

**TLNA Council Meeting Minutes**  
**9 January 2014 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Location: The Constellation, 10 N. Livingston St**

Submitted 3 February 2014 by Patrick Heck, TLNA Secretary

**Chair Person:** Joe Lusson

**Council members Present:** Joe Lusson, Patty Prime, Emily Reynolds, Patrick Heck, Richard Linster, Tyler Lark, David Waugh, Keith Wessel, Kevin Luecke,

**Council members Absent:** Bryan Post, Michael Ryanjoy, Jessi Mulhall, Richard Entenmann, James Tye, David Panofsky

**Guests:** Chris Gosch, Ledell Zellers, Sgt. Kleinfeld, Police Intern Jeremy, Nicole Anderson, Tom Maglio

**Next Scheduled Meeting: 13 February 2014**

<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Actions/Discussion</b>
<b>1. Call to order</b>	1. Convened at 7:03pm
<b>2. Approval of Dec. Minutes.</b>	1. Dec. meeting minutes approved unanimously (motion by Richard Linster, seconded by Emily Reynolds).
<b>3. Welcome</b>	1. Introduction of TLNA Council members
<b>Introduction of guests.</b>	1. Chris Gosch, bark design/Gebhardt team 2. Ledell Zellers, District 2 Alder 3. Sgt Kleinfeld and intern Jeremy 4. Nicole Anderson, Artisan Dental 5. Tom Maglio, Parks Div.
<b>4. Report of Neighborhood Officer -- Officer Lewis or Sgt. Kleinfeldt</b>	1. Sgt. Kleinfeldt reported. The police are changing the way they report to neighborhood meetings. City-wide police matters will be included rather than just responses to neighborhood incidents. 2. The neighborhood is currently strong and TLNA should work to keep it so. 3. Officer Lewis is the actual neighborhood liaison officer, but Sgt. Kleinfeldt is reporting. Officer Lewis appreciates any input that neighborhood residents may have. 4. Calls for service report: 30 Dec – 5 Jan: 27 calls in sector 407 (majority of the T-L neighborhood). Various crimes, including 1 theft, no burglaries. No notable patterns.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Sgt. Kleinfeldt asked that Officer Lewis to be added to the TLNA listserv. Joe Lusson or Patty Prime will do so.</li> <li>6. The community police officers themselves don't typically answer most service calls (other police officers do that). The community officers are problem solvers who look for the root of problems. They conduct analysis, look for patterns, etc.</li> <li>7. Community policing also is the lead on big events (Mifflin St. Block Party, Freakfest, etc.). They do advance work with neighborhoods for those events, football weekends, work with taverns, etc.</li> <li>8. They also are involved in educational events such as Bike to School Days and, in the future, they hope to duplicate the concept of wet houses (successful in Minneapolis and other cities) for homeless alcoholics. Wet houses, where homeless/street alcoholics can go to drink, reduce detox admissions, ER visits and jail bookings. The police aren't going to take the lead on establishing a wet house, but are looking for sponsors/organizers because they believe it will reduce problems.</li> <li>9. Sgt. Kleinfeldt explained the nuisance behavior ordinance and the community ban for chronic offenders at the top of State Street. This is an area-wide banning for bad behavior – Officer Lewis will report on that next time.</li> <li>10. Tyler Lark asked if Officer Lewis is generally on our beat. Sgt. Kleinfeldt – no, as with all community police officers, he is a liaison and point person rather than on a beat.</li> <li>11. Joe Lusson asked if there are beat officers? Yes, from about 7:00am to 3:00 pm, Officer Sue Krause is often in the neighborhood and others fill in.</li> <li>12. Richard Linster asked how to obtain a crime analysis map – and what issues are noticeable with the homeless this season? Sgt. Kleinfeldt said he will check on maps. Some homeless individuals are still sleeping outside in the extreme cold despite shelters allowing them in. He noted that since they were kicked out of the Capitol basement during the day, homeless individuals have to rely on any warming shelters. Staff at the new central library have been great in accommodating homeless people.</li> <li>13. Joe Lusson asked for an update of the previously reported drug house problems in the Hancock/Franklin area. It has stopped. Additionally, the occupants of a drug house on N. Blair were evicted, so that activity has ceased.</li> <li>14. Sgt. Kleinfeldt reminded all that most burglaries are college apartments when occupants are away at bars, etc., or when people leave cars or apartments unlocked.</li> </ol>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>	
<p><b>a. New business introduction: Artisan Dental –</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicki Anderson, the dentist and owner at Artisan Dental in The Constellation, reported that her practice is opening on January 27. It is a family practice that accepts all ages. Dr. Andersen has 15 years of</li> </ol>

