

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Agenda ~ 08 November 2012
Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

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

All attendees invited to bring donations to Goodman Center food pantry in time for Thanksgiving Baskets.

1) Introductions / quorum:

Betty, Margo, Randy, Doug J., Brad J., Brad H., Gary K., Lance, Twink, Catherine, Melanie, Marsha, John, and several guests. Excused: James Montgomery, Lou Host-Jablonski. Have Quorum. Sarah arrived a few minutes late.

John chairing the meeting, and Catherine / Sarah taking notes.

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes ~ see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/> - Gary and Lance said there are a few Typos. Betty made a motion to approve the minutes and will check the Typos. Catherine seconded.

3) Additions/corrections to agenda. Identify additional items, guests and invited presenters, items for open discussion. Doug asked about adding a ? from the Mayor's conference. `

4) Invited Guests

a. Transportation Committee: Mile Rewey - Bike Corridor plan proposed by the SASY Transportation Committee. (15 minutes for presentation; 10 minutes for discussion)

Tim - looking at bike corridor from Olbrich to Blair Street. The Transpo meeting has not met since the Council last time - but we did propose this concept at the last meeting. Mike Rewey is here to answer questions about the proposal. Mike is on several Bike / Ped / Transpo committees around the City. Mike met with Traffic / Engineering and their response was favorable.

Mike Rewey - see Proposal Handout shared. Posted on SASY page.
Lance asked - where does this stand with the City plans and Budget ?

John - asked about Community Gardens impacted - and would there be opportunity for gardeners to have input ? Yes, can meet, and there should not be much impact.

Margo - there is about 3 feet from Path towards St. Paul, so there should be room.

Tabletops - Cars have a stop sign, and cars would need to look for Bikes.

Motion: Twink: Proposes that SASY write a letter to Traffic & Engineering to move forward with the spirit of Mike Rewey's proposal. Seconded: Melanie.

Marsha added, we had a meeting today about the Bike Corridor and putting together a staff team under David Dryer. Marsha suggested that our letter encourage this new Committee to look at this proposal.

Betty: asked for clarification that "corridor" implies pedestrian use as well.

Mike: Yes - a few connections from sidewalks to bike path are included in this plan.

Twink - let's support this.

Brad K.: Table Tops - each has a stop sign.

Brad H: Shared concern about stop signs added within a neighborhood without lots of notification/input. Also, increasing path effects total green space and management of that space by the neighbors.

Catherine - shared concern about car / bike safety at the intersections. Will the cars see the bikes? Will the bikes use caution at the intersection along this long bike corridor and slow down?

Lance: Points at that white lines and angling (as at Waubesa) improve the visibility.

John: This is not a small issue as it represents significant change in status quo and will surely go through city process before final implementation.

Motion Passed unanimously to support the spirit of this proposal, and encourage the new City Team under David Dyer to consider this and advance the bike corridor.

b. **Preservation & Development Committee:** Ryan Kolar, property owner at 1967 East Main St. (the corner of Main and 2nd). Offering plans to redevelop 100 year old 2 flat into larger multifamily building. (10 min.)

Shared packet w/photos. 8-Flat. 3 apartments each 1st/2nd floors. 2 on 3rd floor. Has UDC support, as well as Marsha's. Still doesn't work with current zoning laws. Needs neighborhood's endorsement to be able to move forward for PUD (not variance).

Would demolish existing bldg.

Brad H: Points out that PUD implies additional n'hood meetings, etc.

Twink: Requests more info on UDC's preference for a more modern bldg

UDC aiming for more eclectic, unique look in Atwood corridor.

Catherine: We'd like to see more detail as it evolves.

Brad K.: Apartment sizes? Parking?

Western side - 2BR, eastern side - 1BR. There would be Parking issues to work out.

Twink: Mentions concern about a rep from UDC to explain their thinking. Also needs time to process the modernity of the building.

John: Aware of interest in neighborhood for seeing something different while some residents will never like anything beyond traditional.

Motion: Betty moves to propose that the council offer support Ryan can move forward with his proposal. Second: Catherine.

Marsha: The architects love modern buildings. Clarifies more of the UDC process. Recommends that we don't include/expect specifics in our support.

We are just voicing our approval to develop the site, that's all that we're doing here.

Motion Passed unanimously.

c. Angelo Castillo – on behalf of neighbors of the Goodman Community Center sharing concerns about noise from the Center's HVAC system. (10 min.)

Megan Williamson, 2901 St. Paul Ave. Kitty corner from Wirth Park. Copy of email shared. Megan shared appreciation and support for the Goodman Center - but we have an issue with Noise coming from the AC in the summer. This is an issue over the last 3 years. Really loud; a quality of life issue.

