

SASY Neighborhood Association Council Meeting

11 June 2015, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm @ Goodman Community Center

Present: Tim McCarty, Will Roberts, Ginny Jenkins, Melanie Foxcroft, Tim Wong, Mia Brodersen, Margo Tiedt, Megan Hegde, Brian Hanson, Dan Lenz, Brad Kuse, Lou Host-Jablonski, Lance Green; Jason Waller, Brad Hinkfuss, Jason Tish, Megan, Jay Ferm, Doug Johnson, Megan Williamson, Beatrice Hadidian, Ryan Koglin, Fritz Hastreiter, Melissa Biagtan, Kelly Koglin

1. Introductions / Quorum

Brad H called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

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

Jason T motioned to approve. Ryan K seconded. All in favor. Motion to approve minutes passed.

3. Adjustment of the agenda - Additions, Corrections, Guests and Invited Presentations, Items for Open Discussion

4. Invited Guests and Presentations

a. Beatrice Hadidian - funding request for Eastside Express

- Presented LaFete lineup
- Eastside express is a free, drop in program for kids in kindergarten through middle school.
- begins Monday, June 15 through July 24
- Camp has greatly expanded over the years.
- Provides a lot of assistance and support to camper families
- Has raised money through fundraisers
- Budget of \$15,000
- Wil Mar Center respectfully requests that the SASY board consider supporting the 2015 Eastside Express Summer Camp, with a grant of \$2,000
- Brad H: hoping to finalize the form for requesting funds tonight
- Lance G: asked how many total kids EEX served.
- Beatrice: 77 from SASY; 177 total
- MNA currently contributes \$12,000
- Megan H: what is the estimated cost of each child attendee; suggested that local businesses can support a child
- Beatrice: the largest part of fees goes to paying staff
 - Works out to about \$90 per child
 - Percentage of SASY kids amounts to about 7k.
- Ryan K supported SASY giving Atwood Fest funds to community programs like this
- MNA has indicated that they would like to pare back from this program in the future. 12000 for this year, like to reduce this by half.

b. Tim Wong - initiative to rework ordinances regarding front terrace & lawn plantings

-Ordinances that exist in the NGO

Has been in discussion with the city regarding enforcing rules of the plantings on boulevards
Magic triangles.

-Most people are not aware of this ordinance

-Not legal to grow vegetables on terrace; any kind of fencing in terrace is not allowed

-A lot of these ordinances came about in the 1950s → this is the reason for the sight line issues

-You have a very limited area in which you can plant things

-All enforcements of ordinances are complaint driven; if a complaint is made, a building inspector will be sent to look at the plantings and potentially issue a warning to the property owner

-Time to modernize the ordinances; proposing to form a committee to look at them and update them

-Brad H: so you are proposing to approach the city to redo these ordinances?

-Tim: I was thinking of making the neighborhood aware of these ordinances and that this is something that the city is enforcing

-Ryan K: ordinance purpose could be to provide visibility of kids to cars; suggested that Tim talk to neighbors first to assess their feelings on the ordinance

Text of the Terrace Planting ordinance passed by Alder Marsha Rummel

[https://madison.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=Master&GID=205&ID=1306530&GUID=B08A46F4-FF76-47A4-B57D-AAD9E759D098&Extra=WithText&Title=Legislation+Details+\(With+Text\)](https://madison.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=Master&GID=205&ID=1306530&GUID=B08A46F4-FF76-47A4-B57D-AAD9E759D098&Extra=WithText&Title=Legislation+Details+(With+Text))

- Lance G: There was a big thing in the city in 2013-2014 about people wanting more garden space. This ordinance did change in response to this. The biggest thing about this ordinance was to provide visibility

-Jason T: Wanted to add appreciation for visibility aspect. It gets very busy along the Goodman Center and the visibility for cars backing out of driveways with a lot of pedestrians is a big deal

-Brad H:suggests doing further research, find a similar city ordinance that is more favorable; suggests contacting other people to see who is interested and also finding a city ordinance that seems less dated

- Brad K: There are places in people's yards where plantings can be taller; perhaps identifying exceptions would help

Link to Google Streets view of a shrub that blocks view down Milwaukee Street

https://www.google.com/maps/@43.099738,-89.335803,3a,90y,291.13h,77.61t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sJz3NYierC4_JCdTmq1A0Bw!2e0

c. Jay Ferm - Shared space street design

-Would like to convince the city to do a shared space design during reconstruction of Hermina Street

-Shared space streets are designed for equal and shared use by adults, kids, bikes cars vs a conventional street that is designed primarily for cars, and to keep pedestrians out of the way

- Would like to see streets primarily for people, and function adequately for cars
- Street design of shared space would force cars by design to go 10 mph max
- Every 50 year opportunity
- Why Hermina Street?
 - City is reconstructing street this summer; short block for city to experiment; there are a lot of kids there
- Would like to do a public workshop on shared space streets for neighbors, neighborhood associations, city engineers -- currently thinking this workshop would be in October
- Jay is looking for people to join the core team and put together a calendar.
- Also looking for one on one guidance
 - Funding sources
 - Moral support
 - Jay is expecting to do the work but appreciates any expertise SASY council can share.
 - Support of SASY with a letter
- Jason Waller pointed out that there are other places with similar climates, such as Scandinavia, that also have shared spaces streets
- Tim references multiple streets that could use similar features that are being restructured.

