

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Minutes – 13 October 2011
Goodman Center
<http://www.sasyna.org/>

1. **Introductions:** Lou Host-Jablonski, Brad Hinkuss, Twink Jan-McMahon, Ken Fitzsimmons, Doug Johnson, Lance Green, Mike Barrett, John Steines, Catherine Stephens, Gary Karch, Sarah Williams, Betty Chewing. **Excused:** Melanie Foxcroft, Margo Teidt **Absent:** Randy Roden. **Electeds:** Chris Taylor, Marsha Rummel. **Also attending:** Alfonzo Flores, Joe Mingle, Angelo Castillo, UW Agronomy Student, Sarah Fritz, Carl Landness
2. **Executive Committee Report** – (Lou)
 - a. **Announce:** Mayor Paul Soglin scheduled to attend December 8th SASY meeting.
To Do: Communications committee – work on announcing the meeting. Catherine noted announcement forthcoming in ESN.
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** – see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/>
4. **Additions/corrections** to agenda. Items for open discussion time.
5. **Invited presenters**
 - a. **Joe Mingle – Proposal for pantry gardens at Union Corners site.**

Joe shared recent history of activities at Union Corners, incl Boom Box event. What’s next? Joe working with Peng and ESPC, Drumlin Farms, Off the Block Salsa. Joe is involved with food pantry gardens around the City. Harvesting food and donating to food pantries. Joe shared two attachments (across NA list). Plan to go to City to begin urban ag project. Can SASY attend and support this proposal.

John: asked if working with CAC to help with soil testing, and check on soil. (Yes).

Betty: comment re: City Community Garden Committee – Betty suggested do a presentation for this committee.

John: Dry Battery process on the site with heavy metals – would need a solid barrier between garden and soil. John suggested a business plan and investment plan.

Joe: hopes City will lease the land for \$1.

Ken: lives onsite, on Farewell. Did soil testing on his property and tests came up clean.

Twink: this is a 15 acre. Expressed confidence that Joe will find the right location for this project. There is a concrete slab – that could be the place.

Lance and Mike B: expressed support.

Agronomy student: University faculty have been supportive; \$\$ likely available.

Ken: CNU design projects often placed gardens along train tracks .. but there are electrical lines underground.

Joe and others would manage food project.

Lou: Joe is not proposing Community Gardens, this is an Urban Ag venture.

Joe: asks for an ad-hoc committee to work with.

Chair asked for a comfort resolution. **Moved, seconded, vote:** Unanimous to approve.
 - b. **Marsha Rummel Alder Report**
 - i. **Kipp public forum**

Neighborhood meeting Saturday, 9:45-11:45 am. DNR presentation, City Health, City Engineering office. Report back on test wells. Will speak to the scope of work and well test.

Lance: asked if meeting will address Goodman Center, Wirth Court Park.

Mike: expressed concern about Kipp’s negligence.

Catherine: expressed mis-trust with the ability to address this.

John: Large plume sitting there, below the parking lot. The Plume needs to be addressed. Plume is off-gassing and moving with the water.

Marsha: noted that the wells are differentiated; but has the plume been correctly mapped?
Extended discussion...

- ii. **Garver Project** – collecting data, and plans (options) going to landmark commission and other City committees.

Marsha: We could organize a neighborhood committee; look for other resources; plan a neighborhood event.

Betty: asked about timeline, and sequence of events, and will we re-examine the Olbrich Master Plan? Parks Commission may create a subcommittee and process to bring to December 14th Parks Commission meeting. Parks plans do not go to City Council typically – they are a quasi-political group, similar to a Utility.

Lance: shared Olbrich map – could be expansion of wetlands area and is gathering info from the DNR about wetlands mitigation and funding opportunities.

- iii. **Report re: Oct zoning code re-write** community meeting.

Hosted an open house (6 Oct) and neighborhood attended. Staff listened. Lou will share comments he is preparing across listserve.

- iv. **Announce:** Meeting with Parks about Hudson Beach follow-up. Matt Miller working to get Parks to be responsive. Design meeting coming up: October 25th, 6 pm at Olbrich.

- c. **Chris Taylor Rep Report** – Recent bills that are going through legislature –

* allowing employers to discriminate against felons.

* "right to kill" bill – allowing to shoot someone on your property, or breaking into car, or business. Watch this one: passed assembly and is moving through.

* Consumer protection bill -- prohibits suing a drug manufacturer. Protects business interest.

* Going after the "affordable care" act.

* Cuts to medicaid.

* More, more, more..bad news.

Blog coming soon. Email Chris Taylor to receive weekly email newsletter.

Mike B: shares concern that Democrats should be formulating a new agenda now, be ready to move when the pendulum swings back; old leadership is the obstacle

Lance: share concern, of danger that DNR becoming no longer a statutory and regulatory agency. Chris concurs.

6. **SASY Council member:** Open seat for Special Rep seat vacated by Mark McFadden. Chair invites nominations to join the Council. Process description. We have 3 candidates: Phil Busse (not present), Tim Wong (not present), and Sarah Williams.

Sarah Williams: reads a statement to the Council expressing willingness to fill special rep seat.

Lou reads Phil Busse's written statement to the group; **Lance** reads Tim Wong's.

Vote by paper ballot; results counted by Marsha R & Chris T: Sarah Williams (6), Tim (1), Phil (4). Council congratulates Sarah

7. **SASY Financial Report** -- (Catherine: written only, no presentation)

8. **SASYNA Committee reports**

- a. **Preservation and Development** – Brad, committee chair

Meeting with the committee 1st Wednesday of the month. Goals: Engaging community project by project basis. Engaging developers in the neighborhood.

