

Union Triangle Committee Meeting Report

Date of Meeting: September 19 2014 - 20:00

Name of Committee: Union Triangle

Chair: Gary Karch

Members: Brad Kuse, Elizabeth Reinwald, Erin Hughes, Jason Waller, Jennifer Stenglein, Sandy Schoen, Matt Nefrano, Melissa Biagtan, Mia Broaderson, Mike Gresch, Steve Herrick, Tim McCarty

Here are some things to consider talking about:

The SASY meeting - Charge (See below) and are we going to ask for funds?

Gary Karch relayed that SASYNA figuring out how to dispense funds

Union Triangle looking for initial \$200 of seed money

Brad suggests spending now, keeping receipts and getting reimbursed until a process is in place to request funds from SASYNA

Who's going to say what? (Unfortunately, Erin nor I can make it on Thursday night).

Gary will state Charter

Crime

Non emergency number 2662948

New Police contact in addition to Moore

Dau Xiong

Email dxiong@cityofmadison.com

Community meeting with Marsha Rummel and the police at the Salvation Army next steps.

Police chief Koval - Who can go to the next meeting at Thompson Drive?

Thompson Drive Police Meeting 24th of September

East Side Police Station Thompson Drive

Possibly 6-6:30p

Research of gunshot detector

Jason asked the police chief

There is not one installed

Have no intention of implementing one

Expensive

Do a good job of triangulating using calls from residents

Calling in disturbances to the police

Captain of East District Mary Schauf and Chief Koval advise calling any disturbances in

Email to Police captains is powerful as well

Especially when CCing Police Chief and other officials

This is now the police get information

Call the non emergency number

Create document for neighbors (or a fridge magnet) that states “when do we call the police?” Non-emergency numbers, Police contacts, other contact numbers

Eastside Shopping Center

Managers of franchises in the East Side Shopping Center

Not receptive to working with the committee to reduce crime

Manager of Walgreens receptive

Trixies is receptive, currently working with police to curb sale of specific liquor bottle frequently found in parks

Hawthorne Library is on board

Need to put some pressure on the management company ECI to step up

Draft a letter to ECI

CC people from the committee first to give them the benefit of the

doubt

If this doesn't work make sure to CC Police, Politicians, etc...

Mental health clinic, no response.

Chief Koval

Stunned when Jason said that calling for fireworks was like “crying wolf”

Traffic

SASYNA Traffic Committee

Engage this committee with a list of traffic concerns

Draw upon their experience and knowledge

Road murals

Joannah stated previously that she was interested in pursuing this

Hermina Street - will it be worked on next year? Is there any chance of a Play Street? What would that mean?

Get Jay Firm involved with this

Drew and Jay have been linked up, discussing possible solutions

Drew leads the Milwaukee Street Traffic issues

Do we want digital speed signs on Marquette?

Other issues

Parks

Erin spoke to Mary Schauf about the parks

Recommending more activity there

Reclaim the space

Suggestion to have a regular neighborhood activity there

Potluck Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 now scheduled

Invite police to the potluck

In Circle Park during the summer MSCR 9-3 camp

Move city activities to here

Public art

Sid Boyum sculptures

Others

Better playground in Reger Park

Discussion of updates to Wirth Ct. Park

Investigate how this was done

Kaboom

Oscar Meyer grant

Lowell Parents

Make the park a focus

Extending the community garden

That is part of the apartment building

Private space

It would draw people to the park on a regular basis

Planting on the 27th

Have the amplified music and closing the street permits

Updates found out from police and parks people regarding Reger?

Tabled

How do we get a street lighting there?

Mary states that more lights are a good idea

Mary states that it is dark in the park

Mia is going to work with parks about lighting in the park

Mia to contact new Park Superintendent

Outreach

Businesses that Mia reached out to

Getting info out to all Union Triangle to all neighbors about the committee and events -

fliers, neighborhood Facebook page and adding people to the listserv

The Starkweather planting

The Reger Park picnic

How we work with WPNA

Contacting Women of Worthington

Brad and Mia to look for contact information

Other services to reach out to

Figure out a way to communicate with those older individuals who don't really get out at night

Upcoming events/meetings

Bigger Community Meeting Salvation October 8th 6-7 in the annex

Planting on the 27th

Potluck Wednesdays

Thompson Police meeting on the 24th

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The SASYNA Union Triangle Subcommittee Charter

Our neighborhood is full of great people; teachers, musicians, therapists, stay-at-home parents, artists, City workers, those looking for jobs, academics and retirees. With a lot of those folks come their kids who like to play, bike, draw on the sidewalk, attend the local schools and run amuck in the parks.

It's a fun, quirky, vibrant place to live.

Recently, however, we've seen an increase in disturbances. There have been afternoon and night-time shootings; drinking, drug use and prostitution in the parks; cars careening up and down the roads like it's a racetrack. Before it gets any worse, we want to take ownership of our neighborhood and its issues.

By forming a SASYNA subcommittee, working with our own neighbors and near-neighborhood associations, the police, local businesses, landlords, and the City, we want make the streets, roads, parks and local stores safer.

If people are talking about our neighborhood, we want it to be for the right reasons.

During the next year, the subcommittee will focus on the following areas:

- Crime
- Traffic
- Parks
- Neighborhood events and outreach

We'll look to improve the place, focusing on measurable goals, when possible, with both short-term and long-term projects. Here's how:

Crime

- Set up regular meetings with the police to ask about their strategy and discuss how we can partner to help reduce the crime rate.

- Encourage neighbors to call incidents in to the police (ask the police how they want this to happen).
- Work with local businesses and landlords.
- Contact agencies and community centers, to develop relationships with them to help those who need it.

Traffic

- Research and deliver road safety ideas for specific roads. Initial ideas include play streets (woonerfs), road murals and speed radars.
- Build relationships with the City's engineering department to help influence our ideas.

Parks

- Work with the Police and City to make Reger and Hippo Park safer.
- Encourage neighbors to use the parks more, both informally and by planning events.

Neighborhood events and outreach

- Continue to plan "all-welcome" events such as the Union Street Block Party, Halloween and Christmas caroling.
- Encourage more informal gatherings.
- Encourage neighbors to attend other neighborhood association events, helping to bridge the gaps.