

**Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Council Meeting Minutes**  
**2/14/13, 7:00 PM**  
**Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin St.**

Attended

Council: Lia Vellardita, Denise Breyne, Gwen Johnson, Pat McDonnell, David Panofsky, Jessi Mulhall, Patty Prime, David Wallner, Thuy Nguyen, Richard Linster, David Waugh, Gerrit Conger

Guests: Kalim Siddiqui, Amy Miller, Nathan Royko Maures, Amelia Royko Maures, Valerie Mellerop, Lonnie Richardson, Scott Kleinfeldt, Andre Lewis, Matthew Kramer, Cliff Hammer, Dirk Entenmann, Joe Tachovsky, Ledell Zellers, Matthew Hagen, Tyler Lark

***Agenda:***

1. Call to order 7:02 pm

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes. See <http://www.danenet.org/tlna/web-data/news/minute/012013.pdf>  
Richard Linster motioned to approve minutes.  
Amendments- Gerritt Conger did not see his issue in minutes.  
Denise thought they were added and will double check.

3. Welcome and Introduction of guests.

4. Report of Neighborhood Officer. Attended by Andre Lewis, the new neighborhood officer, and Officer Scott Kleinfeldt.  
[alewis@cityofmadison.com](mailto:alewis@cityofmadison.com)  
Officer Lewis encouraged residents and the council to email or call with any concerns. Officer Lewis has some good ideas for bike safety and other things that he would like to share and implement. He is on duty Wednesday through Saturday. Officer Kleinfeldt also works Wednesday through Saturday.  
They shared that this side of the district often gets neglected because of downtown and they want to change that. They have both worked as officers for 11 years.  
Problem solving and prevention are the primary roles of community policing.  
The officers will not make all council meetings due to other responsibilities but will be in contact and try to make as many meetings as possible.

5. Future plans of Mildred's building

Dirk Entenmann and Joe Tachovsky attended

Dirk Entenmann and Shari Galitzer are buying the property at 820 E Johnson.

They moved to neighborhood in 1999, have children and are happy to be in neighborhood.

Dirk is not a 'restaurant guy' and this is where Joe comes in. Joe lives at Sidney and Sherman. He is a restaurant consultant, consulted on Samba.

The property is a nice spot and they want to make more of a restaurant than a sandwich spot. They plan to have lunch and dinner 7 days a week. They are meeting with an architect to see if the back deck area can become 4 season porch for bar area. Over the next 2-3 months they need to put in an exhaust hood, complete addition and dress it up. The food will be eclectic with a more mediterranean, spanish, french italian, middle european feel. They do not want to be pigeon-holed in one type of food. The name will probably be The Spot or The Little Spot. They would like to open in April-ish. There is neglect in the building that must be repaired first. There are 2 parking lots shared by 3 buildings, 3 spots for that property. The 2 apartments will remain. They may need to come back to us when pursuing the liquor license. Currently beer wine.

#### 6. Soil remediation of 800 East Washington (10 min)

- Brynn Bemis, City of Madison Engineering Chris

The city bought 800 block of E Wash a year ago. They will start April 1st on environmental remediation, finish in June.

They will take the soil and pavement off, 2 feet down and cover it in grass.

Development RFPs due tomorrow, it is hard to say if proposal will be reviewed quickly or not.

What happens if, after starting, it is worse than was thought?

They have protection when buying property. A thorough characterization of the property has been made. There were about 80 geo probes across property.

There were 16 tanks pulled, some had problems leaking, some closed. There has been attenuation of the contamination on its own, The site is close to industrial standards and will be cleaned up to residential standards. 6 feet down you hit peat level. 100 years ago the land was raised up with materials containing contaminants. The concern is with direct contact so they will keep it buried, remove asphalt and sub-base under pavement, dig deep petroleum holes and scrape off contaminated fill material across whole site. Go down 1 1/2 to 2 feet depending on bids. They will add 2 inches of topsoil and then sell the site. They are not bringing anything new in. Asphalt will be ground up and fill the petrol holes. The site will probably be 18 inches down but there will be a grade and stormwater drains will be lowered.

