

SASY Neighborhood Association meeting minutes

Council Meeting Agenda – Thursday, September 12, 2013

Goodman Community Center - 6:30 - 8:45pm

<http://www.sasyna.org> - Please read posted committee reports

1] Introductions / Quorum:

Catherine Stephens, Margo Tiedt, Megan Williamson, Gary Karch, Lance Green, Brad Hinkfuss, Betty Chewing, Margo Tiedt, Brad Kuse, Marsha Rummel, Donna Magdalina, John Steines, Doug Johnson

Guests: Angelo Castillo, Laura Good, Charlie Rumines (City Parks), Craig Klinke (City Parks), Jason Tish, Fritz Hastreiter, Mary Johnson

Excused Absences: Mark McFadden, James Montgomery

Absent: Melanie Foxcroft, Lou arriving late.

Catherine Chaired the meeting until Lou arrived.

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

Betty moves to approve July minutes.

Donna- disagreed, asked to insert comment: “..large swath of overlapping goals and interests between corridor planning committee and the city creating fertile ground of collaboration” We also reviewed the comment Mark made in the minutes (on screen with LCD projector).

Donna’s comment will be inserted in the July minutes as a response.

July minutes approved.

Brad K. motion to approve August minutes. Lance and Gary have edits to suggest with Kipp notes. Approving the August minutes tabled. Motion to approve retracted.

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

(add to Community events)

--Win/Atwood Corridor Planning meeting - Greenspace Triangle near 1st Street and Eastwood Drive -

October 9, 2013

--Goodman Center Birthday Bash Sat Oct 5th from 11 - 2 pm

4] Community Event Announcements (also, see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/special/>)

4.a] Next SASYNA Meeting – 6:30pm, Thursday, October 10, 2013

4.b] BOOMBOX the Wasteland – 1 pm, September 14, 2013

4.c] Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Meeting – 6:30 pm, 11 Sep 2013

4.d] Willy Street Festival – Sep 21-22, 2013

5] Atwood Prairie overview and next steps after City mowing (Laura Good)

(PPT shared posted on SASY Meetings page.)

Laura Good: Prairie garden opposite Atwood vegetable gardens along bike path began in 1992 with Becky Steinhoff's suggestion "why don't you plant wild flowers?!" :-)

Effort grew to maintaining and adding plants to Atwood prairie

10% grasses, 90% flower plants.

Group organizes six - seven prairie burns over the years. Prairie burns ~ every other year.

Burn to control weeds, restore the grasses. Monthly weeding and work parties.

Group gathers about once/month. Group has an inventory of what is growing - to supplement plants.

City crew mowed the Prairie. Coming from this event -- better communication with City Parks. City Parks has offered to meet and discuss maintenance. Plan to meet next May with Parks.

Email lwardgood@gmail.com to get on the email list.

Many of the same people - doing this for 21 years. We were orig an Atwood function. Are we still an Atwood function? Margo -- yes, this is part of the Community Gardens, and yes let's touch base.

Lance - is the Prairie divided into Sections? And, are there any financial needs ?

Laura - we have moved away from individual plots. Come to a work party; it's a great chance to learn about plants. Come learn about which plants to pull and which you don't.

Next steps: signs to be created. Have someone who has volunteered to design a sign. Used to have "no mow" signs.

Laura noted - no pics of this summer's prairie. Catherine shared there have been pics of the prairie shared on the SASY list by Kathy Esposito.

Betty: will the plants come back? Laura, yes, they will come back. Addressing Parks guests: "how did this happen"?

Craig Klinke and Charlie from Parks -- when this happened, oh no! We knew there was a group of volunteers and folks working on this for a long time. There was a miscommunication with the city staff, and it happened.

As a result, working on specific City maps of the Prairie areas. Tended prairies are an educational effort and Parks is involved.

Betty - mowing is a challenge across special areas in Parks. Will there be more pre-season training for employees to be more aware of "precious places" and to prevent future "mistakes"?

Yes, we are creating documents -- and give an orientation to our crew. There are resources in the City trucks to refer to. More training is dealing with the "more mowing is better" mentality. Also better signage. City will provide signs if requested. Parks hiring new full time maintenance staff - looking for background in Forestry and Plant knowledge.

Brad Hinkfuss - guidelines for mowing along paths ? Typically would mow late fall, after gone to seed.

Parks - 6 feet on either side to create a buffer every 7-10 days.

