Should WPNA become part of SASYNA?

This is a formal request to consider bringing the Worthington Park neighborhood into the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association (SASYNA).

Location and Composition

Located between two portions of the northeast end of SASYNA, Worthington Park is the area between Clyde Gallagher to Rethke. The Worthington Park neighborhood consists of:

- five blocks of mixed residential
- East Pointe Apartments (including a Porchlight facility),
- CDA Apartments,
- Worthington Park,
- St. Paul Community Gardens,
- The Salvation Army Church and Community Center,
• The Department of Corrections,
• McDonald’s (moving),
• Wisconsin Auto Title Loans,
• a vacant building (to be demolished)
• Courtesy Auto Service,
• and Local Postal Workers Union House.

The area north of Milwaukee Street, west of Starkweather Creek, and south southeast of Highway 30 and E. Washington include the neighborhoods of

Starkweather Creek,      as well as business sections of
Worthington Park,       Fair Oaks,
Reger Park,             East Washington,

Currently the only portion of this area within the city limits not in the SASYNA is Worthington Park.

Considerations
1. Worthington Park is part of the SASY neighborhood plan.
2. Worthington Park as no economic center. Nearby economic centers are in the surrounding SASYNA area.
3. Worthington Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) is no longer legally incorporated as a non-profit, has no officers living in the city of Madison, and decisions regarding the neighborhood are made primarily or influenced by city staff and agency workers.
4. SASY would benefit from the diversity that Worthington Park would bring.
5. Worthington Park would benefit by being a part of a network of neighborhoods.

Proposal
I propose that SASYNA absorb Worthington Park into its association. I recommend that the SASY Council be expanded to include citizen residents from the Reger Park neighborhood, the Worthington Park neighborhood, and the East Pointe Apartments.

Respectfully,
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