

TLNA Meeting

July 14, 2016

Festival Foods Conference Center, 7:00pm

Present:

Ledell Zellers, Patty Prime, Marybeth Collins, Steve Wilke, Tyler Lark, Sarah Herrick, Steve Maerz, Lisa Hoff, Bob Klebba, Richard Linster, Mark Bennett, Pat Heck, Kevin Wessel, Officer Chad Crose

TLNA Purpose: Improve the neighborhood through democratic citizen participation and involvement.

2016 focus: Neighborhood character/identity and Membership/Involvement/Activate

Call to Order

Pat Heck moved to approve June's minutes, Steve Wilke seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

<http://www.tenneylapham.org/web-data/news/minute/062016.pdf>

1.) Neighborhood Office Report

Chad Crose: ccrose@cityofmadison.com

- The most frequent crime occurring in TLNA is residential burglaries. Suspects are often entering through first floor windows by cutting screens. TV, stereo's, computers and the like are being passed up, but cash or cash equivalent are being targeted.
- 7 have been called
- Have been occurring within the Willy St neighborhood as well
- Occurrences have been varying in time of day
- Calls for service report circulated for Council review.
- Reports of drug-dealing at James Madison Park have also been ongoing. Calls have been received both day and night. Shift officers are monitoring the park and restroom facilities. Remote surveillance is planned to keep a better eye on the park. At Bob's request, Officer Crose will follow-up with the Parks Department to see if surveillance cameras could be installed within the park.
- Residents are encouraged to call 911 if they monitor any suspicious activity.

2.) Macha Tea seeking alcohol license

Anthony/Rachel Verbrick: rverbrick@machateacompany.com

- 823 E Johnson. In business on Johnson St since Jan, previously housed on Monroe street for approx. 7 years.
- The business hosts pop-up events with local chefs and would like the option to offer wine pairings at these events.
- They are seeking permission to serve beer, wine, sake.
- The business would continue to be open no later than 11:30pm.
- The owners would also like to serve alcohol at their monthly Friday night events, which occur from 7-9 or 8-10pm and include acoustic music.
- While the business is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, they are currently seeking a weekend brunch service in which they would like to incorporate alcoholic beverage service.

Marybeth motioned to support the license, Steve seconded. Approved unanimously

with the condition that the business must not be open any later than 11:30pm. Patty will draft and submit a brief letter of support on behalf of the Council.

3.) Park issues – Tyler Lark

- Survey follow-up and next steps
 - Paper surveys distributed at the PITP event (10 responses received, response data below)

<u>Total Votes</u>	<u>Weighted Votes</u>	<u>Priorities:</u>
8	19	Construct a natural play area or 'living' playground in Tenney Park
8	19	Add adult fitness and exercise equipment in a Park. (Which park? _____)
5	10	Restore the Dock at Giddings Park
3	6	Plant fruit trees in a park. (Which park? _____)
2	3	Improve the Tennis Courts atop Reynolds Park water building
2	3	Install a public art piece to a park. (Where? _____)
1	2	Solar panels
1	1	Ferris Wheel
1	1	make Giddings park dog friendly
0	0	Add a public kiosk or info booth with neighborhood map. (Where?_____)

•Tyler will follow-up with an electronic survey via the Listserv to hopefully obtain a greater response.

-Tenney Park Lagoon clean-up

- The excessive weeds are a result of a warm winter and due to the new native plantings, the lagoon cannot be drained.
- Tyler is willing to send a note of support to seek other solutions for the lagoon clean-up this year on behalf of the Council.

Unanimous approval for Tyler to submit a letter of support to the Parks Department.

-Playground at Tenney Island

- There may still be a possibility to diverge from the standardized process in selecting playground equipment. More to come.

-Bob Klebba requested support from the Council to submit a letter to the City to spot mow cow parsnip within TLNA.

Steve motioned that the Council submit a letter of support to spot mow the cow parsnip within all neighborhood parks. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. Bob will draft the letter.

-New grass planting at Reynolds Park: park could be unavailable for up to 18 months as the new grass grows and matures.

4.) Improve TLNA meeting structure

Issues/ideas highlighted by Marybeth:

- Could the timing of the Alder's report within the meeting be changed (moved from the end of the meeting to the beginning?).
- Can we add community-wide issues/relevant topics to the agenda as needed.

