

Agenda

SASY Neighborhood Association Council Meeting

14 August 2014, 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm @ Goodman Community Center

Neighbors/Council in attendance:

Sandra Schoen, Mia Broaderson, Jason Waller, Betty Chewning, Angelo Castillo, Bill Benedict, Suzanne Bergen, Elizabeth Reinwald, Linda Lucey, Megan Hegde, Melissa Biagtan, Dan Neff, Melanie Foxcroft, Gary Karch, Kelly Koglin, Ryan Koglin, Ben Anton, Lance Green, Meghan Blake-Horst, Marsha Rummel, Rachel Imsland, Jody Werziske, Joannah Szymczak, Margo Tiedt, Andy Heidt, Steve Herrick, Lou Host-Jablonski, Sue Thering, Fritz Hastrith, John Steines, Doug Johnson, Ben Nerad, Matthew Nafranowicz, Jennifer Stenglein, Michael Vickerman, Dave Benforado, Scott Neitzel, Victoria Straughm, Aleia McCord, Donna Magdalena, Jason Tish

1. Introductions / Quorum

a. Excused absences: Megan Williamson

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

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

4. Invited Guests and Presentations

a. Michael Vickerman - RENEW Wisconsin: Proposed MG&E rate restructuring

Content for the Filing is changing

Now only considering 2015

Demand meter commercial customers no difference with residential and small commercial customers

This is a benefit to city of Madison and Dane County as they have many accounts with MGE

Filing from in June

A different way to collect fees

Flows from how electricity works

Base Charge

Volumetric rate

First they've seen of companies increasing just the base charge

This affects customers differently

The heavier users pay less

Economic rationale for saving energy is reduced

Using more energy at that level is not much more expensive

Value of solar affected

the higher the volumetric rate, the better

destabilizing effect on solar energy industry in madison due to uncertain ROI

Way beyond the median of base charge compared to other electric companies (handout)

Runs contrary to conservation and sustainability considerations

Make investment in onsite renewables

a'. MGE rep Scott Nitezal

MGE needs to protect the "Sustainability" of the Grid

Scott defined "sustainability" as sustaining the financial viability of the grid

Grid was formerly a one way street

Now it is a two way street

More options out there

How do we fairly charge customers?

Scott states that they are looking at costs

MGE states if you use more you pay more, even under original filing

MGE has hgreed with Citizens Utility Board

Pulling back from 2 year filing

Pulling back from originally proposed high base rate

Scott states that MGE needs to come up with different ideas in a changing energy landscape

New rates proposed:

Base fee 10.44 to 15.00 for customer charge

Plus a grid connection fee totaling 19.00

Grid connection fee represents the cost of being connected to the system regardless of power usage.

Scott states he does not know if per Kilowatt 14 cents per hour will change

Michael states that residential rate will Decline about 9 percent or a 1 penny down to 13 cents

MGE will Recover 9 percent of fixed costs

Scott states MGE listened to the public

Will sit down with Citizens Utility Board

Recognizes SASYNA Committee

Has pulled back from original filing

Regrouping to figure out how they are going to make the group sustainable

Regrouping to figure what to file next year

Betty - peak time usage

People investing in solar power to reduce power plant output during peak times

MGE has invested in power plants recently while this has been happening

Scott - Rate structure dictates the decisions they need to make

Peak hours 4-6 pm

Solar's peak is between noon and 2.

MGE sees power generation in the future originating from more distributed sources

MGE Wants to move toward sustainability

Scott states that previous rate structure puts MGE at a disadvantage

When the rate structure was being put together, was there understanding that this would impact renewable energy?

Was consideration given to conservation?

Scott states that they need to get the rates right and then apply policy to energy usage.

How does MGE rebut the argument that this discourages renewable sector investment?

Scott states that the numbers reflect that ROI for solar under new rates is 24 years vs 22 under the old rates

How does MGE rebut argument that this has a disproportionate effect on lower income energy customers?

Scott states that low income does not mean low use

Scott states that they looked at energy usage and the data does not reflect this.

To mitigate effects on customers, they will be given the choice to stay with the original rate structure

States that energy use more tied to household size

If I made an investment to increase insulation in house, with the new rate structure, did I throw my money away?

Scott states that under the new rates, the investment is neither deleterious or advantageous.

Seems that MGE not prepared for solar competition, does the answer involve public ownership?

MGE Sells 300 billion kilowatt hours per year

Co-ops have \$30 fixed rate

This is an ongoing issue that will proceed on a schedule

SASY will provide information on SASY site and within the minutes.

MGE will file updated information in the next couple days

Scott states that they will contact the Ad-hoc committee if there are any changes to the schedule and are open to come back to further discuss the changes

b. Meghan Blake-Horst - Pedestrian flag project update, funding request

Working with Safe Communities

Artco Crossings

Michael ? creating appealing wooden boxes to house the flags instead of tubes.

Credit to NAs who support the project on these boxes

Michael has worked with two interns at sector 67 teaching them how to

Economic investment

Meghans job is to get artwork on these boxes and to

Artists will be paid as well

Budget and proposal written up, happy to share this with the council in electronic form

Meghan asking for \$1000 from the SASYNA

How many of these will be in SASYNA?

How much will be spent on boxes the neighborhood

More than half for sure.

Is there a per box sponsorship cost?

How effective are these?

Meghan states that she is new to the project and not able to provide these numbers at this time

How many boxes would be installed

Plan is to grow the program across the

Does City restrict this

The intersections that can have these flags is restricted

City process has a bunch of red tape

Exact amount for project is in the \$30,000 range for the year.

