

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Agenda ~ 11 October 2012
Goodman Center – 6:30 - 8:45 PM

<http://www.sasyna.org/> ... *Committee reports attached*

1) Introductions: Randy Roden, John Steines, Gary Karch, Lance, Twink, Betty, Catherine, Brad Hinkfuss, James, Melanie, Lou Host-Jablonski, Doug Johnson, Sarah Williams. (Quorum)

Guests included: Officer Andrew Lewis, Mark McFadden, Marsha Rummel and Fareed Guyot.

Excused absences: Brad Kuse, Margo Tiedt

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes ~ see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/>
motion to approve: Lance Green, second: Sarah Williams, approved unanimously

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

- Police Officer re: recent crime in the neighborhood
- Melanie - has a Transportation report to share; and Airport Noise Committee update.
- Fareed Guyot here from Willy Street Blog.

4) Invited Guests

a. Andre Lewis Neighborhood officer responding to concerns about neighborhood crime. Thieves getting through open garage doors, cut screens, car break-ins. Please call re: anything suspicious. NON-Emergency # for: New faces, walking close to cars, generally suspicious behavior. Detectives have been assigned to the problem. People of interest are being investigated.

There is a perceived city wide increase in crime.

-- Catherine asked about a Neighborhood Watch program for SASY. Frank Chandler is in charge of neighborhood watch program and can come back to meeting and share tips for how this works.

Most important thing is to make sure that crimes and thefts are reported.

b. Citizens group shares why you may wish to not have a transmitter box connected to the City Water meter mounted inside your home. (Dolores Kester and Kristine Mattis and Diane Turner)

1. Diane Michalski Turner shared info about Privacy concerns and ability to hack into. System can be tampered with. See the McNabb whitepaper and other references provided.
2. Delores Kester is lead petitioner with concerns about Smart Meters and the overall cost to the City to implement. There is now an Opt Out option for those people who have concerns. Delores is grateful that the City has taken this step. Delores shared other concerns - including how the cost of this system hardware is not as durable as what it will replace. Meanwhile, the cost of water continues to rise. This month the water utility asks for another 12% (average) for City water. Delores asks, how much will our property values be influenced by these new technologies?
3. Kristine Mattis spoke about long term health effects. Completing her PhD in environmental health. Kristine expressed concern this does not address water conversation - sees no evidence that these will address that. These systems monitor water main breaks - but we have other ways to detect leaks. These devices monitor usage.

More info and potential risks include:

**County Health Department survey - cited one study from 13 yrs ago. Other info is from Industry and Govt sources. They used a weight of evidence approach. Studies have been done by Industry (industry funded).

**100's if not 1000's of studies on health effects to review. Most are toxicological studies. Note these devices have not been around that long.

**Smart Meters pulsate at a high level. There is research to show that this persistent exposure is trouble. Showing all sorts of cellular effects when exposed to radio frequency radiation.

**Epidemiological studies - whole host of long-term outcomes. Blood-brain barrier can be compromised. Proteins are denatured at a higher rate. Cell-signaling pathways are impacted. Apoptosis where cells don't kill themselves as readily as they should when altered by RF radiation.

This indirectly affects DNA and has been categorized as a 2B carcinogen by the WHO.

(Example - Dioxin is a type 1; DDT is another type 2)

All leading to many of our "modern syndromes" - forms of dementia, cancer, autism, etc.

Used to be diseases caused by infection - now caused by the environment.

We could gather this info over fiber optic instead of through radio frequency.

Group shared two handouts. One has list of References that go into more depth about concerns. See report attachments for more info.

Lou asked - he read that water meters read out once/day. Is that correct? No - these meters are reading once/every 2-3 minutes. The info is transmitted once/day. The budgeted amount - 14 million to go ahead with this. Where is the savings? Answer: no analysis of benefits. Instead it's "green washing".

Discussion of changes to water rates and the low/nill effect on water conservation.

Catherine thanked the group for coming and sharing with SASY.

5) Alder's Update (Marsha Rummell)

Reminder: Mayor's Neighborhood Conference this Saturday. We have about 5 Council members attending.

a. Alders hoping to restore funding for city lifeguards and ice rinks.

b. Rate increase coming for bus transit. In this neighborhood of high transit riders, share your voice, please. Intention is to generate revenue to help serve the Owl Creek neighborhood that is isolated across the beltline. Vote will take place after the next SASY meeting. Now is the time to submit concerns to alders.

- Huge difference between the money generated and the service cost. Needs more research on the budget match-up. Brenda's blog covers many details.

<http://www.forwardlookout.com/2012/10/board-of-estimates-operating-budget-discussion-madison-metro/16246>

- Twink POI: recent national award for transportation for a city of our size.

- Betty: Rate increase and buy-in from other peripheral communities? This is a regional issue.