The developer will build lower, the city is prepping the site for the developer, making it easier for them to start. The city also has a requirement to raise the grade.

there have not been dry cleaners on that property.

just north side of lot, other spots used as construction staging

A lot going on at once

The contaminants are similar to Constellation project.

Gephardt did that work with Constellation.

There will be no truck traffic on Mifflin St.

#### 7. Support for actions in response to death of Paul Heenan

- Amelia Royko Maurer, Nathan Royko and Amy Miller are friends of Paul Heenan and came to the meeting to share their concerns about how the the shooting occurred. They are in

disagreement with the DA's ruling and want a reinvestigation to allow Kevin O'Malley (witness and owner of the home in which the shooting took place) to share how his statements have been misrepresented.

In addition to a reinvestigation, they are looking into how to change state statute and how municipal mechanisms work to bring complaints forward. They are working from many angles. Amy- Their group is not attacking all police officers, they have positive connections with the police. They are also not condoning people being so intoxicated that they don't know what house they go into. Nevertheless, what Paul did is not absurd in Wisconsin and it is not new to the police and they know how to deal with it.

MPD said that no laws were violated, there was no misconduct but the US attorney will review case to see if civil rights have been violated and should be done in a couple of weeks. If they don't find anything it does not mean he is exonerated. A wrongful death suit is being looked at. The police are shooting to kill, they shoot till they stop the person. Kevin did not want police involved, he was trying to de-escalate the situation, meant to yell he's a neighbor.

They group feels that Officer Heimsness reacted too quickly and does not believe Paul even knew that he was an officer due to backlighting and Officer Heimsness neglecting to identify himself.

Though Paul was physical with the people present he stepped back, put his hands in front of his chest and as he was lowering himself to the ground the officer shot him, shot through hand. After the incident, Officer Heimsness was encouraged to get 2 nights of sleep before making another statement. The statement that was used most was made 20 days after incident.

What Amy, Nathan and Amelia would like to see happen:

- asking to have witnesses re-interviewed, Kevin believes he was misrepresented

- changes to improve madison police department

  - track behavior - there is a system that is not used

- independent system of investigation of police shootings, for this case

  - supported by mayor, supported by chief in future

They directed the group to the Paul Heenan Memorial page on facebook because it has a lot of relevant information

Chief Wray has said Officer Heimsness will not be in this neighborhood, group wants him to not be in any neighborhood.

Actions

Thuy has to abstain, she works for Herrick and Kastorf.

David Waugh, write a letter in support of what is happening, email addresses given, unsure how to go about it.

The group offered to share an updated letter template.

Patty recognized that this is an emotional topic, difficult to discuss even without being close, offered our sympathy.

\*Patty-motivated to construct a letter that shares concerns without coming across as if we personally know what happened

Jesse M-Suggests aligning ourselves with the mayor

Richard would include the group's points listed.

\*Patrick McDonnell seconded Patty's motion.

Patrick interested in updated template, not length and detail of Sasa letter.

We should bring up specific issues without saying that we know what happened

Feels that madison has one of the finest departments in the country but would like mechanisms for dealing with these situations in place.

\*Patrick McDonnell motioned to table it until next meeting.

Amy invited people to watch reenactment video and read 37 page report, info based on what is known.

Marquette Neighborhood Association send a letter.

David Waugh, is there timeliness, yes must work quickly

DW-enough question in his mind to warrant an investigation, serious threat to public safety, as a neighborhood cannot let it slide, without judging the officer,

\*Patrick M. withdrew motion to table

All present were in favor of writing a letter. Will be written and shared before being sent.

#### 8. TLNA social/goal setting meeting report - Patty Prime

TLNA Council Planning Meeting – Thursday, January 17, 2013

Attending: Tim Olsen, Jesse Mulhall, David Waugh, Patty Prime, Patrick McDonnell, Michael Ryanjoy, Richard Linster, Gerrit Conger, Bryan Post, James Tye, Annabelle Potvin, Joe Lusson, Gay Zielske, Lori Wessel, David Panofsky, Keith Wessel, Thuy Nguyen, Lia Vellardita

Meeting goal: Set direction for 2013

The group did an exercise to identify Tenney Lapham Neighborhood issues. Then we voted on importance. Here are the highest ranking issues:

