

Agenda

SASY Neighborhood Association Council Meeting

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

Brad Hinkfuss, Melissa Biagtan, Michael Vickerman, Jason Tish, Ann Waidelich, Megan Williamson, Ryan Koglin, Mia Broderson, Doug Johnson, Lance Green, Gary Karch, Margo Tiedt, Dee Grimsrud, Daniel Strome, Megan Hegde, Pat Brown, Dominique Caller, Mike Parsen, Molly McGrath, Brad Kuse, Betty Chewning, Jason Waller, Bradley Wuotila, Marsha Rummel, Kevin Corrado

Excused: Melanie Foxcroft, Tim McCarty

1. Introductions / Quorum

Brad H called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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

a. Brad K made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Tish seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

4. Invited Guests and Presentations

a. Ann Waidelich, East Side History Club - request for support for 2nd edition of "An East Side Album"

-Book is premium for major donors.

-reprinting it, East Side History Club, a lot more info. Condense and add to it.

-Goodman center underwriter and publisher. Look

-Ann introduced the East Side Album to the Council.

-Would like SASY to be the underwriter/sponsor/publisher for the East Side Album

-The City of Madison Neighborhood Grant likes it when the neighborhood puts up some cash to match the grant award

-Letter of support to apply for the grants. Grants to be written by

-Would like SASY name, \$ (\$4,000.00) and support.

-Book will be public in libraries.

-Apply for grant in March

-Won't print until later 2016

-Brad H said that his wife works in publishing at UW. He will put Ann W in touch with his wife to see if that influences the proposed budget for the book project.

- Formerly printed at Thyse Printing, on Atwood now down in Oregon.
- Lance G. asked how the first book was funded.
- Ann W. answered: mostly the Goodman Center. Gave copies to major donors and sold the rest.
- Grant funders would want books to be publicly available. 20-25 copies would go to libraries.
- Would like SASY to submit the grant, but grant would be prepared by Ann W. / Sarah White.
- There is a grant request process created by SASY Sustainable Finance Committee. Committee to provide copy of fund request form.

-Lance G made a motion to support this project and to discuss SASY's financial commitment at future meetings.

Megan W. seconded. Motion approved Unanimously.

b. Sid Boyum House

- County is going to foreclose for back taxes.
- Might happen next wed April 15th
- In communication with Karin Wolff City arts coordinator regarding the house repossession
- City govt wants to meet with County govt to discuss value of the art.
- Kohler Art Center to come in and evaluate
- City is going to ask county for some time.

c. Frank Allis House

- On Sunday April 12th at 2:30, there will be a history of the property and Monona city planner.
- Ann states that she has heard many express that this "Ought to be a park"
- Will be another meeting on Saturday, April 18 at Pinney.

d. MG&E Committee - update from Michael Vickerman

- Higher base charge and a lower energy rate
- Quite a few oppose this change: SASY, City of Madison, Dane County, Middleton
- City resolution
- Passed the resolution that was forwarded to the City Council
- It is a work plan to implement councils pre-stated goals
- Council took it up last week, unanimous
- Sustainable Madison Committee tasked with developing City Energy Plan
- Chapter 196 governs regulation of utilities

- Allows municipalities some discretion on grants of rights of way
 - Might be able to impose condition when MG&E requests construction of power lines
 - Passed out handouts
 - Resolution passed by the city developing a work plan
 - Community Energy Conversations
 - Originated as a concession by MG&E during the rate case.
 - Other concession, Only seeking changes for 2015.
 - JSA Justice Sustainability Associates
 - Invited principal to speak to committee
 - Website is on the hand out
 - JSA Aware of impact of negative press and distrust of MG&E
 - MG&E's extensive philanthropy has cultivated a community-centered image.
 - Meetings between JSA facilitator and organized constituencies: MG&E, Members of SASY, businesses in the area
 - SA will submit a public report with recommendations to interested stakeholders and the PSC
 - Betty C: asked if Michael V. could speak to the legal grounds on MG&E issue on rights of way of power lines.
 - Michael V: Looking into existing statutes with legal help
 - Workplans by nature subject to changes, should consider output of community conversations
 - Start with Cities own facilities and work their way out.
 - Georgetown is putting up the prize. 5 million dollars in sustainable energy work if we win it.
 - Competition with other cities of similar size to reduce energy footprint.
 - Work with MG&E to make sure structured rates support Madison and other municipalities sustainability objectives.
 - Out of this whole thing, rate redesign fiasco redefines what the customer believes their relationship with MG&E should be.
 - Betty C: asked if it would be helpful for MG&E SASY Committee to continue to look into rate restructuring committee
 - Brad H: the MG&E SASY Committee can go ahead with this, because it was written into the Committee's mission statement
- e. Mike Parsen - E. Main St. neighbor concerns about railroad ROW, cutting, fence
- Notified about four weeks ago that there would be significant tree removal by railroad company.
 - Trees and fences of households in right of way of railroad have been removed by the railroad company, which is a safety and privacy concern for residents.