- Mark: city budget inflexibility across the board. Doubling seniors costs.

- Lance: raises are paid by the people without a lot of money. Not appropriate.

- High-speed routes? Being studied right now. Not in the budget.

- Who are the winners/losers? Can money be raised in other ways?

- Catherine asked can the Transportation committee take a closer look?

- Mark commented that it's also the Capital Budget on the table here. Mark thinks we are late to the table to offer a neighborhood position.

- Betty -- it's a larger issue around services for the periphery of Madison.

- Melanie noted last time a fare increase there was decrease in bus ridership. We're missing the whole picture. Ridership eventually came back.

c. Mermaid Cafe would like to remove the parking meters on Winnebago. Disincentive to the customers. How do we "unask" for the meters? City attorney is looking into it. Traffic/Engineering is trying to figure out how to do it.

d. Union Corners Update (Marsha and Lou)

Next meeting is November 1st. at Senior Center at 5 pm. To address the TIF and financial issues.

e. Near east side traffic committees - Judge Doyle Square - TIBER? Grant - 12 block area for study, traffic analysis, bike paths, and make recommendations. This includes Blair / John Nolen / Willy / East Wilson street intersection.

f. Marsha mentioned concerns about the concrete face building on Atwood and First. A new potential owner is interested and will hopefully do a better job with building face.

g. Neighborhood meeting at Wirth Court Park - over concerns about loitering and drinking in the Park. New Parks department behavior policy - tiered approach can lead to person being banned from a Park. Officer Lewis comments: it's a new policy and the Police arrives if there is a crime. Someone can be banned from a Park for 24 hours; at the Park where the offense occurred. Can return the next day. Next time if it happens again, 30 days bann. If it happens again - banned for good.

Officer shared how they would like to cut down the brush in Wirth Court Park and the Railroad (private property). Park is willing to do this. Does the NA support cutting down the brush along Tracks and the the Park (both?). The brush creates a screen - and some folks want this to stay; it helps buffer Park noise. Concern the RR will spray pesticides and clear cut everything. There is an unclaimed / wild area near the Park where homeless are living.

--Twink -- can we help the homeless ?

i. Neighbors met about traffic calming along Lindberg / Buena Vista / at Fair Oaks Ave. Idea proposed - close Garrison at Atwood. Most do not want to close Garrison.

6) State Update (Rep. Chris Taylor) - no report.

7) SASY Business

b. Wintertime SASY Fundraising Dinner update (Catherine)
Thursday January 17 at Bunky's
5:30 - 8:30 pm

Planning is going well. Poster will be out soon. Proposal to have a musical Trio - Samba Lounge regular gigs. Can SASY pay the band \$150? Yes, take it out of the proceeds for the night.

Tickets on sale at Willy St. Coop. Council Members can sell tickets - bring ot next meeting.

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

a. East Side News articles and deadline for next issue. (Betty).
<https://www.goodmancenter.org/services/esn-calendar-deadlines>

b. Welcoming new SASY members (Sarah and Betty)
b. John is writing thank-you letter drafts to city groups that put in bike path rain gardens and wood chips. To be delivered soon.

c. Switch Salon meetings. NEXT SALON: Wed. Nov. 14, 7PM - At the Rodney Scheel House, 2815 Hawk St.

d. SASY web site woes include malware virus and maintenance and updates (Catherine)

Brad and Steve working with Catherine to correct virus on the website. WebAttack Malicious Toolkit Website Virus. Wreaking havoc with the site. Out of this work, we'd like to move our site off of Steve K's work site. We'd need to pay for a domain for SASY, also enabling more control over other online features that would be cool. (Calendar, plug-ins, etc.) Also, we need a service to protect against future virus attacks.

Discussion: This becomes an annual expense that is unusual for council patterns. There is a range of free to expensive Dealing with the virus should not wait. Moving the server can wait. Is it time to create a budget with goals to help address this type of issue.

Catherine adds: We have been working on correcting a Malware virus on the SASY web site. It's called a Web Attack: Malicious Toolkit Website 25 - http://www.symantec.com/security_response/attacksignatures/detail.jsp?asid=25609 and has infected thousands of files in the web code of the SASY site.

I've been working with Brad Kuse and Steve Klafka to take numerous steps to clear it up. We are very close to having it corrected.

This type of virus mostly wrecks havoc on the Web Server and should not pose much threat to home computers after visiting the site.

Catherine made Budget request to spend up to \$150 on web maintenance.

\$60 / year for web hosting - such as Bluehost.com, so that we are no longer relying on Steve Klafka for web hosting (free) at his work.

This will enable us to add additional plug-ins - like Calendar, Distributions lists, email service, etc.

\$40 / year to add "we watch your web site" - to scan our account daily to prevent web viruses.

Service vendors to be determined.

A special thanks to Brad and Steve for their time and help.