Dixon Greenway ? Engineering mows the greenways - there was a swath near Starkweather Creek.

Lance -- could you share a story and pictures for the SASY web site ? Share events, sign up to help ? Catherine - also acknowledge the Prairie connection to the Goodman Center.

Megan -- Dixon Greenway -- are they responsible for the walking paths through there ? It's a 3 foot path - looks like a volunteer neighbor is cutting the walking path. Donna -- can we affect policy so there is less mowing ? There are spaces we don't need mowed ?

Charlie - We have moved to no mow areas. If you have specific areas to suggest, please send to Parks Planning Group Kate Rutledge or via Marsha.

Marsha - noted action items around Signage. Atwood Prairie could design sign and Parks will help create signs. Contact Craig for more info. 246-4508

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6] Brief follow-up on items from previous SASYNA Council Meetings

6.a] 2801 Atwood Ave BP Application for Class A liquor license

Marsha- issue has been referred to next Planning Commission meeting due to a glitch

Letters that have been written should still be on record

Monday the 16th 5:30, City County Building 201 MLK Boulevard

6.b] South Capitol Transit Oriented Development District Public Workshop results

Donna- held at Senior Center, 50-60 people present.

6.c] Airport Noise Letter response (tabled)

Tabled due to Melanie's absence.

6.d] Union Corners Neighborhood Meeting Aug 22

Marsha- 40 plus people attended. Neighborhood comments in favor of more density, parking issues, affordable housing.

Brad Hinkfuss - what is the timeline ?

Marsha - looking at phase 1 the Clinic comes first. Groundbreaking is about a year out.

Lance - question about affordable food / grocery. Gary - new food store in Milwaukee - opening 4 new stores. Gary - concern about building height of 3 stories on that corner.

6.e] Proposing a SASY Youth Scholarship Partnered with the Goodman Center (Catherine)

Review proposal. There is a high need to help support kids at Goodman Center; most attend summer youth programs on some level of scholarship. Goodman also offers a college fund. Last year Goodman Center awarded \$3,000-3,500 that sends Goodman kids to college.

Catherine is looking for feedback on contributing to a proposed Scholarship fund.

Goodman Center would administer the scholarship.

Perhaps this means that SASY is contributing to the fund that helps support low income families at

summer programs.

Goodman program for Teens is exemplary. Betty -- the Peat / Piper is administered through East High with Chili Dinner every year. MNA continues this, and selects the winners of the scholarships from the Marquette neighborhood.

Brad K.- a good idea to contribute cash to a scholarship fund. But, it is important to raise the monies before we can donate monies.

Lance - supports the idea of giving to Goodman Center.

Betty - supports the idea of a college fund but wants a more thorough discussion.

Asks is education other than college part of the Goodman Center scholarship ? (eg. trade schools vs universities). Margo adds, yes, our college fund is towards 2 year programs, trades, MATC, etc.

Catherine - current balance: \$3,060.00.

Brad - \$500 may be too much for SASY. Instead, reserve that money for strategic activities.

Angie - we could start a new event and dedicate large portion of funds to scholarship.

Agrees with Brad H. about being cautious with our limited funds.

Gary - concern about our limited balance.

Donna, -- Motion to designate \$500 / this year to the scholarship fund, and attempt during future years. Expressed support for college fund for Goodman youth.

John -- suggest that we slow up and consider this carefully. Inconsistency may have opposite effect on our representation to support programming at Goodman Center.

Betty -- let's designate a subgroup to look at this. Look at Goodman College fund and criteria. Whatever we do, it's not something we commit to every year. Instead, each year, do we have the funds to do this ?

Catherine - asked for volunteers to help review this. Megan Williamson, James Montgomery, Catherine will work on reviewing the proposal. Also ask Mark McFadden.

Catherine - note - Bunky's (Teresa) said they would continue hosting the fund raising dinner biannually, meaning that we would not hold a Bunky's fund raiser this winter.

7] District 6 Alderperson Report (Alder Marsha Rummel)

a. Several alders have been working on air bnb issue. Haven't moved forward but have meeting scheduled

September 26 2 pm Municipal Bldg. Most airbnb locations are in District 6. No taxes, no inspection fees etc are issues for competing businesses (ie, hotels).

b, Portable shelters. Tiny houses - churches and non-profits to allow temp structures / events in their parking lot. With a process and permit.