Discussion:

- If the meeting was led by the Alder report, there's a risk the meeting could be taken over by the items presented. The time allocated to the Alder's report could be extended, but it is recommended to keep the report at the end of the agenda.
- Marybeth supported additional time allocated to the Alder's report going forward.
- Ledell stated that since items she otherwise would report on are sometimes discussed earlier in the meeting, she supports her report staying at the end of the meeting.
- Linster supported that the Council be more diligent on keeping to the allocated time slots within the agenda in order to allow adequate timing for the Alder report.
- Mark suggested that the last 25 minutes of the meeting be solidified for the elected official reports, in order to ensure these items won't be rushed.

Unanimous approval to hard stop the meeting agenda next month at 8:35 to allow 25 minutes for the elected official reports.

It was also discussed whether or not we should we designate a time keeper for each agenda item. No decision was made at this time.

5.) Follow up from Police meeting Monday, July 11, 2016

Patty Prime

Meeting Recap:

Meeting on July 11, 2016 regarding police related shooting a few weeks ago on Morrison St.

Attending:

*Captain Carl Gloede
Alder Marsha Rummel
Alder Rebecca Kemble
Rep. Chris Taylor*

Dean Loumis, Housing Initiatives and Madison Board of Education

There were approximately 30-40 neighbors attending. The discussion was primarily about the officer involved shooting, but did include the recent arrest of a young woman at East Towne Mall.

Capt. Gloede explained the process that Madison Police are using following the shooting death of Michael Schumacher. The State will be investigating the shooting. The officer is not on active duty. Other Madison police are not permitted contact with the office during the investigation, to prevent influence of the evidence.

There were many questions about exactly what did Capt. Gloede know. He did not have much to add to what has been in the news. Many questions asked about the training that officers receive, including mental health training.

Dean Loumis spoke about Michael Schumacher, how he has had mental health issues and lived in a Housing Initiatives place in Fitchburg. The group noted that the recent shootings all involved victims who were acting strangely, for different reasons.

Much of the discussion revolved around "what if" questions. If there was more training, if one of the five officers specifically trained to deal with mental illness were called first, if policies were changed, would there have been a different outcome.

Some people testified that they may think before calling the police, if the situation could result in a shooting incident. Many people said that they know or are related to people who could easily be in a similar situation, either by virtue of their youth, mental health status, or the color of their skin.

Capt. Gloede also explained how calls come in, and are relayed to an officer who is available. In a crisis situation, there can be a lack of information about the situation.

One person said that in Europe, officers are trained to shoot the leg of a perpetrator, not to kill. That Madison has a higher per capital of officer related shootings that some other large cities. People wanted to know what would it take to change Madison police policy.

Rep. Chris Taylor says that Dallas has revised their use of force policy and halved their officer involved shootings. De-escalation is built into the policy. We must change our use of force standards.

Some people feel that change will not come from inside the department, that citizens need to get involved in communicating to their elected representatives to press for change.

Linster proposed that we form an ad hoc group to discuss and address the city-wide issues we have been facing alongside the police force. Steve seconded. Marybeth will follow-up with an email to the committee gauge interest in participation of an ad hoc group. Response activity will be reported back during August's meeting.

*Initial steps for the ad hoc group would include:

- Defining the issues the committee would like to focus in on (ex: de-escalation, use of force, racism, mental illness, altered state of mind (through alcohol and/or drugs) and fatalities).
- Suggestions for alterations of police force culture and procedures and policies.
- Collaboration with other neighborhood associations.

6.) Council Chair reports

- Photo contest – Marybeth

- Photos needed: people, action
- Submit any photos to the Facebook page
- Mark will send a reminder email to the Listserv
- Marybeth created a ½ page flyer that she will email to the committee members so we can help promote the contest.

- Parking committee – Mark Bennett

- The 2 hour no-parking regulation hours may change. A trial is being planned to test the extended hours.
- Approximately 25 permits have been sold through the city lot parking permit program that allows permit holders to park overnight in a designated lot.

-Membership – Linster

- Since our last meeting on June 9th, he has received \$675.00 in dues from 56 members.
- Your help is requested in getting dues paid in a timely fashion and exploring new contacts.
- Options are still being explored for a neighborhood tour.

-Traffic and Safety -Bob Klebba

E Mifflin bike boulevard

- It was decided to narrow down the list of requests to a couple of specific items. For now, the focus will be: diverters and 4-way stop signs (located at Ingersol, Paterson and Baldwin).
- Ledell, Bob and Patty will meet with traffic engineering to get their professional perspective on concepts and will discuss how to engage neighbors for input on concepts.
- Traffic counts and speed assessments would need to be obtained prior to discussing ideas/concepts.