- Lance G: looked into this a few years ago, city officials listed a lot of reasons why shared streets wouldn't work; but perhaps this is a perfect time to do a pilot as many people are thinking more progressively on this issue
- Brad H: for the council to endorse, would need more details, and then can come back to the council
- Brad K: can use the Transportation website to collect all the gathered data
- Jason W: or could use the Union Triangle website
- Jason W: asked about strategy
- Lance G: neighbor and alder support is key

d. Garver Update: Lou/Bryant

- proposal included the State historic tax credit - this is set to expire this year
- The transaction between the city and Baum will need to happen before the end of this year.
- Primary focus to date has been investigation of the building, looking at the soil structure, looking at parts of the building that people have not been in for years
- Baum has already put together the General development plan and specific implementation plan have already

The proposal has not changed significantly since it was last seen

Same number of micro lodges

Move the parking a few feet away from the building

better to move it more toward the south and east side

City requested that they put in a sidewalk north of the building

Moved the site boundary north about 50 feet to fit the microlodges in comfortably

September 2nd is the goal to have the final plan put together.

Dates for hearings

UDC June 24

Planning July 17th

Council following meeting after planning

The amended proposal will start to go through in September.

Brad H: asked if they've experienced any pushback from the city

Lou: Staff will need to prep boards and commissions as this is the still city land/park. Baum is leasing.

Brad H: there is potential for pushback, is wondering if there is any need for advocacy

Scheduling regular DAT Design assistance Team - Get people out of their silos to talk frankly about the project.

Development team comes back with a lot of info.

Looking to anticipate feedback and address before it happens

Partnership with Madison College Construction program - has been approached to do micro houses as part of classes; Madison College said they are excited for their students to build the houses as part of coursework

Build a whole house in a semester.

Baum can buy them.

Baum will be importing designs, coming up with designs, Madison College will design as well.

Jen Voicheck Habitat Restore is their contact at Madison College

Committee Chairs

5. Follow-up on items from previous SASYNA Council Meetings (Old Business)

Sharing of new council members' participation on SASY committees

-Reminder that SASY council members also join committees

-Brad K: We need to approve all new committee members

-Brad H: request that all committee chairs provide a list of all members and if there are new members, we can approve them all at once next month

East Side History Club funding request (no update this month)

-Ann had come before the council to request funding for the East Side History book; deadline of August 1 Dane Arts grant is coming up; would like to be able to list SASY as a committed supporter of the grant

-Would like to come to the next meeting to ask that the council make a decision about the commitment

6. District 6 Alderperson Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

[Marsha unable to attend](#)

7. SASYNA Committees and Liaisons

a. Solstice Committee (Betty)

Summer Solstice Celebration - June 21st in Olbrich Park

- have all the permits
- need help with being firewardens, other things -- Brad K put together a volunteer list and will send out
- Starkweather Creek will have canoe rides, and information booth
- SASY voted last month to put \$500 to the solstice
- Brad H: as chair, Betty should communicate with Margo regarding the expenses

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[Volunteer sign up for Solstice](#)

b. Sustainable Finance Committee (Tim McCarty, Ryan, Ben Nerad)

Draft funding request form, seeking council approval

-Form has been modified

-Thinking of having all requests for funding be made 2 weeks before the next meeting, which will give enough time for the Sustainable Finance committee to review

[Draft of the request process](#)

-Funding request will be uploaded and made available

-Brad H: explained that some organizations need the funding request form before the next SASY meeting

-Brad K: would like to make a motion to vote on the draft form electronically. Tim M seconds. All in favor

-Ryan K: council needs to figure out how much money it is prepared to give out

-Brad H: next month, the council needs to decide if the \$2,000 budget parameter still stands

-Jason T: is there a requirement that the Sustainable Finance committee provide some kind of report

-Brad K: thinks that it is in the bylaws

c. Atwoodfest Festival Committee - Updates (Brad K, Megan W)

-Megan presented the Convergence part of the festival

Looking to make this a spectacle

We have $\frac{3}{4}$ block captains for the convergence.

There will be a event put out

-Brad K: made one last pitch for SASY council members to sign up for volunteer positions that they want

-Brad K will send out a link to the Council to sign up for volunteer shifts

d. Preservation & Development (Brad H)

Union Corners - Phase 2 SIP

-Union Corners developers will be submitting their specific implementation plan on July 22nd; public meeting date hasn't been announced yet

e. Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad H)

Revised schedule for Schenk's Corners reconstruction, increased scope of work.

-Shenks Corners reconstruction has been pushed off an additional year; won't start until 2017

Reconfiguration of single block of First St, from Eastwood to Winnebago

Good part, money in city budget will double.

Gives us some times to do some fundraising

f. Union Triangle Committee (Joannah Szymczak)

- Thanked everyone for coming out to SASY/Worthington Park picnic

15 Trees by an alliance

- Will be having Make Music Madison at Reger Park

-Union Street Block party is mid July

-Paint the Pavement is still being planned

g. Garver Committee (Betty/Brad)

- see earlier discussion

h. Kipp Committee (Gary/Lance)

-None

i. Transportation Committee (Melanie Foxcroft)

-Many people have testified against the bus beeping sound

j. Communication Committee (Brad K.)

k. Airport Noise Committee (Melanie Foxcroft)

-Make people aware of airport noise reporting via the listserv

l. Membership Committee

8. New Business (none)

9. Community Event Announcements (none)

-Make Music Madison

10. Adjourn meeting

-Brad K made motion to adjourn; Ryan seconded. All in favor. Motion to adjourn passed