

## SASY NEWS

The Schenk Atwood Starkweather Yahara Neighborhood Association (SASY) met on June 9<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Goodman Community Center. At the June meeting, the council heard a presentation on erosion issues at Hudson Park. A proposal for mowing restrictions and erosion control is being developed based on data and recommendations made. The Friends of Hudson Park feel they can identify an inexpensive workable solution. They have been working on this issue for over eleven years. A new ad hoc committee on Airport Noise was also approved and a forum is being planned for this fall.

At the July meeting, the council heard an excellent presentation by Pam Barrett on city budget issues. That conversation has a link on the SASYNA webpage, [www.sasyna.org](http://www.sasyna.org) and an audio version is coming soon. Tim Wong discussed recommendations of the East Side Water Resources meetings and Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) process. A proposed ad hoc committee is beginning work on Hudson Park issues. Safe access to the beach at Hudson Park has still not being addressed but this group has brought the issue back before City Parks, Engineering & the Mayor for resolution.

There continues to be development interest at certain sites within SASY, but notably not at either Garver or Union Corners. In the meantime, BOOM BOX the wasteland was a success. Other transitional and truly temporary uses are being sought for the Union Corners site. Many SASY residents are disappointed with the McDonalds move to the East Side Shopping Center near the Hawthorne Library Branch. Unfortunately, the issue did not come before the council until after all permits were in place. SASY has committed to doing a better job of communicating with Alder Larry Palm on SASY neighborhood issues which fall within District 15 (areas north of Milwaukee Street or north of Starkweather Creek) and asking for that communication from Alder Palm in return.

SASY has a new logo and banner, which was in use at the Atwood Summerfest on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The booth was shared with Friends of Starkweather Creek and was well staffed with council and friends members throughout the day. Congratulations to the Goodman Community Center for a successful Atwood Summerfest. Music, food and people watching were all great. Thanks to the many folks who stopped at the SASY booth for discussion.

SASY meeting time will expand starting in August. Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm and run until 9 pm. This will allow a busy council to fully discuss the wealth of issues, which come before the council. The next meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.