

SASY Committee Report Form

Date of meeting: January 28, 2014

Name of Committee: Transportation

Chair: Donna Magdalena

Members: Melanie Foxcroft, Lance Green, Larry Jensen, Anne Walker, Tim Wong, Maya Lea, (and Michael Lemburger in attendance)

Purpose (goal) of Committee:

The mission of the SASY Transportation Committee is to promote a safe, sustainable, walkable & bikeable, multimodal neighborhood. The committee will work with residents of the SASY neighborhood, SASY businesses, city staff & elected representatives to identify, educate, develop policy and evaluate implementation & results regarding:

- Short & long-range transportation infrastructure needs
- Proposed and planned projects, impacts & issues
- Transportation-related values, priorities and needs of residents & businesses

The committee will serve as the initial consultation for transportation-related design, development, construction & repair in the neighborhood: infrastructure, pedestrian, bicycle, mass-transit, motor vehicle & snow removal. The committee will make recommendations to the SASY Council.

Recommendations:

(1) Committee recommends SASY's approval for a placemaking "park crawl" event at three sites along Atwood Ave. on Park(ing) Day, Friday, Sept 19, 2014 that Maya Lea will organize and find funding for. [RECOMMENDATION WITHDRAWN – Maya will be moving out of town before Sept. 19.]

Committee recommends SASY officially endorse Maya Lea's efforts to complete a research project this spring about placemaking in the SASY neighborhood. This is part of Maya's educational degree requirements for her graduate certificate in placemaking from Ohio State University. The resulting project will be available to the SASY council. [RECOMMENDATION STILL STANDS]

Specific issue(s) to report:

(1) February 20 SASY STREETS public meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Trinity Lutheran, enter thru back door; handicapped entrance in front.

Please ANNOUNCE this meeting, visit it our Facebook event page (search "SASY STREETS") and INVITE guests on Facebook. Only 2 committee members on facebook so we NEED YOUR HELP! Please listserv posts about it and add comments about it on the listserv to create BUZZ.

If you can distribute flyers in your neighborhood, please sign up and take some.

The Transportation Committee's first public meeting was changed to Thursday February 20, 6:30-8:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Winnebago Street in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the redesign work our neighborhood is currently engaged in concerning taxpayer-owned public spaces. The focus of February's meeting will be ALL the streets of our neighborhood and what issues, problems and changes neighbors would like to see.

Pursuant to our neighborhood plan and committee mission, we will address infrastructure needs, values and priorities for our residential streets to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety with traffic calming measures and physical improvements. We will be looking at ways to improve the linkages between neighborhood parks, waterways and rail-trails so they are linked with more park-like neighborhood streets.

Since our neighborhood currently has the attention of the Mayor and city staff in engineering, traffic engineering, planning and economic development, we are attempting to maximize this opportunity of attention, collaboration and possibility for improvements. We have chosen a public meeting format in order to gain input from neighborhood residents about what problems exist and what improvements they would like to see in their immediate neighborhoods.

We will show visuals of innovative infrastructure that other communities around the globe have found to be helpful in these regards and float the concept of Lakeland Avenue as a woonerf that appears more park-like than road-like in appearance in order to see what neighbors think about that idea. Cars would still drive and park on the street, but it would be designed to discourage any through traffic and to better and more safely accommodate pedestrians. It might possibly look more like a winding bike and pedestrian path that occasionally accommodated cars when necessary.

(2) Webinar:

[Re-thinking the urban freeway](#)

Event Date: Thursday, February 20, 2014, 1:00 PM Central (2:00 PM Eastern)

Location: Webinar

Across the country, urban freeways are at the end of their design lives, and communities are wrestling with the question of how to deal with them. States and cities have the opportunity to re-think, remove, or re-purpose urban freeway space, which can address environmental and social justice harm and result in significant local economic and social benefits. This webinar considers best practices and solutions for aging freeways that states and cities can look towards to help mitigate freeway impacts and secure a healthy and more prosperous future for the communities these roadways travel through.

Panelists: Joan McDonald, Commissioner, New York State DOT, and Billy Fields, Assistant Professor, Texas State University

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Next meeting:

Tuesday, February 25 in the first floor conference room of the United Way building on Atwood Avenue, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Use the lobby phone and dial 4391 to buzz the room and someone will let you in. Please join us.