

TLNA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 13, 2019
Festival Foods, 7 PM

Present: Patty Prime, Cameron Field, Marta Staple,, Madeline Kasper, Keith Wessel, Martha Classen, Senay Goitom, Alder Patrick Heck, Jesse Mulhall, Meghan Conlin, Andrew Serri, Tyler Lark, Elena Satut Duncan.

Absent: Nick Crowley, Jonny Hunter

Senay motion to approve May Minutes; Seconded from Keith.

1. Welcome and Introductions 10 min
2. Neighborhood Officer report 10 min

North Blair and East Mifflin - Domestic with a bat

Salvation Army - A fight with a bat, domestic dispute as well.

East Gorham Street fight with makeshift weapons. Parties knew each other.

Reynolds - 5/27/19 - Drunk man got into a fight and was arrested.

Several Kayaks were stolen from Tenney Park. Suspect Arrested.

Nine calls to Salvation Army, Nine calls to Reynolds - self generated by officers to go check the park.

James Madison Park is being monitored heavily - They suspect some individuals are dealing marijuana out of the park.

Chris Keys - ckeys@cityofmadison.com -

3. Wildewood introduction 15 min
Kate Holl - hello@wildewoodshop.co

Just opened April 20th at East Johnson and Blount. Started a year ago as a pop up. They sell house plants - tropicals and cacti and the things you need to help them grow. They also sell home goods and books and plant based products.

She has felt very supported by the neighborhood and community.

Currently open six days a week - Tues to Sun, 11 am - 6 pm, perhaps may open earlier on Saturday to bring in farmers market traffic.

Wildewood donated beautiful hanging ivy plants for party in the park to be raffled off.

She also takes care of a flower box out front of her shop for TLNA.

@Wildewoodshop

4. Porto-potty suggestion at Reynolds Field 10 min
Feedback from the city - no decision requested at this time

Suggestion on next door about putting a porto-potty at Reynolds.

Patty notes the problem is that people in Reynolds are defecating and urinating in Reynolds. Patty notes that several years ago some porto-potties were installed downtown years ago but there were issues so they were removed.

Benefits, but problems. Problems are they are hard to maintain and they attract illegal behavior that may cause problems.

Parks doesn't have a lot of direct contact but they use small portable restrooms on request.

MPD said they experience problems with these, but they can be beneficial.

Parks said if there was a strong push from the neighborhood, it would only be on a trial basis.

Andrew notes there are restrooms nearby in Festival.

One person notes that some people are being banned from Festival Foods.

People in the park during the week are from Milwaukee and are dropped off during the week. She notes there is a problem area on top of the reservoir under a tree. If that area could be cordoned off, it could discourage people from going there.

Patty notes that Cargo Coffee has had problems with their bathrooms and that those bathrooms have a locked room, more similar to a porto potty.

Festival, on the other hand, has open stalls.

Brandon notes there are corners up on top where there is frequently feces.

Patty wants to make the council aware.

General city policy is not to put residents in neighborhood parks like Reynolds because the idea is it is for short term visits.

5. Update on Lights at Reynolds meeting 10 min

Patrick introduces the project - two options, security lighting or athletic lighting. The city cannot call the security option "athletic" for liability reasons.

Security lights would be on 25 foot poles, 10 of them, making an average light of six foot candles.

Athletic light would be 30 foot candles, 50 feet tall from the roof, and 4 lights.

For comparison, Tenney Park lights are 50 foot candles.

Biggest concern is people living around the park having light pollution.

Patrick notes there will be virtually no spill over of light due to the modern light fixtures. Effectively at the sidewalk there won't be any spill over light, but there will be a big lit cube.

Patty notes she has pushed to see if there is an option to have only half the lights available to turn on so there could be some for either just polo or just tennis.

Tyler wants to know the difference in energy usage, and if we could also put in solar pannels on the roof to try to power them.

Andrew asks if the poles would impact the capitol view.

It is up to the District Alder (Patrick) and the Parks Department whether to push this issue or not.

Patrick says the majority of email comments he has received is in favor of the lights.

6. Short recap on:

- Century Celebration Sunday May 19

This was a success. Good turnout. Very windy, so it was good the shelter was reserved.

TLNA made \$945 from donations. T-shirt sales have been substantial as well.

This helped offset the roughly \$3,400 cost of the artwork installation. We received a city grant for this project so we are waiting on that check. Props to Meghan for bringing TLNA into the 21st Century by using Square payment to take credit cards for t-shirts.

- Bike to work day - June 6

This was near perfect. We ran out of bagels though. Underground donated bagels and cream cheese, EVP donated coffee. We should have some juice or kombucha around next year for kids.

- Party in the Park Sunday June 9

Very successful. Lots of kids, lots of events. Food and ice cream ran out. We should get someone to coordinate food next year. Festival offers something where they will provide a grill

and perhaps staff to run a food station. We are using the funds raised from this to support the gardener in residence at Lapham Elementary School.

7. Council Chair reports 10 min
Development chair

Martha notes we still have \$31,000 in our account.

Meghan notes Patrick and Patty held first meeting on new Salvation Army expansion. Near 100 people showed up. Lots of feelings on both sides. We are going to let Salvation Army some more time, then will form a steering committee.

Valor Development went in front of UDC but got pushed to next meeting.

First grant was successful (fruit tree planting); If you have ideas for projects, let us know.

Flower boxes need a new home.

8. Elected Official Reports 15 min

Alder Heck:

JDS selected Gebhart to start negotiations on development. Staff committee had selected Stone House before, but Gebhart was eventually chosen as proposals morphed a little bit. Gebhart did not include or were asked to include certain financial information that they provided and the estimated assessed value went up by \$12 million dollars in process, which increased the tax revenue for the city, which is one reason reason they were selected, the other being more affordable housing units.

Gebhart has a commercial component on lower floors, so that likely increased assessed value.

Patrick is still working on the idea of banning drinking on the playground at Reynolds. He says it is difficult, the city doesn't like to do carve outs for ordinances in a single park, so he is working on flexible city-wide language that would appease all park users.

Patrick is working a lot on traffic issues stemming from Johnson Street reconstruction. Patrick notes the transportation department process is not working very well for our neighborhood because it is changing so fast, so he is working on speeding up some changes to encourage faster implementation of traffic calming initiatives.

Patrick is working with other alders on the possibility of encouraging or requiring bird friendly glass from the city in future development as a result of what he has heard from constituents.

Marsha Rummel put together a meeting on short term rentals. Patrick is interested because he thinks it increases housing costs.

There was a pilot program for e-scooters, but the state law is changing so the city is waiting on that. Patrick is in favor of the pilot program versus just saying "no" to scooters, but there are a lot of issues still to be discussed. He notes it helps with the last mile problem.

9. President comments

5 min

TLNA Newsletter editor needed - Martha notes we should maybe consider paying someone to do this since we have a lot of money in the coffers.

Linster is going to be done with membership management as of Taste of Tenney.

New neighborhood sign was installed.

IRS has made our name change. Won't be visible for another month, but they will send us a letter soon.

Stone Creek Coffee has closed on East Wash.

B-cycle is converting to e-bikes on June 19th.

Art walk is coming up, see the website. Sunday June 30th.

Johnson St. reconstruction underway - get updates at
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/johnson-st-east>

10. Adjourn

Cameron moves to adjourn - Martha seconds.