-Would like any ideas from SASY to work with developers and the railroad company to build some kind of structure for alternative barriers to maintain privacy and safety in neighbor's backyards

-Brad H suggested that the SASY Council to form a committee to work on this issue more in depth.

-Mike P has been in touch with railroad representative - Ken Luxton

-Brad H asked if the railroad is willing to give financial support to the building of a structure

-Working closely with the neighbors about lot lines. What is intruding upon the right of way, etc.

-Donna M suggested talking to Twink at Sustainable Atwood because had experience with the railroad doing this 4-5 years ago

-Brad H knows who the developer is and could follow up with them.

-Marsha said that the city would say that it is not involved in this because it is between the railroad and private households

-Brad K: moved to form an ad-hoc committee to communicate between the developer, the railroad, and neighbors along E Main regarding the creation of a fence. Melissa B seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Brad H said that he could be the SASY representative to be part of the Ad-hoc committee

-Mike P would like to form a committee, but feels like he is too close to the issue.

-Marsha R offered that she could put together a meeting

- Kevin C suggested that Operation Fresh Start could assist with creation of a fence

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

-None

6. District 6 Alderperson Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

-Parks Meeting

-Unanimous support for Baum at Parks meeting last night.

-Dan Rolfs

-Located land for park exchange

-Board of Estimates meeting next Monday 4/13, Room 260 at 4:30 PM

-Concerns about economy

-This is just an agreement to negotiate, could be the last hurdle before common council suggests that city negotiates with Baum.

-Megan W. thanked Marsha for all her work on the Garver project

-Greg McManners

-Studied pro forma, was concerned. Marsha spoke with Greg

-Census Tract 20

-Railroad tracks to the North

-City

-Boundary

-Appoint someone in that area to that committee

-Focused planning effort to create a neighborhood plan

-Opportunity to be a big part of the planning effort.

-See this link for applications map and additional documentation:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2237891&GUID=865886FA-75AF-4883-AC90-F3AA50F3C69B>

-Kipp

-Frequency in testing the rain garden and other issues in proposed lease with City. Still in discussion. Will come back with more information. Discharge of treated groundwater to Starkweather Creek likely to begin in April.

-Neighborhood meeting re: Hermina and Wirth Court street reconstruction

-Jay Ferm interested in making Hermina a play street - not just devoted to cars

-Brad K asked if any of the reconstruction plans have permeable asphalt

-Marsha K said no because not able to withstand weather

-Union Corners Clean Up

-Brad K suggested that we have a regular clean up event

-Would have to contact city engineering

-A local business could take sponsorship of the event and advertise sponsorship

- Cleanup event could be held on or on weekend of Earth Day

-Brad K made a motion that SASY finance garbage bags and gloves for Union Corners clean up event. Ryan K seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

-Event anticipated to be scheduled on April 25 (weekend of Earth Day).

-Jason W: Next week is clean up week. Starting at Reger Park,

-Suggested that people post photos of trash bags, Before and After shots of cleaned up areas for social media

Campaign.

-Sharps containers can be provided by Megan Williamson

-Brad Kuse to work with Jason Waller to create Before and After social Media Campaign.

-(East Side Pride? Too Cheesy?)

- Event could be an early afternoon clean up with after party at Malt House. (Talk to Erin about Hops museum hosting?)

-Union Corners update

-May 13 neighborhood meeting to introduce grocery store. Fresh Thyme Farmers Market

is on board; plan to break ground late Nov or Spring 2016

-Clinic planned to break ground Aug 1

Sid Boyum house

-City first dibs to buy if county foreclosures

-Part of the cultural value is as an art environment.

-Decreases value if pieces are dispersed

7. SASYNA Committees and Liaisons

a. Membership Committee - Annual Meeting (Margo, Megan Williamson)

i. Proposed Program

-Ann Waidelich's presentation will be around 45 minutes. Meeting will start at 6.

-Lou Host-Jablonski will create another neighborhood map.

-Brad H: probably stick with meeting structure as in the past, with presentation at the beginning of the meeting

ii. Sign up, duties

-People should bring food a bit early if possible

-Lance G: suggested that we send something out that lists what positions are open

-Megan W. will put open positions out on listserve and Facebook

-Donna K. - would like to step down after 2 years

-All of the seats open.

