

TLNA Council Meeting  
February 14 at 7:00, Festival Foods

**Present:** Patty Prime, Jonny Hunter, Cameron Field, Patrick Heck, Meghan Conlin, Marta Staple, Nick Crowley, Andrew Serri, Madeline Kasper, Keith Wessel, Martha Classen, Marta Staple

Welcome and introductions 10 min.

Keith moves to approve the minutes from January – Seconded by Jonny.  
Approved via voice vote.

Neighborhood officer report 10 min

Jose Martinez, Rick Bruess, Harrison Zanders

There is an entirely new central district of police officers. Stewart Moser is the community liaison for the central district, he will normally be attending the meetings.

There continue to be a lot of vehicle thefts, largely from people warming up their car.

Zanders is an expert in gangs.

Jonny asks what the best way is to get more information about accidents in the neighborhood, they say to talk to DOT.

Captain Freedman is still central district captain.

Lieutenant Dan Nell is in charge of special events.

Isthmus flood prevention coalition update 10 min.

Shaun Abshere

This group has been meeting since December in response to the August 2018 floods.

The group has issued a press release. The county has embarked on a quest to prevent flooding. He encourages people to read the county's technical working group's executive summary.

The task force is focusing on mitigation and adaptation scenarios. They have a number of meetings before the end of March. There is a meeting in the beginning of March for public comment.

Dog policy at Reynolds Field  
Cameron Field

15 min. see attached

Cameron reported that after the alcohol-free policy in Reynolds was effective at limiting illegal behavior in the park, but the council was divided on continuing the policy, we have looked for ways to use a carrot as opposed to a stick approach to encourage activation of the park.

He added that we have perhaps the most dog-dense few blocks in the city surrounding Reynolds Park, and the park remains empty most of the year and dogs are technically prohibited. Many dog owners already ignore this prohibition and it effectively operates as an unofficial off leash dog park.

Cameron would like the council to sign on to this letter Bob Klebba, Patty Prime, and he have drafted that asks Alder Zellers to help advocate for a policy change - perhaps for a trial period - that would legalize the off leash presence of dogs that is frequently occurring. The goal would be to let people use the park without fear of enforcement from police, and activate the park to limit unwanted behavior.

People discuss the process, do we need a public meeting? Cameron notes that we are in a public meeting right now, and it was noticed, yet no one showed up to provide comment. Others suggested that a public meeting particular to the subject could be helpful.

Andrew Serri notes that he lives on the park and has talked to numerous people who also live here and every single one of them support the idea. It was noted that it would be good to get a broader opinion from the neighborhood.

Martha notes she is opposed to the idea because she does not trust dogs or dog owners to be able to control dog behavior at all times.

Patrick notes there may be legal issues since mandatory leash usage appears in city ordinances. Jonny notes the process for working with parks is very difficult and time consuming.

Cameron notes he has provided sample city ordinances from other cities that have off leash dog areas, and it is a common thing, and the direction dog parks are moving across the country.

Martha moves to invite the park staff here. Keith seconds. We have a discussion that questioning parks staff wouldn't move the issue forward at all.

Motion withdrawn.

Discussion on consensus started by Patrick - we all seem to be in support of activating the park and making it more dog friendly, just can't get to specifics yet.

Motion by Cameron that Bob and Cameron will move the discussion forward with Park staff and we can say that the TLNA is interested in improving the dog friendliness of the park.

Motion seconded, passed via voice vote.

T-shirt proposal 10 min.  
Marta Staple

Marta and Maddie are working with a local printing company to make t-shirts to sell. They are seeking \$819 from the council, but that money would ideally be returned to the council by selling the shirts.

Motion made to provide funding for the shirts and give creative control to Marta and Maddie.  
Motion seconded, passed via voice vote.

Proposed "yard sale" at Breese Stevens 10 min.  
Marta Staple

There is a proposal for Breese to set up tables on the field and have a neighborhood yard sale there. It would be more inclusive since many people are in apartments. It may take place on the same day Tenney Lapham already has a yard sale going on.

Everyone is supportive of this idea.