Upcoming project meetings include:

*Former Bongo site at 33 Atwood (Oct 24th at 6:30 pm) meeting with Jim Shapiro.

*2100 Winnebago development.

*Working on putting together neighborhood guidelines for prospective developers. See MNA site as example.

- b. **Membership** – (Catherine, chair / Margo) – Committee met on 9/22. Written report attached.
- i. **Announce only:** Posted how to join the SASY list on the SASY web site.
 - ii. **Propose revised process for becoming a member:** Voting Membership terms runs from the Annual General Membership meeting to the next one in April of the following year. Membership may be paid in person at any SASY council meeting. Fees will not be prorated. SASY memberships dues are \$5 with a minimum donation of \$2.
 - John:** cross out 'April'. We may have meeting at different month. Would be smart to develop a SASY budget.
 - Betty:** would be nice to have a way to send in money; allow/encourage people to join. We could have our own address and dues could be sent there. We could send to a PO address.
 - General discussion:** We would like folks to become members; resolve details.
 - Betty Proposal:** send \$\$ to Betty Chewing. Checks made out to SASY NA. Include email, and address.
 - Moved, seconded, vote:** Unanimous to approve.
 - To Do:** *Betty will work with the Membership committee to work out the detail.*
 - iii. **Ideas for fund-raiser.** Catherine shared idea of bring back the corn grill at the Goodman Fest and partner with FSC, Goodman Center and SASY.

Share more ideas at November meeting.
- c. **Communications** – (John, chair / Randy) *(No report)*
Please fill out web site the survey! 1 week extension.
- d. **Airport Noise** (Melanie, chair) - Plans for public forum
Chris Taylor noted she did talk with Joe Parisi's office, and he said the airport director is willing to sit down with the neighborhood..
Committee needs to meet. Then, host an open NA meeting and come up with a tangible list of what we would like, prior to meeting with airport.
- e. **Transportation** (Brad, taking lead in re-forming the committee)
Brad: Ad-hoc committee met. There is lessened energy for this right now. Anticipate interest will return when street construction work will be around the corner. Tim Wong has offered to chair the group. Met with Anne Walker, Tim Wong, and Larry Jenson. Mike B. and Lance also interested. Need a statement of mission and goal. Think that membership could grow and evolve. Last year's big projects were the Fair Oaks intersection and Willy Street.
John: committee should remain active and forward thinking but doesn't need to meet every month. Suggest that Executive Committee could have a role in clarifying/assisting formation of a transportation committee.
Marsha: Mayor's Budget includes a Transportation Plan. A comprehensive city-wide approach to planning transportation. Includes a public process.
Lance: shared support idea of city wide multi-modal plan.
Lou: noted this is a proposed Transportation committee. Asks for a clear statement about charge & mission, and ID who is on it.
Twink: We need this committee, independent of specific personnel. Streets are a social justice & economic issue and we need to restart the committee. Twink will share the SA transportation mission with the Council.
Lou: No resolution at this meeting, then. We'll continue to discuss a potential transportation committee.
- f. **Union Corners temporary / Transitional use** – (Lou / Brad) *(No report)*

9. New Business

- a. **Proposed re-forming of SASY Kipp Committee** Identify members; discuss mission.
General Discussion: SASY council members have reached out to immediate neighbors. SASY can and should take a role with this complex issue. Issues go beyond just the locale site.
Angelo: suggests that SASY make a statement on Saturday. There is something in the ground and we need to deal with it.
Lance: it's a large issue, bigger than just the properties adjacent to Kipp. Well 8, Wirth Court, Goodman Center, other properties all could be affected.
Marsha: noted Mayor is very supportive of taking action. Come to the meeting Saturday and learn.
Brad: concern about a meeting where the truth could be dodged; let's watch for that.
Discussion: committee's degree of advocacy vs. informing/info gathering. **Motion, second** to form the ad-hoc committee, and represent SASY at the meeting. Draft committee charge and mission language proposed (John's, with suggested tweaks including a stronger research & info-gathering component; he will post to SASY website. **Vote**, unanimous approval.
Members include: John S, Catherine S, Angelo C, Lance G, Gary K, Steve K., and immediate neighbors.

10. Old Business

- a. **Electronic/Remote voting guidelines**
Lou: describes proposed revisions to Mark McF's language
Doug: This is not a bylaws change, it's a revised procedure. Proposes discussing later the need to incorporate these guidelines into bylaws.
Motion, second, vote: unanimous approval of language & revisions as interim policy.
- b. **Garver & Olbrich Master Plan**
Lou: Would it help Marsha to have a ad-hoc committee?
Lance: concern over using "Ballot Box" website as de facto voting, danger of appearing to be a legitimate vote. How can the Council get involved?
Lou: Ballot Box software is opinion poll only, not voting
Marsha proposing a neighborhood meeting on **3 November 2011**, *time & location TBD*
Betty: mentions that Eastmorland neighborhood is asking to revisit the Olbrich Master Plan too. Invite Eastmorland to meeting.
Motion, second: Create informal ad-hoc committee to advise Marsha. **Vote**, unanimous approval. Lou, Lance, Betty volunteer.

11. Open Discussion Time – built into items as they come up

12. Adjourn at 9:30 pm.