

## SASY Transportation Committee Meeting

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2012

6:30 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

2138 Lakeland Ave Madison WI

Meeting led by Melanie Foxcroft, with assistance from all present. Meeting notes by Melanie Foxcroft.

Present (in alpha order): Melanie Foxcroft, Brad Hinkfuss, Larry Jensen, Donna Magdalena, Twink Jan McMahon, Matthew Miller, Anne Walker, Tim Wong.

At 6:30 p.m. Committee members agreed to re-order the Agenda, including voting on the Committee Co-Chairs, pending arrival of all expected Committee members. Agenda items reported below are based on original Item order.

#### Item 1: Open Meeting and Introductions

- a. Committee members introduced themselves, and provided a brief summary of their transportation-related goals and vision:
  - Matt Miller: make the neighborhood safe and quiet
  - Brad Hinkfuss: make the neighborhood safer for biking, more multi-modal transportation, increase sustainability, reduce area of pavement
  - Larry Jensen: increase pedestrian and bicycle safety, reduce traffic in interior streets, calm traffic, increase connectivity to other neighborhoods
  - Donna Magdalena: create visionary example of transportation in the SASY neighborhood including handicap accessibility, garbage cans and cars in designated areas at the corner of each street aka Freiburg to create sunbelt/vacation conditions-atmosphere;
  - Twink Jan McMahon: help people see the “vision” vs the status quo; educational component, inspiration.
  - Tim Wong: encourage people to maximize use of pedestrian, bike and mass transit, with cars used to transport “things”
  - Melanie Foxcroft: transportation as an integral part of a high quality of life, which includes enough to eat, adequate housing, violence-free, healthy environment.

- Anne Walker: efficient transportation for neighbors and those going through; humane live-able community, given limited space and other uses.

Item 2: Identify Transportation-related principles, projects and priorities for future Committee attention:

- a. Planned resurfacing and reconstruction projects:
  - Dunning and Atwood intersection: needs considerable attention
  - Fair Oaks and Atwood intersection: needs immediate attention to reroutes; signage; notification of residents, businesses and commuters; interface with business association. Matt Miller offered to schedule a time for a group of interested residents to “walk” the site and discuss ideas and suggestions regarding approaches to address identified issues including traffic flow and safety; safety of children using the intersection, elders and other pedestrians; etc.
- b. Bring in reputable, recognized consultants to educate target audiences regarding principles and practices of implementing “green streets”. Target audiences to invite include: SASY, Lapham, and Tenney neighborhood residents and associations; City engineering, planning, forestry, parks, and streets’ staff; and SASY, Lapham and Tenney business communities. Work with these entities to arrange. No fees may apply if the city is involved.
- c. Develop a standardized, simplified check list, based on green streets and important transportation-related principles, to simplify future neighborhood review and input into scheduled and needed transportation projects by ensuring that important items receive attention. Preliminary topics identified for a checklist include:
  - Storm water
  - Green infrastructure
  - Traffic flow
  - Traffic calming
  - Undergrounding utilities
  - Multi-modality including cars, bikes, pedestrians, mass transit
  - Connectivity between neighborhoods
  - Art and amenities, such as space for benches

- Needed changes to City contracting processes and contracts to address above
  - Communication processes: business, alder, city staff and elected officials, neighborhood residents and associations, consultants, construction foremen.
- d. Research existing techniques and systems for ensuring healthy tree growth to recommend for incorporation into Madison city ordinances, such as the quantity of dirt necessary per tree to ensure survival. Other cities have such ordinances. Consider standards for “greening up” interior streets, as is the standard for Baltimore.
  - e. Monitor city websites to identify upcoming transportation projects impacting SASY neighborhood.
  - f. Define transportation goals and objective, such as creating a sense of “place”; avoiding “car canyons”; identify number of cars beneficial to support businesses and neighborhoods.
  - g. Identify frequency and process for neighborhood inspection of transportation work in progress.

#### Item 3: Duties of Committee Co-Chairs

- a. Set Agenda for meetings
- b. Schedule Committee meetings and notify Committee members
- c. Facilitate Committee meetings
- d. Designate persons responsible for liaison with SASY Council, city staff, alders, neighborhood and others; ensure that responsibility is carried out effectively
- e. Identify meeting processes: use simplified Robert’s Rules of Order for participation, voting and ensuring order
- f. Identify neighborhood partners
- g. Additional duties to be added as indicated.

#### Item 4: Election of Committee Co-Chairs

- a. Call for expressions of interest from those willing to run for open positions of Co-Chairs: Anne Walker and Tim Wong volunteered. Statements by those running regarding their background, experience, qualifications, skills, goals, interests and expectations. Questions and answers.

b. Voting conducted by secret ballot.

c. Anne Walker and Tim Wong elected by unanimous vote.

Item 5: Set Next Meeting Date and Location

Following discussion, next meeting set for Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the same location: 2138 Lakeland Ave