-Brad K will post correct time of 6 PM on FB and NextDoor

b. Proposed Bylaws changes (Brad H)

i. Review prior to Annual Meeting

- ii. Brad K makes a motion to recognize Jason Tish for editing the SASYNA By-laws like a boss. Ryan seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- c. Festival Committee - Request for Volunteers (Brad K, Megan)
 - Website. Can provide access to Rokker or host on his site.
 - Either way, we retain the domain and AtwoodFest Marketing would control the content
 - Would be very helpful to Brad K for Rokker to handle website
 - Brad H. thinks that it would be a good idea for Rokker to handle the website
 - Brad K. will send another request for volunteers to SASY Council.
 - Public art project this year will be Little Free Libraries
 - In process of getting sponsorships right now - please let Brad K know if interested
- d. Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad H)
 - i. Updated concept drawings, next meet w/City Engineering
- e. Union Triangle Committee (Jason Waller)
 - Upcoming events: Starkweather Creek burn and seeding, Reger Park monthly picnics, Union Street block party
 - Paint the Pavement: Grant application received 82/100 pts full grant allocated. Congrats to Joannah Szymcack
 - Mia asked that we talk about subsequent funding.
 - 400 dollars short.
 - Brad Hinkfuss requests that Union Triangle submit form for allocation of funds
- f. Garver Committee (Betty/Sue/Brad)
 - Betty K: Move that SASY write a letter of commendation to thank Sue Thering on her work on Garver.
 - Brad K seconded.
 - Doug J: Friendly amendment - would also like to thank Sue for her service as SASY's representative on the Olbrich Botanical Society Board of Directors.
 - All in favor. Motion approved.
- g. Solstice Committee (Betty)
 - Confirmed that there is no conflict with upcoming date in May
- h. Preservation & Development (Brad H)
 - Nothing new
- i. Kipp Committee (Gary/Lance)
 - Hope to be able to see what chemicals are being pumped into Starkweather Creek by Kipp when first pumping is tested by City/Co Health Dept.

j. Transportation Committee) (Lance Green reporting)

-Met 3/14

-Capital City Bike path to be closed from Marquette to Starkweather Creek over summer to replace sewer underneath it and replace the bridge over Starkweather. This is same time Milwaukee St Bridge just E of Fair Oaks will be closed, causing much increased bike and vehicle traffic on Fair Oaks.

-Detour route that they are taking all of the traffic routed down the same section Fair Oaks

-Transportation Committee is strongly recommending to City for clear signage and directions for anticipated increased bike traffic at detour.

i. Closing Jackson Street this year?

1. Lots of interest in this.

2. Difficult to close a street

-Ohio Street did become congested.

-Never a final staff "here's what we learned" summary.

-You could close a street every single weekend. Thursday nights it was awesome.

-Carts are going to go to the Trinity Lutheran parking lot.

-Are there enough reasons to close street off 24x7?

k. Communication Committee (Brad K.)

-Request for funds to print doorhangers

-Brad K would like to request SASY funding to print SASY doorhangers that will collect feedback on SASY meetings

-Ryan K: confirmed that there is money in the budget for administrative things, like printing, so Brad K will not have to do a grant request

-Betty K made a motion that SASY allocate \$200 to print the SASY feedback doorhangers and reimburse Brad for the collection boxes. Jason T seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

-East High kids will distribute doorhangers

l. Sustainable Finance Committee (Tim McCarty, Sue Thering, Ryan, Ben Nerad)

-None

m. Airport Noise Committee (Melanie Foxcroft)

-None

n. Olbrich Committee (Sue)

-None

8. New Business

- a. Clyde Stubblefield nomination, call for volunteers (Brad H and Lance G)
-Betty C moves to nominate Clyde Stubblefield. Brad K. seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- b. Census Tract 20 Neighborhood Plan - New City of Madison initiative, committee members needed (Brad H)

9. Community Event Announcements

- a. Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel sale - Saturday, May 9th at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot. Pre-order online before April 27th and save an additional \$10
- b. Day of Play - Saturday, April 11, Sessions start at 10:30am & 12:30pm, UW- Madison Southeast Recreational Facility (free parking)
- c. Dee Grimsrud Co-Housing Sister West Working hard to get more people interested and informed.
Prospective Member Co-Housing Prospective Member Informational Meeting - on Saturday, April 18 from 1 PM - 3 PM at The Sons of Norway Lodge, 2262 Winnebago Street

10. Adjourn meeting

-Brad K made a motion to adjourn. Ryan K seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM