

Union Triangle Committee Meeting Report

Date of Meeting: August 19 2014 - 20:00

Name of Committee: Union Triangle

Chair: Gary Karch

Members: Brad Kuse, Ellen Carlson, Erin DeVos, Erin Hughes, Jason Waller, Jennifer Stenglein, Joannah Szymczak, Melissa Biagtan, Mia Broaderson, Mike Gresch, Tim McCarty

Purpose (goal) of the Committee:

Recommendations:

Specific issues to report:

See Notes from meeting below.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Union Triangle Committee Meeting

Sept 10th

234 N Marquette 8:0pm

Back door

Next SASY Meeting Sept 11th

Will vote on the Union Committee charge/purpose/mission at this meeting

Massive Community Meeting

At Hawthorne

With Marsha

Mia to check into this

Around the 25th of September,

Approx 18:00 pm

Notes:

Attendance Brad Kuse, Ellen Carlson, Erin DeVos, Erin Hughes, Gary Karch, Jason Waller, Jennifer Stenglein, Joannah Szymczak, Melissa Biagtan, Mia Broaderson, Mike Gresch, Tim McCarty,

Defining the charge

Many issues at play in the neighborhood especially as they relate to crime

Sociological

Economic

Gathering committee thoughts on what the neighborhood can do to resolve some of these issues

Everyone agrees that the goal is to reduce crime, make things better.

How do we go about this?

Small things/Long Term Goals

Take reger park back

Increased police presence
Feeling more like a neighborhood
more inclusive of surrounding streets
To help in the effort of getting the word out, Marsha informed Mia that this group has funding for mailings

Potential Solutions

Placemaking

The City will be resurfacing Hermina and then oak
May be open restructuring that curve
SASY/neighbors should supply same energy and vision to placemaking efforts here
Why not north of Milwaukee as well
Atwood is already well on it's way
Investigate city funding to do paint the pavement
Could be a really energizing way to include the community

More Coordinated Communication with MPD and City

Create template for communication
Many wheels squeaking at once
Mary Schauf: the squeaky wheel gets the grease
Committee needs a specific cause(s) to get squeaky around
Working together to contact all agencies that will listen
The Neighborhood has contacted these people
Lester Moore - Police dept contact from meetings
Too busy, difficult to get timely response when contacting
Had to CC everyone, including the mayor to get action from this person
Mary Schauf
Has been responsive

Increased Police Presence in the neighborhood

Difficult for neighbors to tell whether there has been an increase in police presence or whether they are looking out for it.
Anecdotal evidence of beat cops difficult to reconcile across the board
Different interpretations of crime being gang related
Possible issue between groups on the Near East side and groups in North Madison
Distinguishing fireworks from gunshots
This neighborhood needs to have additional meetings with MPD
Who patrols the streets in this area?
Is this Lester?

Use template/script when contacting MPD and gather responses from those contacted to get a clearer picture
Investigate who reports what and where and to whom
look this up on the city's police report site
Ask Mary Schauf about this

Crime detection

Gun shot locators
None in madison at the moment?
This would be a good pilot neighborhood
Brad will look into this
Signs that display radar speed
Deterrent
Reason to slow down on Milwaukee
Partner with
Signs up around gas stations
There are cameras up in this area
Deterrent

Needs to be research out there that supports these solutions

Can we get someone from the city to research these solutions
Is it the neighborhood's responsibility to research and provide solutions to the city?

Strategy

Divide charge into achievable phases
We are currently in phase 1
Need to Define:
Ideas where we want to go
Metrics and goals to get there

Brainstorming session: concerns/solutions/ideas to incorporate into committee charge

Reduce police calls
Add a Police substation in the area
Create a Play street on Hermina
Reduce traffic and beautify the place
Bring positive attention attention to the neighborhood
Slow down traffic on Milwaukee Street
Stop Oak from being an arterial bypass
Stop Semis from coming through the neighborhood
Bump outs at the end of sidewalk
No half-assed attempts like barricades on Hermina
people move barricades
drive on the street endangering neighbors on the street
Who do we need to talk to?

- Coordinate communication
- Reduced shots fired
 - Are there fireworks preceding gunshots to cover?
 - Install gunshot locator
- Request map of crime in the area
 - from the police
 - track violent events per location
- Stop being the "spillover neighborhood"
 - Neighbors have been told that this neighborhood experiences crime originating
 - There is no "spillover neighborhood"
- Work with Goodman and the Salvation Army more
- Work closely with Worthington Park Neighborhood Association
- What resources do people in this neighborhood need?
 - What type of county RFP/Grants can/do we need to pursue?
 - Could the area be fixed up?
 - Could residents be provided with a stimulus to fix up their homes
 - Landlords as well.
 - Many houses in the neighborhood are bedraggled
- Reach out to the businesses around the neighborhood
 - Many would be on board
 - Malthouse
 - Trixies liquor
 - East side shopping center
 - Focus on the tenants of the shopping center first
 - Engage owners after tenants are on board
 - Rebecca Lynn hair salon on Milwaukee
- Parks
 - Community Garden in the park
 - Plantings in the park
 - Brighter lights
 - More of a community presence
 - Training private webcams from private residences on park?
 - Apply for fundinging/do fundraising around this effort
- Planting along starkweather creek
 - Rita (Surname?) put plans together with city and vendors
 - Sept. 27th community work day
 - burn grasses down
 - plant 6 trees and shrubs
 - Near Thanksgiving sowing the seeds party
- Fall potluck in Reger park

Quick list of Long and Short Term Goals to include in charge

Address traffic on Hermina since reconstruction is happening

Investigate funding sources
Further collaborate/partner with NAs and businesses to achieve goals
Milwaukee street traffic radar sign
 Get this installed
 Holy Cross Elementary
 Partner/Ask on behalf of this school
Coordinating Communication
 Working together to contact all city agencies that will listen
 Union Street Facebook group

Other considerations

Union Street Triangle
 Ok to name ourselves this?
 Ok to speak on behalf of the neighborhood
SASYNA Transportation Committee to work with Union Street Committee to share contacts and information
 Gary to make initial contact to Transportation Committee,
WPNA discussion in line with concerns in the area
We save time at upcoming meeting find the talents in the neighborhood/focus efforts toward similar goals
If/when Union Triangle splits into separate neighborhood
 There are funds to put up signs at gateways to Union Triangle Neighborhood

Specific tasks resulting from the meeting

Mia reach out to businesses and police
Mia will reach out to Marsha
Jason to put Gary in contact with Jay Firm, on Hermina
 Works at planet bike
 Met with/well linked with the city
Jason to engage Erin Hughes for graphics in outreach and mailings
Gary to make initial contact to Transportation Committee
Jennifer to create template contact email
Brad to finish notes and post
Mike to create new open Union Triangle FB Group
Brad to create Union Triangle Committee Page
Brad to investigate gun shot locator installation