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, Joanna 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 8:00 pm
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, Joanna 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 funding/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