Change newsletter date for March issue? 10 min.  
Council

The idea is to move this newsletter forward to have some election material in the newsletter, to inform voters. The group is open to this idea.

Draft budget 10 min.  
Martha Claassen

Budget is good. Marta volunteers, Tyler is volunteered, and Bob Shaw is also recommended to look at the cost of mailing the newsletter.

Elected officials report 10 min.

James Madison Park Master Plan passed last night at the parks commission. It was amended to note that parking situation should be considered before construction to meet the current needs. There isn't funding for the park for the next five years, so construction is a long way off.

Burr Jones plan is moving forward.

Festival has requested a change in licensed premise to allow alcohol grocery pickup in a car.

Alcohol license is requested for Little Tibet, a new place on East Johnson Street.

Reconfiguration of Ingersoll and Sherman is going to go to board of public works.

Council chair reports 10 min.

Event chair - Centennial Celebration will happen on May 19th.

President comments 5 min.

Alder forum: March 5 - 7:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church

Kiva Madison - They might come talk to the council. They give micro-loans to businesses.

Traffic humps on Dayton and Mifflin - city of moving ahead to put humps on the 800 block of Dayton and the 1000 block of Mifflin. They first will be distributing a survey mailer to get more approval from landowners on those blocks.

**TLNA Development Report**  
For TLNA **14 February 2019** Meeting  
By Patrick Heck

See TLNA development website for more details.

***-- Houden Properties (700 block E. Johnson, south side)***

Construction continues on this project. Construction of the 4-story (although will mostly appear to be 3 stories) apartment buildings with 2 ground level retail/commercial spaces is ongoing. Apartments are advertised as opening July 15, 2019.

***-- Messner Site (1314, 1318, and 1326 E. Washington)***

The last major hurdle for the proposal, aka Valor, is Gorman and Company receiving WHEDA tax credits to support the affordable housing component (50 of the 59 apartments). WHEDA announces their chosen projects statewide in the spring of 2019. The TLNA Steering Committee will have a chance to further weigh in on the exterior design (although perhaps not the massing) at a future meeting that will likely be held in the spring of 2019 after the project has been awarded the tax credits (if all goes well). The apartments will be targeted towards veteran-led families.

***-- 1000 block E. Washington (east half)***

TLNA Council and city entities have approved Stone House Development's proposal for the vacant lot between The Lyric and Ingersoll Street in December. We have not yet seen the final plan for N. Ingersoll traffic lanes at E. Washington, but we expect that a left turn lane will be added for traffic turning from N. Ingersoll onto E. Washington. We anticipate that Ingersoll will be widened for at least half of the block and that street parking spots will be lost on at least half the block.

Stone House will have an 11-story mixed-use building along E. Washington that will be similar to the Lyric – 3 stories of commercial with 7 stories of apartments and an 11<sup>th</sup> floor common space. A 3-story enclosed parking level will be behind the tower, also similar to behind the Lyric. Across from Lapham School will be a non-profit performing arts educational center for youth, anchored by Madison Youth Choirs and Children's Theater of Madison. The center would have a 300-seat performance space, rehearsal space, offices, and other spaces to support performances and education. The Madison Youth Arts Center (<https://www.madisonyouthartscenter.org>) is currently fundraising for the project and has received a \$20 million donation from Pleasant Rowland.

***-- Renaissance Property Group (Blount/Johnson)***

Construction is effectively complete on the new 3-story E. Johnson building (next to the Caribou) with ground floor commercial space and 21 micro-units. This building is named KM2 and is either open for rentals or will be shortly. The future of the remainder of this Planned Development that includes the lot where a house was demolished at the corner of E. Dayton and N. Blount, 3 existing multi-flat homes on N. Blount, and one home on E. Dayton that was moved from E. Johnson, remains unknown. RPG has told TLNA that they do not have the funds to build the approved 8-unit apartment building at Dayton and Blount or for the promised exterior

Planned Development that was a compromise reached by all stakeholder after a protracted neighborhood process, so changes to that PD would have to be agreed to by the City and likely approved by TLNA. A neighborhood meeting or reconvened steering committee may meet in the coming months as RPG, the developer, and the city evaluate options.