Meghan - Air handling unit sits on the North side, below the Roof - there are 3 sides exposed. Two sides shoot across Wirth Park and down Waubesa. There has been work done. Goodman erected sound barrier walls - and this really reduced the noise. But the sound barrier walls were obstructing air flow and a Section around the Base was removed to assist with air flow. Still problems - more of the wall was removed. Noise levels back to where it was. The Noise is a real issue. Also affecting property sales.

Angelo - noticed serious noise and discovered there were several neighbors affected. History: Going back to 2009. GC has worked on trying to fix this. Appreciate the intent of trying to replace the wall.

This group asks that GM center go beyond just opening up walls. down below 55 decibels -- standards set in other Cities. The Madison limit is 70 db. Requesting that some council members sit down with neighbors and Becky to continue this conversation.

Lisa from the GC: We're happy to sit down in the spring with the contractors to assess the actual noise levels. Until then, there is nothing that can be done with the machines off.

Catherine: Supports the idea of some council members sitting down with Becky and some neighbors to have a face-to-face to clarify the current state so everyone knows where things stand.

Neighbor: Has anyone done research in Racine or comparable sites to get other ideas for workable solutions? Unknown. No decibel records done on site yet.

Melanie: Suggests that the council be proactive and support the neighbors request for a reduction of noise to levels of 45 at night, and 55 during the day.

Ryan: There are other solutions that may be available depending on the actual cause of the problem.

Thanks to the neighborhood group for bringing the issue to the council and to Goodman for willingness to meet even though new data will not be available as ac is off for Winter.

Catherine will work on coordinating a meeting with Becky, Angelo, Catherine, and few others and goal is to clarify open communication plan.

5) City report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

A. Impromptu meeting about crime last Saturday. Office attended, and encouraged to be sure to lock doors, shared phone numbers who to call

About 40 neighbors attending. About 10 have experienced crime. Social networking seemed successful, indicating it's a serious problem.

Also neighbors are concerned about Homeless people in the neighborhood. We have shortage of day shelters, there is an emerging crisis.

B. The City proposed a shelter on East Washington - which was located near a center for children.

The Monkey Bar is leaving - but Red Caboose is within a block. They've shared initial concerns and will meet with the board.

Melanie: Has seen in the News cities like NY are providing housing for homeless --- after the Hurricane Sandy.

Brad K.: There are no ordinances to that effect here, and very few in the country. Maybe Canada. The county has really stepped up to provide a daytime warming center. The city doesn't see this as a specific city issue, and there is very little funding put into this issue at the city level. They rely on Porchlight and comparable groups for support.

Wright St. has an option. But it's preferred to offer something closer to downtown. District 6 is not showing opposition to the idea. District 2 is still feeling the effects of the Occupy Movement and the day shelter on East Wash.

Betty -- thank you Marsha for your leadership on this issue.

C. New McDonalds is underway at East Shopping Center. Neighbors along Hermina / Oak Street were promised a test to close that back street. Traffic Engineering doesn't like the idea.

A meeting took place - with David Dryer.

Nov 29th - Neighborhood Meeting at Holy Cross church at 6:30 pm about traffic concerns and propose closing Hermina as a test.

D. Union Corners - At the last meeting, Livesy-Stonehouse said they are stepping aside - they recognize that the UW Health Clinic is a primary piece of the development - and would like to see if City will negotiate the sale. Committee accepted this, and agreed to move forward - encouraged Gorman to negotiate with City Staff.

6) SASY Business (Catherine / Margo)

a. Wintertime SASY Fundraising Dinner update.

Thursday January 17 at Bunky's, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Tickets printed and on sale at GC front desk and Willy St. Coop.

All Council Members and friends, please sell tickets ! Lou is working on a Poster for the event.

Suggestion to put them on sale at Bunky's, too. Smaller table top sign to advertise event and buy tickets there. Catherine will check into.

Twink: Shared concern about selling the tickets in the Marquette NA turf. Catherine thinks this is fine; we all shop there. We want to really reach out.

7) Corridor Planning Initiative (Brad Hinkfuss) : Update.

Not a whole lot of movement. First meeting, 12-15 people (Lou, Lance, Brad, Anne Walker.) at GC. A lot of general interest and excitement. No real direction as to where it will go right now. Bill White, based on the meeting, drafted a set of principles (entire n'hood input, etc.) that are

not quite ready to share. Brad sees room for pockets of people to focus on issues: Planning and Development / Transportation.

Twink: Would like to see notice of meetings for all council members. Is there communication with the Transportation Committee?

Brad: Anne would communicate back to the group. There is no formal arrangement at this point. Very little is decided upon at this point.

John: Exec needs to meet with Brad Hinkfuss, Bill White, & Anne Walker and map out parameters and plan for process including neighborhood and committee input components, anticipated goals and process.

