

SASY Neighborhood Association
Council Meeting Agenda - September 8, 2011
Goodman Center – 6:30 pm
<http://www.sasyna.org/>

1. **Introductions /quorum:** Catherine S. (Meeting Facilitator), Brad H., Randy R., Margo T., Gary K., Melanie F., Doug J., Betty C., Ken F., Twink M., Lance G. Lou H-J arrived 7:18 PM. Excused: John S. Absent: Mike B.

Also participating: Representative Chris Taylor rep.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov; Marsha Rummel, Alder; Angelo Castillo; Carl Landness; Becky Steinhoff; Judith James

2. **Executive Committee** – (Lou) -- report tabled
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** – see <http://www.sasyna.org/index.php/meetings/> for minutes.
- a. Minutes approved
4. **Additions/corrections to agenda:** Items for open discussion time.
- a. Wirth Court Playground and Stalzy's October Fest added to #5.
 - b. Doug has a few announcements about Friends of Starkweather Creek.
5. **Invited presenters**
- a. **Alder Report** – Marsha
 - i. Proposed Capitol Budget passed around. \$ 50 million budget reduction from past years. Highlights include quiet zones for Central Park, delayed road projects, Winnebago piece delayed, see updated street map once budget is approved. Edgewater budget drastically cut by \$16 million.
 1. Melanie: Input on budget – shared concern about tax burden and yes need to cut back.
 2. Lance: Appreciate cutting the Edgewood project.
 3. Lance: Bike and Pedestrian piece of the budget has budget increases, good.
 4. Betty: Metro and transit services should stay strong, Edgewater let's cut.
 - ii. Marsha held a meeting for Winnebago Project with Moving Out. Losing Sector 7 and losing artist studios.
 - iii. Meeting with Parks about 2 proposals for Hudson Beach soon.
 - b. **Wirth Court Playground project** – (Becky)
 - i. See email posted on NA list today. This Kaboom project came to the Goodman Center, and Becky suggested the Wirth Court playground. The corporate sponsor is Oscar-Mayer Kraft. Design day (August 14th) with 30 kids and approx. 20 adults from neighborhood. Adults stayed for adult portion and there were Goodman staff participating. Design jam took place and a voting process to select a playground design. Project includes proposed side projects, a mosaic of kid bricks, landscaping, a theater stage. October 6th is build day. Kaboom projects follow a system, a relatively quick project time.
Lance: Thanks to Becky for this great opportunity.
Discussion: Is there a possibility of renaming the Park? (Marsha) See Ballot Box and Paper Ballot at Goodman Center to vote. If renaming the park moves forward, would go to the Parks commission and follow a process (Betty).
 - c. **Report on infrastructure/budget meetings** (Melanie)
 - i. Melanie: Attended Public Safety, and Infrastructure. Attendees heard from city staff and voted on preferred services and provided comments. Good venue, however some of the categories for voting seemed confusing. Good discussion.
 - ii. Marsha: Compiling comments and will send across list. Attendees learned about the complexity of city gov services.
 - iii. Twink: Appreciated input from City staff about how to measure services that are broad as well as specialized.
 - iv. Lou: Facilitation skills were lacking in some meetings to bring about best community input.

- v. Marsha: Would be great to work on participatory budgeting.
- d. **Stalzy's Deli** – Octoberfest (Judith James)
- i. We have changed the date to October 8th. Have sent a notice to neighbors for feedback and feedback is positive. Will run 11 – 7 pm. Local bands, see Stalzy web site for the program.
 - 1. SASY voted to send approval of the October 8th event to ALRB board.
Todo: Draft letter and send. (Lou)
6. **SASY Financial Report** - (Catherine) Current balance = \$1,935.65.
- a. Betty wants to donate \$50 (from overpaid Parks' permit fees – Betty will give check to Margo to deposit in SASY fund.
7. **SASYNA Committee reports**
- a. **Membership** – (Catherine)—Committee hasn't met yet. Chris Taylor: "There's no obvious way on the SASY website to sign up as a member". Catherine briefly explains signup and voting process.
Todo: Committee will make these corrections to the website.
 - i. Helping arrange Paul Soglin visit to upcoming SASY meeting. – No date set yet.
 - ii. Brainstorm ideas for Fall SASY fund-raising event. – Deferred; committee will take up.
 - iii. *Todo: Membership committee should meet*
 - b. **Communications committee** – (Randy) Propose survey of NA web sites..
 - i. Randy distributes a handout – please read and ponder 9 points (fill out the form). Also will post PDF version to website. Randy has been reviewing and considering our website; wants to begin a conversation about it "Does the website do what we want it to do?" Do we want to vote on the site? Is the site a benefit to neighbors? Etc..
 - ii. Lance: Discussion list has much more current content, you find old information on the web site. Should be consolidated, somehow linked together.
 - iii. Angelo: Few neighbors go to the website. How can we simplify getting people get on the list? All: many experiences of difficulty in using the listserv.
Twink: Put the sign-up button ON THE FRONT PAGE, not buried, as well as instructions for how to join the Discussion list.
Todo: Complete Randy's survey and return at next month's meeting.
 - c. **Ad-hoc Committees: Airport Noise** (Melanie)
 - i. Melanie: Asks for volunteers to be on the committee. "Is this an important issue in the neighborhood?" (general assent)
 - ii. Chris: Joe Parisi had some meetings with the airport; it would be appropriate to take this up again.
 - iii. Betty: willing to go to airport meetings. Carl, Brad also volunteer.
 - iv. Betty: describes the complaint process, and characterizes as designed to deter follow-up and input.
 - v. Chris: we need to begin collecting SPECIFIC information (Brad: call-in process is designed to do this)
 - vi. Betty: Airport is NOT open in input re: military planes (general assent that this noise is the worst).
 - vii. Twink: There's a lot of things to press them about.
 - viii. *Todo: Arrange the next meeting via Doodle – Melanie will initiate.*
 - d. **Transportation Committee**
 - i. Catherine: Is there interest on the SASY council to create/re-create a Transportation committee
 - ii. Twink: Sustainable Atwood has had a very active group.
 - iii. Brad (who was active on that committee): Committee is not too active now; formerly did a lot of work on the Willy St. reconstruction. I'm interested in re-constituting it.