<p><b>Nicole Andersen</b></p>	<p>practice, 13 of them on far eastside of Madison.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Hours will generally be from 7:00am to 5:00 pm, M-F, but can vary.</li> <li>3. The office is 100% green powered and she practices eco-dentistry and terra-cycling (toothbrushes, etc., can be recycled)</li> <li>4. There are 5 team members in the practice. Ledell Zellers asked if Dr. Anderson is a sole practitioner – yes.</li> <li>5. Patty Prime asked which insurance is accepted. Dr. Anderson said most are accepted, but patients should ask since coverage can vary.</li> <li>6. Tyler Lark suggested that the terra-cycling program was of interest because Reynolds Park could likely use plastic park equipment. If it came from local recycling, it would be a great project.</li> <li>7. Joe Lusson again welcomed Dr. Andersen saying it was good to have a dentist in the neighborhood.</li> </ol>
<p><b>b. Tom Maglio, Parks Division update on 2014 CIP project – Tenney Park – Marston St/Sherman Ave bridge restoration project</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tom Maglio reported on the upcoming rebuilding of two bridges in Tenney Park. He noted that there are also upcoming projects to rebuild the parking lots in Tenney Park and to install artificial turf at Breese Stevens field, but those will be brought to the council at a future meeting.</li> <li>2. The bridge closest to Thorton Aven. has already been rebuilt. The proposed project is for rebuilding two park bridges, one near Sherman Ave and the other near Marston Ave.</li> <li>3. The Marston bridge is a bike and pedestrian bridge of some historical significance. It will be completely restored. The State Historical Society will weigh in on the project as it one of the first all-concrete bridges in upper Midwest.</li> <li>4. Joe Lusson asked if there would be blockades to prevent cars from using the bridge. Tom Maglio said yes, but not sure what material would be used.</li> <li>5. Pat Heck asked about the project timetable. The \$225,000 project (both bridges) should be done around Memorial Day weekend.</li> <li>6. The Sherman bridge project is about \$55,000-\$60,000 and is mostly tuckpointing and repair of past improper tuckpointing.</li> <li>7. Joe Lusson asked if the project will go to the Landmarks Commission, etc. Tom Maglio said the project contractor (Strand) knows they have to go to Landmarks, The State Historical Society, etc., and they expect no problems.</li> <li>8. Tom Maglio asked TLNA to endorse the project. Patty Prime moved that TLNA write a letter of support, Richard Linster seconded and Joe Lusson asked that the letter mention that the endorsement was contingent on approval of the Landmarks Commission. Approved on voice vote.</li> </ol>
<p><b>6. Unfinished Business</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Gebhardt 800 block E. Wash brief update</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chris Gosch gave an update on the project. At a Dec. 16 meeting, they learned that the airport was not supportive of their request to have the 800 block’s tallest structure be 20 ft higher than the Constellation. As a result,</li> </ol>