Motion by Melanie: Move that we spend up to \$150 from the budget to pay for virus-protection software.

Seconded: Brad Hinkfuss

Motions carries with 3 opposed.

9) Corridor Planning Initiative (Brad Hinkfuss)

a. update on mission and process - Last mtg Bill White and Anne Walker - want to form a working group to address issues of reconstruction. "Corridor Planning" preferred title b/c it

bridges transportation and development issues. Still in process of forming the working group. They will meet 10/21 with a fixed group - not an open meeting.

Potentially laying the groundwork for a larger neighborhood planning process of which we are in great need at this time. A lot of individuals are very motivated by this topic. Concern: this group may or may not be in alignment with SASY committee intentions.

This sets the stage to take the first step to write a new SASY neighborhood plan.

--Mark M. - this should come from the NA - not invent separate bodies. Clarify that we are talking about the transportation corridor and the ecosystem around it. Corridor planning always have broader implications than just the single NA.

--John S. -- this is hopefully a meeting to Plan to Plan. Invite reps from SASY committee and the Exec committee (Lou is on the Committee).

--Lou -- it's just starting. Should be aligned with SASY.

--Twink -- I'm concerned that the meetings be opened to the neighbors to participate. Twink concerned that this usurps the SASY transportation committee. Bill White could join our Transportation committee.

--Brad -- This is Bill and Anne's idea to get together and motivate people to work on Corridor Planning. Brad encouraged Bill and Anne to share this work with SASY.

--Melanie -- The Transportation committee is concerned about it.

--John shared that we asked you to bring back info and that's what you have done. John reminded that this is not just Transportation work. John said that Transportation that this is why Transportation can't own it.

--Lance-- If we have council representation from the get-go, it can be a very cooperative effort.

--Catherine noted that we have folks on this group from Transportation and from Exec and that's great.

10) Water Committee (Dan absent)

a. no report.

11) Development and Preservation Committee (Brad Hinkfuss)

a. see report

12) Solstice Committee (Committee report posted on SASY Meetings page)

a. see report

10) Transportation Committee (Melanie)

a. Resolution on Bike Path Improvements and Report on Traffic Calming Meeting.

**Resolution posted on SASY web site.

--Brad asked have we vetted this with the neighborhood, with the community gardens?

--This is the Mike Rewey's idea that has been discussed for awhile. (Melanie).

--Catherine asked what are table top bumps ? Lance this is a speed bump for traffic at the bike path.

--Marsha -- diagonal crossings at certain intersections; there should be a neighborhood meeting.

--Lou it's a good start - we need more understanding a maps.

--Betty -- what do we do with the extra space on along the corridor.

--Action step: Let's invite Mike Rouey to the next SASY meeting.

--Catherine suggested that Transportation committee meetings have more space between to share updates with Council.

13) Garver Committee (Lou / John / Betty / Marsha)

a. Marsha -- vote passed to hire consultant to study the entire building. Thanks to us! Once we get the report, we need to be prepared to think that through - but at last we'll have an authoritative report to work with.

b. Mark McFadden would like to stay as a SASY rep on the Olbrich Board. OBS hopes to keep Garver to manage OBS needs for increased visitor growth. The current study is to see if it can be used for storage. Mark shared that he has worked to keep Garver up as a building. Mark shared - if we can expand Olbrich - what are the implications?

Mark is not sure if Garver can evolve as a multi-use building. It continues to deteriorate - the building is falling down. Mark is willing to join the Garver the committee.

John S. - please join the Garver Committee. We would like Garver committee to meet with the Olbrich Board, and hope Mark will be involved. SASY wants to help.

--Twink - would love to see the Ruins idea.

--Betty commented to Mark, please come to the Council meeting and be better carrying the SASY work back to Garver.

--Mark noted Marsha is also on the OBS board. Remember that OBS sees themselves as a regional center; but a recent survey on who visits most? Zip code 53704.

14) Kipp committee (Gary)

--Everyone please read the Kipp report. Catherine will send the report to Council. Gary and Lance will draft a Press Release and ask for a SASY vote to send out. Online vote will come out in a couple weeks.

15) Airport Noise Committee - Melanie

a. Steve Klafka asked us to highlight the 10/8 letter sent to Joe Parisi re: Neighborhood recommendations for improving the airport's noise control plan. Recommendations include the following:

- Improve the counter-flow strategy.
- Update the 1996 noise abatement plan.
- Reduce noise from military aircraft.
- Offset the airport's adverse economic impacts.
- Create independent oversight of the airport's noise control program.

Steve Klafka / Melanie requests we set up meetings with Soglin, Baldwin, and John Hendrick, Marsha, Parisi and advocate for support.

Motion: Betty

Second: Twink

Motion Passed: unanimously

15) Old Business

16) New Business

17) Adjourn at 9:10 pm