re: behavior in parks is maybe turning out to be a poor one.

Betty: Motion to request that Marsha hold a neighborhood meeting to consider the possibility of lifting the conditional use restriction, and what has changed with this request to warrant that action. We are raising this issue on behalf of a new owner of BP. ??? Second. Vote: Unanimous.

Follow-on discussion:

Catherine encouraged SASY Council reps to attend special topic meetings with neighbors, as a way we stay in touch with Neighbor, starting with the relevant area reps attending this meeting. General discussion that neighborhood rep be at these sorts of meetings to help be in touch with residents,

and create facilitated and respectful exchange. Discussion on reps meeting with their local business and having council buddy system to mentor, support and if one rep can't make it. Need to talk about what SASY role is as council reps and we need to demonstrate that we listen to public. BP Gas station issue is complicated because of history and negative experiences.

5) **District 6 Alder Report** (Alder Marsha Rummel)

- Next Door Brewing license approved. Atwood rep need to help with meeting (Circle Park). No one showed to speak against and issue was hours. Restrictions meet those of restaurant by ALRC - no amplified music, etc.

- New bonfire ordinance review on May 21st. (Solstice committee will research hearing place/time, post to SASY website)

- 1924 Atwood proposal (Scott Lewis, owner) got UDC approval. Regarding getting the street changed at this location, that is a longer range issue (i.e. corridor planning) and this project does not affect that process directly.

- 2001 Atwood Anchor bank building being restored, with a new business going in..

- Winn-Atwood Corridor Planning group met with Mayor [see Corridor Planning committee webpage for report]

- Question about past moped parking effort: Marsha will check on that.

- Railroad closing of crossings in Wil-Mar neighborhood: City is currently appealing in court.

- Paint the Pavement Ordinance: Update

6) **SASY Membership Committee** (Catherine/Margo)

a. Spring Membership Meeting (update).

1. 27 attended. \$154.05 dues collected. Thanks to all for a great meeting. Thanks to Absolutely Art for donating door prizes.

2. New Circle Park Council Rep: Mark McFadden. Thanks to Randy Roden for serving for 2 years.

3. Reimbursement request for printing SASY map; and paper costs for printing ballots: \$32.00. Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Shared themes identified from "*How can our neighborhood be a healthier place for all residents*":

- Build social capital - events / inclusivity
- Safe travel for all – promote bike/ped - corridor planning.
- Healthy Foods / Healthy Environment
- Art, placemaking, community gathering spaces - corridor planning.

Question, how do we put this into action? We come back and identify what we can do, and decide who can work on new ideas.

b) Nominate and elect SASY Chair, SASY Communications Chair, SASY Internal Activities Coordinator

1. Review Exec roles stated in the SASY bylaws

2. Council nominations and vote - Lou H-J as Chair moved and approved, Catherine Stephens as Communications Coordinator - moved and approved, Sarah Williams as Internal Affairs coordinator moved and approved. Catherine reminded group that those who serve on Exec do so for maximum of 3 years.

3. Betty: Round of applause/thanks to John Steines for 2 years duty as Communications coordinator

7) **Winn-Atwood Corridor Planning Committee** (Brad)

a. Committee elected chairs: Brad Hinkfuss, Bill White, Anne Walker

b. Meeting with Mayor Soglin.

A large number people attended, both neighbors and City staff.
Mayor excited about the idea of placemaking.

Look for notes about Meeting to be posted on SASY website.

8) Communications committee (John/Sarah/Betty) [No report]

9) Kipp Committee – recent news and SASY response (Lance):

- a. SASY response to DNR letter – drafting a letter (Lou)
April 12 response to our letter from DNR. Lots of discussion regarding CAB (Citizen's Advisory Board). Lou is drafting response to DNR. Overture from MKC to meet, and NA decided not to do so currently due to trust issues. First lawsuit starts Aug 19th. Rule against dismissal of case made last week. Best case scenario - is all homes get mitigation and some monetary settlement plus full and total clean up. DOJ suit is on hold. Scientists have committee's trust, but what they don't have is the communications issue under control. If this gets set up as a CAB it may be outside the scope of SASY.

10) Transportation Committee (Donna): update

•Dixon Greenway bridge will move 75 feet and new Starkweather bridge path will go there. This is part of trail to East Towne area to Sun Prairie eventually.

•Film showing by committee on People For Public Places website and William Whyte, who is "grandfather of placemaking". Entitled "The Social Life Of Small Urban Spaces", a one hour documentary on Vimeo: <http://vimeo.com/6821934>

•Suggest reading the book 'City' by William Whyte

•Possible have a movie showing here at GCC.

•Links to be placed on website.

11) HVAC Noise issues – Goodman Center update

Angelo: encourages SASY or neighborhood rep to go with on reading of sound issues. With the recent revelation of sound readings having been already taken, some immediate neighbors have the impression that this is "kind of spur of the moment process". Angelo Castillo volunteers to communicate with Goodman.

Lou states that he will compose an email, and vet it beforehand with Angelo & John S, (involved previously in meeting on issue) to send to Becky at Goodman expressing same.

12) Union Corners update - Marsha. Negotiations ongoing. City has already invested \$6 million into site through two plans (street improvements). The city needs input on Phase 2 and 3 of the build-out. Language for new Union Corners committee still coming from John S.

13) Solstice Committee update (Betty)

Solstice Celebration is on for Saturday afternoon/evening, June 22, 2013.

Received a letter from Fire Dept., in response to request on language clarification in ordinance. Chief responded: No fire truck onsite needed. Two paid firefighters may be needed, and that is still up in the air.

Magdalena: MATC has a fire and police school. Suggestion to see if Solstice could be a service project.

Betty: Will also find out how much would need to pay a traffic police presence on Atwood during the event.

14) Olbrich Gardens – report from public stakeholder meetings (Marsha/Lou) Fifth and last meeting is Monday, May 20th. Last meeting was regarding site specific. Not thinking about Garver regarding specifics. Working forward on three plans. Olbrich has plan for three pedestrian

crossings and have been meeting with traffic engineering on this. Ask Olbrich Rep to report on this.

15) New Business / Old Business

- a. Red Crossing Flags - coming soon to Ohio Street / Atwood Ave (Betty/Catherine)

History per Betty: 10 years ago SASY asked "Safe Communities" public health organization to coordinate red flags on Atwood. We worked through a process, and installed a holder with Flags at Ohio. Other holder was installed at Welch (but city thought this was too dangerous. But, one Cylinder got destroyed. It's taken a long time to re-instate. With any luck we have holders on Ohio end of this week.

Reminder: Atwood Summerfest is July 27 & 28 this year.

16) Adjourn @ 8:47 pm.