- iv. Betty: What would be the charge of that committee? Committee would draft the charge.
Todo: Brad will call the former committee member and try to come back with perhaps a "mission statement" if possible, but in any event a better idea of the interest level.

e. **Other committee reports** – No other reports.

8. New Business

a. **Mark McFadden resignation** from SASY Council

- i. Catherine reads the bylaws procedure for interim council members.
- ii. Brad (& Lou) advocate for following the bylaws procedure
- iii. Melanie: How, specifically do we do this? E.g., does the person need to be present in person?
Lance: That's what the bylaws say.
- iv. Betty: Possible if someone is out of town, we might lose out on a strong candidate.
- v. Catherine: person could compose a written statement. Brad: Agrees in principle; however, a person who is not present at the meeting has the deck stacked against them.
- vi. Melanie: Invitation should be wider than just the Discussion list – not everyone knows how to get on it. Put a notice in the East side News? Margo: deadline doesn't work.
- vii. Brad: Can mention it to the Lowell School list. Let's all me mentioning it to EVERYONE we know.
Lance: WABA list!
- viii. Chris: Someone needs to compose a description of the duties of the council members.
Todo: Catherine volunteers.
- ix. Betty: Moves to thank Mark McF formally. Consensus. *Todo: Lou will compose.*

b. **Discuss open period for nominations for Mark's at-large Council position.**

- i. Council vote in October if interested SASY members are nominated. (Check out paragraph 5.6.3 of the bylaws for our procedure.

c. **Invite nominations for Chair of the Preservation and Development chair position.**

- i. Lou: Nominate Brad, Catherine seconds
- ii. Brad: Accepts (speaks to his interests; still wants to participate on Transportation...)
- iii. Melanie: Might be different person to chair the Transportation committee, not to spit the energy. Brad: (reiterates; clarifies that he will invite individuals to reform a Transportation committee but may not serve on committee.)
Todo: Update SASY web site with Brad as new contact for committee for Pres and Dev (Catherine).

d. **Invite nominations for Chair of Union Corners Temporary/Transitional Use committee:** Discuss next steps.

- i. *Todo: Brad: Will write Mark McF re: committee composition and possible future.*

e. **Melanie meeting with the Mayor** – Bike and Ped - tabled

9. Old Business

a. Repeat invitation to Mayor Soglin to upcoming SASY meeting.

- i. Proposed agenda shared with the Mayor - attached.
Lou: Asks for comments on the proposed agenda
Twink & Lance: Proposed agenda looks good.
Lou: Do we have flexibility to schedule on day other than 2nd Thursday?
Marsha: It's budget time, so certain days are already taken.
Marsha: VERY IMPORTANT – 6 Oct zoning code re-write community meeting, 4-8 PM Plymouth Lutheran Church.

b. Post electronic voting guidelines to SASY web site – report & deferral to October meeting.

10. Open Discussion Time

- a. **Friends of Starkweather Creek** – (Doug)
 - i. Doug: On FSC board. FSC preparing for annual meeting (20 Oct, at Olbrich, 6:30 PM); reaching out to neighbors. Wants input on several issues, projects that SASY wants that FSC can help with?
Todo: Please: go to FSC website, with 3 questions, and give us feedback.
www.starkweatherfriends.org. Doug distributes FSC brochure.
 - ii. FSC Bike ride tour the creek Saturday 10 Sep – check website for details.
- b. **Other**

Chris Taylor: How do I best communicate w/ people re: what’s happening at State level? There are contentious, and damaging bills coming soon. Plan to compose a weekly blog. We’ll link to the SASYNA.org website.
- c. Betty: Please provide “headlines” re: where we should be, and when..
- d. Betty: What about recalling Walker – long general discussion of political issues, timing, citizen action, etc.

11. **Adjourn:** Catherine moves adjournment – consensus. Adjourn 8:49 PM.