-Development – Pat Heck

-- RPG (Blount/Johnson)

Shortly after June's TLNA Council meeting when TLNA Council voted to support RPG's proposal with several conditions, City Planning informed RPG that their proposed moving of 711/713 E. Johnson to the gap in the 200 block of N. Blount did not conform to zoning policies. As soon as these zoning issues came up, Patty Prime and Patrick Heck put the writing of the TLNA letter of

support on hold, hoping that the issue could be resolved. Since then, RPG and City Planning have been exploring several possible options that could allow the house to be moved. The Steering Committee is reconvening on Monday, July 18, at 7:30pm to go over a revised proposal. The meeting will be held in a yet to be determined room in the Madison Municipal Building. It may be that TLNA Council will need to consider a revised proposal with another possibility being that TLNA Council may first need to rescind its prior approval. All that is TBD, so I will keep you posted.

-- Homeless Resource Center

The County has proposed siting the day resource center at the Chamber of Commerce building and the Chamber has accepted an offer to purchase. The County has not revealed its plans for the site at 1326 E. Wash.

From Alder Rummel (the site is in her district):

The County Board resolution to purchase 615 E Washington is moving through committees. It still needs to go to the City County Homeless Issues Committee July 6 6:30pm in room 354 City County Building and Personnel and Finance July 11 at 5:30pm in room 351 CCB. The goal is to have it on the County Board agenda for final approval July 14 at 7pm in room 201 CCB. It is possible that the center could be open this fall with the final renovations happening next year.

Patty Prime and Patrick Heck plan to attend the July 13 neighborhood meeting on the new site to be held at MG&E Annex, 601 Railroad St, room A106 from 7-9pm. We encourage others to attend. Alder Rummel has also invited Dane County Supervisors Mary Kolar (First Settlement neighborhood), John Hendrick (Marquette/SASY neighborhoods), and Heidi Wegleitner (District 2); and County and City staff.

-- Galaxie Phase III (condos and apartments)

Gebhardt Development gave a presentation at TLNA Council's May meeting detailing their plans for condos and live/work apartments along E. Mifflin. They will go to UDC and Plan Commission on September 7 and 19, respectively, for approval because the changes are considered a major alteration. The proposed unit mix is the same as was presented to TLNA in May: 18 two-bedroom condos (including a few 2 bedroom plus dens) and 6 one-bedroom condos, as well as 11 live work apartments (each has one bedroom) with entrances facing E. Mifflin, and 5 two-bedrooms and 3 one-bedrooms apartments in the Loft building above the live work units.

Many Phase I apartments are now open with more opening on Sept. 1.

-- Veritas Village (Reynolds Crane Lot)

Signs are up on the site indicating that a T Wall Enterprises project is "Coming Soon".

-- Factory District (N. Few and E. Wash)

As of July 12, all but 2 of the apartments are rented. An announcement of their ground floor commercial tenant is expected soon. They may have an open house celebration in August.

-- Summit Credit Union/Stone House (1000 block E. Wash)

As you've heard, Summit has withdrawn this project for several reasons, including construction costs being higher than anticipated, potentially needing more parking, and less TIF support from the City than they desired. Stone House still owns this portion of that block so it is expected that a development proposal will come forward sometime in the future.

-- Stone House (1000 block E. Wash)

Demolition/deconstruction/excavation and pile driving continues. Note that CarX continues to operate.

***See TLNA development website for more details.

7.) Elected Official Reports

Ledell:

- Blount/Dayton St project has been revised (see development report above for more detail). A steering committee meeting will be held on July 18th to discuss the changes.
- Salvation Army is considering a proposal of redevelopment on their current site location. The project may include a building tear down to accommodate a purpose built structure for their current services as well as the addition of 60 units. They intend to apply for WHEDA tax credits.
- Retail vitality project underway for State St and downtown. There is an online survey circulating that you are encouraged to complete: <http://downtownretailsurvey.com/>
- Budget process beginning later this month. Suggestions welcomed from the council members. Contact Ledell with any input.
- E Johnson St reconstruction meeting tentatively planned for Sept.

8.) President comments

- Homeless Resource Center update
 - reported on and discussed earlier in meeting, no additional comments

Adjourn 9:09 by Patty