8) Airport Noise Committee

a. Revised letter to send to Tammy Baldwin. - Tabled. Can address via email/e-vote. Catherine will check that the most current version of the letter be shared with the Council. Goal to deliver to Tammy in November!

9) Solstice Committee (Betty)

a. Fire department defines "bonfire" as 3 x 3 feet in size, Marsha, Lou, Betty, and John met with the fire marshal. The marshal will talk with his boss and legal council. Betty doesn't want to go to jail, but has many creative solutions to consider.

- Multiple 3x3 fires??

- Fire on Stilts? 3x3x very tall.

- Alert the mayor to our profound distress. This is a very unpopular interpretation of a code that was determined for recreational fires, which are very different from Bonfires.

-Does this mean no fire? Candles? Shelf life of event.

Megan, a retired fire fighter, would be happy to meet with Steve Davis. He's Marshall Ed's boss.

Marsha would ask the city attorney to amend the paragraph that neglected to include bonfires.

Doug - remind the mayor that people will be singing. That's what he wants everyone doing in the city.

Sarah - religious freedom issue: Betty approached the ACLU (Diane Greenly). Unlikely that would work unless we had a pre-existing religious group.

10) Union Corners Committee

a. EINPC meeting with neighbors 10/24 report (Gary K.) - Originally called to meet with the developers on density issues. Small meeting w/Livesy-Stonehouse, not Gorman. Other issues addressed: LGBT, homeless, CRANES (linking pedestrian bridge). Joe Mingle sent email asking for comment asking people to address density issues.

b. City RFP process (Lou w/ Marsha).

11) Communications committee report (John/Sarah/Betty)

a. East Side News articles and deadline for next issue. (Betty). Next deadline is 11/29 (early due to holidays)

b. SASY web calendar of events (Brad Kuse.) Anyone with access to the Yahoo Groups can add events to the calendar. Long term plan on moving the calendar to the SASYNA.org site. Needs to update something in order to make that change. Moving to new hosting account, so things will take some time.

c. Switch Salon - Nov. 14 at @ Rodney Scheel house. 7pm. Read up through Chapter 7.

12) Garver Committee (Lou / John / Betty)

a. Vote on Olbrich Gardens Neighborhood representation - Position needs to be comparable to a business council rep. Therefore need to change the by-laws to reflect such. And, need to specify how we want the representative to do that representation.

Motion: John: to appoint Mark to revisit this in 2-3 months to recommend the structure of the position, then revisit again in April 2013 membership meeting (or council meeting following).

Second: Betty

Lance: Is Mark on board ?

John: Yes, Mark attended the last SASY meeting and has expressed wish to serve as the rep. Bylaws committee will need to draft bylaws change. Exec with Mark McFadden will need to draft the representation and reporting back/forth expectations since the rep can not only be acting on their own behalf but must represent sasy-council/SASYNA.

Passed Unanimously.

Catherine - also suggested that Garver Committee schedule a meeting with Janet and Mark soon.

13) Water Committee (Dan): (No report submitted)

14) Development and Preservation Committee (Brad Hinkfuss): Update (see above). Also Corridor Planning.

15) Transportation Committee (Donna/Tim) : Update (see above)

16) Kipp committee (Gary): SASY draft press release. Draft printed and shared at this meeting.

Edits to reflect more accurate information were discussed and will be implemented.

Suggestions: Marsha points out that it needs dates as this is a record of neighborhood action on this item.

Request to vote on this finalized form by email within the week which requires Gary to send updated version with 4-5 days.

Betty Moves: to accept the letter as written in spirit with added dates as detail.

Second: Sarah

Lance: Update on the well digging happening recently on Dixon, at east end of parking lots. Many houses have been tested. Many more houses found to have PCE's. Lance has call into DNR requesting continued updates on the findings of the well-digging. Still waiting to hear from Kipp.

John: People can have a radon system installed if they wish. This is encouraged.

18) New Business

a. Worthington Park NA reorganization 10/17 meeting (Gary K.) First meeting of NA re-forming. Members attended via Skype. Great enthusiasm and interest for WP. Great pride in Worthington Park - magnificent trees. Only seems to be things in the park to attract youth, but nothing to attract adults. Discussion of walking path; winterfest; ice-carving contest. Dace gave excellent info on the history of properties (McD's, etc.). Discussion on how to recapture that property for n'hood use. Former Harris Bank is an opportunity.

Marsha: Opportunities - activists are alarmed about some of the prospects. Homeless shelter, strip mall, other.

Doug: With our interest in increasing our diversity and unspoken biases we may have, wondering about engaging with police dept. about having workshops on addressing what our barriers may be.

Sarah: Makes a nice follow-up with Switch topics. Would be nice not to overlap additional meetings with Salon meetings.

John/Catherine: Let's get more information on the nature of the workshops and go from there.

19) Adjourn - Motion: John. Second: Sarah. Passed unanimously.