- c. Attended Parks meeting. Agenda item to allow superintendent of parks to do temporary ban of alcohol in parks. This allows Parks to ban alcohol in parks at the time there is a problem.
- d. Fireworks over Lake Monona - moving the Rhythm and Booms. Marsha is putting together a public meeting to gather input on this. Questions about chemicals harming people but not much about the how these chemicals would affect the lakes. Let Marsha know if you wish to help.
- e. Train horn issues--met with Wis Southern railroad at their offices. Have put FAQ's (eg.spraying, horn guidelines) on their website.
Will make an amendment for 2017 for Corry and Waubesa quiet zones. Marquette not an option.
How can citizens effect where the money for quiet zones is going? Record loud train horns and keep a log. Consider contacting the Mayor for help.
- f. Garver--Meeting with Parks Dept. There was a 1.85 million in the Parks budget - which was a mistake. Correction: 1.5 from City and nothing from a private match. Do what they did last year with Garver. Consultants message is that the building can be repaired.
Strategy: Secure walls, put roof on it, fix bricks estimate = 4.5 million, Marsha - advocating for Garver as a landmark building. 4.5 Million dollars for a cold storage facility is waste. Lots of ideas with what to do with the space: Ruined garden idea for weddings etc...
Latest, it may be about 1.8 million to stabilize the building. This is in the City budget. Then we can work on the brick later. We have opportunities for workshops, interns, learn masonry.

8] SASYNA Committees and Liaisons

- 8.a] Win/Atwood Corridor Planning Committee (Brad H.) -- tabled
Report from Aug 14 and Sep 11 meetings
- 8.b] Preservation and Development Committee (Brad H.) -- tabled
- 8.c] Communication Committee (Catherine/Betty/Brad K./Gary K)
Demo of Insert Comments – Google docs - done - may offer demo again next

month.

- Sharing the SASY window decals with area businesses - tabled
- SASY Sandwich signs – next steps - tabled
- SASY web site – update - tabled

- 8.d] Transportation Committee (Donna) - see report shared
- Dunning - bike path intersection concerns letter - tabled
- Commission mission description - tabled
- Donna - SASY Transpo Comm listing agreed upon recommendations/comments to TIP.
Brad Hinkfuss - recommended that we invite the community to have input on these recommendations - important not miss this step.
Donna-motion to approve adding bike lanes on new Milwaukee Street bridge

Motion carries.

8.e] Kipp Committee (Gary) - Meeting with Chris Taylor, DNR, et. al. -- tabled

8.f] Garver (Betty/Lou) - City budget item + funding request for outreach postcard

Great meeting with SASY Garver Committee.

Set aside the issue of what the use should be. Concentrate on infrastructure first.

May be able to stabilize for less than 1.8 million. Mason interns would be a great inexpensive

resource. This would be about restoration.

Zane's photographs on display at the Municipal Building. Public event and draws attention to

Garver. Propose to create a post card and invite to October 4th Art Walk, with Zane photos at Design Coalition on Atwood. Galvanizing visible support for Garver.

Art Walk is Oct. 4th. Thought is to incorporate Garver as a PR opportunity.

Perhaps Zane would lend his work to the event, Bill White also has some photos that he would lend. Jason Tish from [Madison Trust for Historic](#)

[Restoration](#) thinks we should think in a bigger scale. Bring people to the property ala Boombox the Wasteland. Open discussion between Jason's organization and SASY Garver committee about partnership.

They are willing to entertain the idea of funding post cards. Support/Reuse of Garver as historic landmark building.

Pay for postage for the postcards? Addressed National Register Nomination for the property.

Facebook page for Garver and highlight Oct 4th event?

Motion to use \$100 of SASY funds to create postcards by Betty.

Discussion: Marsha--What we want to accomplish is to raise awareness of the threat to this building. Postcards can be a campaign piece. Leave these in area businesses.

Motion withdrawn by Betty to better flush out logistics in the next week.

Then, ask for E-vote.

8.g] Olbrich Gardens (Mark) -- tabled

8.h] Hudson Beach Committee (Marsha)

Celebration Aug 17 was a great event.

Marsha shared - extra deflector (to keep stuff away from the shore)

Engineering has an extra one.

8. i] Solstice Committee (Betty)

9] New Business / Old Business

9.a] SASY Executive Committee – upcoming change in leadership (Lou) -- tabled

10] Adjourn at 9:19 pm