Project is partially funded and moving forward

There are administrative costs as well in the budget

Hinkfuss states that while he suspects that the request will be warmly received but is unable to vote without knowing more about the project and SASYNA's potential investment in it

Not intention to walk away with an answer

Suggestion from the meeting that Meghan et al work closely with the Police Dept. to define where these are needed.

c. Mia Broaderson - Urban triangle area crime and traffic

Jason Walla

Describes the area

Won't go to Reger park but they will go to Hippo Park and bring 5-6 people along.

Close knit neighborhood

Talk alot

Facebook page

Full text of Mia's presentation can be found [here](#).

Please reference this for an overview of the presentation including

Crime

Drugs

Traffic

East Side Shopping Center

Proposals

Questions

Ideas for solutions

Increased Police visibility

Road will environmentally affect the traffic, travel through a chicane.

Very bright lights in Reger Park

Community Garden and Potluck for higher visibility

Regular contact with the correct police liaison

Close relationship with the Worthington Park neighborhood

Questions

How do we help SASY and ask SASY to help us?

Do we become more actively involved with SASY?

Do we have our own subsection of SASY

Do we split off from SASY.

Mia states that to get access to a lot of the things we need, were told that they will need to create their own NA.

SASY residents state that it worked well to have Marsha organize meetings with business people and police in the neighborhood.

Similar issues were encountered in the past at the gas station on Atwood Ave.

Suggestion that there are two opportunities to act and get information when joining both WPNA and SASYNA.

Elizabeth, 20 year resident states that they are dealing with more basic neighborhood issues, bread and butter issues

Feels as though this may not be the best fit for SASY

Suggestion that Union Triangle form a subcommittee

Hinkfuss suggests that a subcommittee be formed so that, at least for now, this part of the neighborhood can draw on SASY's already organized resources.

Rethke, possible Mental Health Housing

Hinkfuss states that he can address this off line if they need more information

Betty makes a motion to form a subcommittee for this part of the neighborhood

Kuse seconds

Friendly amendment by Hinkfuss, headed by current Wirth Ct. rep Gary

Motion passes.

Suggestion that group meets and forms a charge.

Come back to the council meeting next month to formalize charge and discuss actions the SASY council can take to help.

Jason Walla - What does a subcommittee look like in SASY? The structure of one?

Suggestion that the committee pattern itself off existing committees detailed on SASYNA.org.

Alder Marsha Rummel suggests working within the existing SASY structure for now, utilizing existing resources.

Further suggests saving the decision to remain in SASYNA or split off for a later date.

People can subscribe to the Union Triangle Google Group by sending an email to

union-triangle-neighborhood+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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

Here are the [meeting minutes draft mission](#) from the ad-hoc MG&E Committee Meeting

Committee's charter/charge will be added to the Committee's page on sasyna.org

Here is the [committee's page](#) on SASYNA.org

6. SASYNA Committees and Liaisons

a. Neighborhood Mental Health meeting - feedback from 8/13 meeting

Tabled

b. Festival Committee - Atwoodfest (Ben Anton, Brad K, Donna)

i. Initial Financial Report

18000 to SASY

5000 to Goodman from the raffle

Ben believes that it is a financially stable enterprise.

ii. Feedback Request

Need more volunteers

Fully embrace Schenk's corners/multi nodal corner

Different music

Free water all over the place

Signs for first aid

More efficient traffic direction at corner of Atwood and Winnebago

Lost and found defined with signs up

Better no dog signage

SASY needs more visibility at the festival

More specific bike parking

Calls for SASY council to take a more active role in organizing efforts

c. Garver Committee (Betty/John)

i. Garver RFP criteria

Proposing that SASY endorse sending the letter prior to September 4th

Garver Committee would be getting this letter

CC Alder

Betty makes the motion to send this letter to the Garver Committee

Lou seconds and makes friendly motion to ask Marsha to read this.

Motion passes

d.-f. tabled until the next meeting

d. Olbrich Committee (Sue)

e. Preservation & Development (Brad H)

i 2158 Atwood Ave Development - recent action

ii. Union Corners update

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

i. Walk Appeal walk: 8/21 @ 6:30 starting at Jackson St closure

g. Transportation Committee (Tim Wong/Melanie Foxcroft)

i. Coordination and cooperation with neighboring boards/councils - MNA, Dudgeon/Monroe, Tenny/Lapham and SASYNA

ii. Proposed motions regarding bikes & traffic (see Melanie's earlier doc)

Budget will be proposed on the first of September

Hinkfuss - While spirit of the "Motions for action by SASY Council" document is well-received, has the following reservations:

Issue with one pedestrian activated light down the block from another doesn't work

This document trumps the planning process and negotiations that have been in the works for some time

Lance all of these represent good input into the process, pieces in the neighborhood.

Hinkfuss, need to be very careful making specific requests of the city in the form of Motions.

This document represents a list of motions.

Lou, Motion to put this on next month's agenda and look at this point by point.

Brad 2nds

Motion passes

Remaining committee reports tabled until next meeting

h. Hudson Park storm-damaged trees, neighborhood meeting

i. Kipp Committee (Gary/Lance)

j. Communication Committee (Brad K.)

k. Membership Committee (Margo)

l. Friends of Starkweather Creek - (Lance)

m. Union Corners - Co-housing / intentionally welcoming

7. New Business

8. District 6 Alderperson Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

Big news, 2158 Atwood passed the plan commission

Working with Krupp on landscaping, snow removal etc.

The conditional use process is something that we need to fine tune. Get better at it.

Garver meeting coming up Sept 4th

Jackson st.,

Have a neighborhood meeting at the end.

Discuss it more after 90 days.

9. Community Event Announcements <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/special/>

Margo makes a Motion to reimburse Catherine for Mental health meeting

Ryan Koglin Seconds

Motion passes

10. Adjourn meeting

Ryan Koglin motion to adjourn

Gary Seconds

Motion Passes