	<p>they are reconfiguring some of the taller structures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. They have added a public rooftop access area overlooking Breese Stevens. It is not actually the rooftop, but a large open, observation area near a top floor. Chris Gosch described the project's 5 zones of importance that create flow and make the project desirable - a walkup coffee window at the grocery, common outdoor space for commercial tenants, the mid-block passage, commercial/residential lobbies and mid-block outdoor gathering space on the ground floor.</li><li>3. The actual design is now in progress since the grocery tenant is soon to be announced. Materials and design are being discussed with city staff, but will be brought to the neighborhood soon.</li><li>4. A discussion of traffic implications ensued. There will be 3 lanes southbound on Paterson (right turn lane, center lane to cross E. Washington and a left turn lane). There is ongoing discussion about whether or not to limit turns onto Paterson from the project to right-hand only, i.e, towards E. Wash.</li><li>5. Kevin Luecke asked when the project will go before the Urban Design Committee. Chris estimated about one month.</li><li>6. Patrick Heck asked about the status of a recently mentioned commercial structure that was being considered for the Paterson side. Chris said that the prospective tenant was no longer in the project so that lower tower has been eliminated.</li><li>7. It is expected that an announcement of the grocer will be on January 14 after all lease negotiations are complete.</li><li>8. Joe Lusson mentioned that the deadline for buying the land is March 17.</li><li>9. Patrick Heck asked about the amount of commercial space. Chris said about double what is in the Constellation, not including the grocery space. Kevin Luecke asked if they have been obtaining commercial tenants. Chris verified that they are working on it. He said that it is likely that Mallots Pharmacy will be a tenant.</li><li>10. The grocery will be 54,830 square feet. Richard Linster asked if the size increase impacted the parking strategy. Chris said that they did not have excessive parking requirements so no adjustment was necessary.</li><li>11. David Waugh asked about the rooftop garden status. Chris stated that is now slated for being on the garage roof, but that is TBD.</li><li>12. Kevin Luecke asked when construction will start. Chris estimated that the pilings could start mid- to end of March.</li><li>13. David Waugh offered that the TLNA development committee can usually meet on short notice should the developers need input.</li><li>14. Ledell Zellers mentioned that she had worked with city staff and businesses to help change parking hours in front of the Constellation on E. Wash. The new businesses wanted parking allowed all but early morning so that customers could patronize the businesses. Parking is now allowed until 3:00am rather than 9:00pm. This will still make it unattractive to overnight residential parkers (who have a garage) yet help out businesses.</li></ol>
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<p><b>b. TLNA development committee formation</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joe Lusson asked for volunteers. Patty Prime, Patrick Heck, Tyler Lark, Richard Linster and Kevin Luedke volunteered, in addition to Chair David Waugh. Ledell Zellers and Joe Lusson both asked to be kept in the committee’s loop.</li> <li>2. Tyler Lark asked if this committee would handle small projects, e.g., a garage renovation. Joe Lusson said he hopes the Housing Committee can handle these types of projects, but that is TBD.</li> <li>3. Joe Lusson suggested that larger development projects should go through the development committee to save time. The committee should process proposals/projects and report to the council rather than the council going over fine details. David Waugh clarified that the committee exists to give information and report to the larger council – it doesn’t vote to endorse.</li> <li>4. Ledell Zellers reminded TLNA that development projects do sometimes move forward without a neighborhood association’s full endorsement. Sometimes neighborhoods can’t reach consensus, so they don’t endorse, yet a project can still move forward.</li> </ol>
<p><b>c. Council planning retreat</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patty Prime summarized the upcoming planning retreat scheduled for Wednesday, 15 January, from 6-9pm in the Lake Room at Christ Presbyterian Church. We will take a look at the year ahead hoping that we’ll be unified and focused and get to know each other. It will be fun and interactive with plenty of food (dinner provided).</li> <li>2. Patty Prime and Emily Reynolds reminded all to do their pre-homework.</li> <li>3. Joe Lusson suggested that everyone read the minutes from last year’s workshop. Emily Reynolds sent those in an email to all. Emily will send an email reminder about the workshop.</li> </ol>
<p><b>7. Report of Elected Officials.</b></p>	<p>District 2 Alder Ledell Zellers reported.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Yahara River Pkwy planning process has a meeting on 30 Jan. at the Goodman Center. The group is doing actual planning – the city is not just giving out information. Joe Lusson asked if they will they make recommendations about land use, etc., outside the boundaries of the parkway? Ledell said yes, they will be including a direction/vision for the adjacent lands.</li> <li>2. Update on the Pahl Tire site – North Central (a hotel development company) has purchased the site and have an option on the house between the proposed hotel site and the proposed apartment building. A North Central representative has been attending the Lamp House committee meetings. We should expect the hotel project (A Courtyard by Marriott) to move forward soon. North Central is considering including a top/high floor restaurant. Parking will be all valet with some TBD agreement with the city’s Brayton surface lot on E. Wash. and the E. Mifflin parking garage.</li> <li>3. The ad hoc Lamp House committee has been productive - very diverse membership – developers, neighbors, alders, historians, etc. City staff</li> </ol>

	<p>has been helpful. Recommendations are likely to be for a small portion of the block to be a historic district, but not the Webster/Mifflin corner. Draft report is due on 14 Jan. and will likely not prevent the proposed projects from moving forward, but some alterations may be required for the apartment project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The City Council recently endorsed keeping requirements for fire education by landlords for their tenants. Local control is being taken away by legislature, but City Council and the Mayor agreed that they will leave this Madison laws on the books.</li> <li>5. Better personal property protection for homeless individuals and tenants is being considered. There is a type of law called a charter ordinances in which a community can claim they have a unique interest, hence can pass laws that otherwise are not allowed under state law – city is taking this approach.</li> <li>6. Food Policy Council (Ledell is member) is trying to expand food gardening allowances on terraces. An ordinance has passed, now working on policies. The Council also works on access to reduced/free school lunches, food deserts, etc. Emily Reynolds suggested looking into successful programs (Philadelphia) that help get healthier foods into corner stores. Emily will send info to Ledell.</li> <li>7. There is a 3 Feb, 6pm, joint listening session at Lapham School with Ledell and State Rep. Chris Taylor.</li> <li>8. Tyler Lark asked if the Reynolds property developers have filed with the city. Ledell said yes, but didn't believe committee dates were scheduled. David Waugh mentioned that some details in the filing were different than the project's configuration when TLNA endorsed.</li> </ol>
<b>8. President's comments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joe Lusson reminded everyone to come to planning session.</li> <li>2. Joe also suggested that we should start thinking about inviting guests to the meeting, i.e., being more proactive.</li> </ol>
<b>9. Report of Officers and Committees.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emily Reynolds, Treasurer, reported that TLNA has ~\$12,552 in cash assets. Joe Lusson asked if we need a budget. Emily suggested we work on a budget and the process this year with the goal of producing a solid budget for the next year that could be discussed and approved at the annual meeting.</li> </ol>
<b>a. Social/Membership</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Richard Linster reminded everyone of the community night event in support of Baldwin Street Grille on Monday, 13 Jan., from 6pm to closing. Richard will re-announce the event on the TLNA listserv.</li> <li>2. On 18 Jan. there will be an open house at Christ Presbyterian Church. They invite all neighbors to check out their renovations.</li> </ol>
<b>b. Parks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. James Tye – no report</li> </ol>
<b>c. Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dirk Entenmann - no report.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Joe Lusson mentioned that La Lingerie is moving to W. Wash, the photo studio spot is empty and that Burnie's Rock Shop is opening a Park St location (E. Johnson location will remain).</li> </ol>
<b>d. Development</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Waugh – no report (see 6b above for committee formation)</li> </ol>
<b>e. Housing</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keith Wessell - no report</li> </ol>
<b>f. Transportation/Safety</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kevin Luecke - no report, but a discussion of the Johnson Street reconstruction project ensued.</li> <li>2. Kevin wants to send info to listserv about reconstruction. Patty Prime said we should make support of the businesses a big focus. Joe Lusson recalled that Mayor Soglin came out during the Willy St reconstruction with city staff, walked and patronized restaurants.</li> <li>3. Emily Reynolds asked if the reconstruction combined with the 800 block development will make the neighborhood a mess. Ledell reported that Metro is about 90% certain that the alternate route for buses normally on E. Johnson is now slated to be E. Wash rather than E. Mifflin, which should help with congestion related to construction projects, particularly on the bike boulevard.</li> </ol>
<b>g. Publicity/Newletter</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jessi Mulhall – no report.</li> <li>2. Joe Lusson reported that he has not received a TLNA winter newsletter, nor have many others in Area D.</li> </ol>
<b>10. Adjournment</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting.</li> <li>2. Motion passed unanimously.</li> <li>3. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.</li> </ol>