Housing Stock – 9 votes

Preserve neighborhood character, real property maintenance; why do so many properties still need paint after recent inspections? Older housing needs improvement, home and rental maintenance

East Washington development – 7 votes

Transform the E. Washington properties (Development) to create sustainable unique urban center, ensure any development proposals follow TLNA plan

Traffic Safety – 6 votes

More pedestrian “Hawk Light” as at Blair and Mifflin, change driving speeding ethic, ie. Drive 25, comprehensive traffic calming plan for whole neighborhood, respect self and others as we walk, bus, bike, and drive

Membership – 6 votes

Larger membership/unity/cohesiveness among neighborhood, wider age representation

Grocery store – 5 votes

E. Dayton/E. Washington development grocery store

Neighborhood beauty – 4 votes

Appearance/cleanliness; "Adopt a street", litter pick-up and public space beautification, maintain/create a walkable neighborhood; safe streets to cross

Johnson 2 way – 4 votes

Underground of wires on E. Johnson – Tenney Lapham's "Main Street", reconstruct Johnson streetscape to enhance businesses and residences as destinations

Affordable Housing – 4 votes

Affordable housing for people who work downtown (not student housing), workforce housing

Park/Biking – 4 votes

Park Master Plans, more biking/walking facilities, bike-ability, enhance parks for even more healthy activities

Business – 2 votes

Encourage/support business diversity, growth and revitalization of E. Johnson business district

City Relations – 1 vote

Improving TLNA's relations with city – more of a partner with city

We decided to tackle two issues, brainstorming for 10 minutes each on potential actions to move them forward. Joe Lusson will work with the respective chairs to follow up on actions lists.

Improve housing stock potential actions

1. Incur more pain for non-compliance on housing issues; lobby the city to enforce better.
2. Foster our relationship with George Hank, city bldg inspection director.
3. Onion and orchid awards for good and badly maintained housing.
4. Find grants for homeowners/renters. List resources.
5. Invite building inspector to TLNA meetings to better understand city position.
6. Invite real estate (owners?) to TLNA meetings.
7. Provide information to tenants.
8. Work with local historic preservation group.
9. Form mom and pop landowner neighborhood organization.
10. Find a complainer to bring issues to light with the city.
11. Brand Tenney Lapham Neighborhood; find our identity.
12. Find expert for each meeting.
13. TLNA sponsored home improvement walk.
14. Parade of revitalized rentals.

Development TLNA Membership potential actions

1. Rephrase to participant (instead of member?)
2. Find more opportunities to socialize and have fun.
3. Dedicate more time to Facebook and Twitter.
4. Clarify the TLNA listserv for its users.

5. Have a Lapham School day.
6. Promote the TLNA listserv.
7. Use all places in Tenney Lapham for social events and/or membership drives.
8. Reach out to renters; give renters a reason to join.
9. Provide ability to donate to TLNA electronically.
10. Use paypal for dues.
11. Develop/update outreach and communication plan.
12. Develop a job board.
13. Provide a family membership. (The bylaws were amended a year or two ago to provide a Household membership level for \$20.)
14. Put together a welcome packet, maybe with coupons to local businesses.
15. Do a cost/benefit on membership dues. Check in with other local neighborhood organizations.
16. Plan a membership drive in the parks in August, right after the big move day.

#### 9. Report of Officers and Committees.

-David Waugh, 800 block RFP due tomorrow

The developer for the crane lot's architect quit and they are working to find another architect.

They will get back to us in a month or so.

-Richard L. talked with area reps about distribution of newsletter, went pretty well, will meet with Joe to go over rec

-Thuy met with a group about community gardens, met with someone at planning about a grant. James Madison Park Neighborhood organization (2 people) interested in membership drive at Madison park

-David Wallner. Tenney Park

movie viewing was successful. A couple hundred people attended. There was an outdoor screen and people brought chairs. The parks foundation funded the event.

There was a public hearing about the Orton park festival, for now they will keep festival there, addressed complaints from people who live near the park -noise, public drunkenness,

-Patty-Madison is conducting feasibility study for sustainability center and they have additional money. [capitaleastdistrict.com](http://capitaleastdistrict.com) has copy of plan

TLNA as \$10,000

-Jessie M. March 1st for newsletter deadline

needs articles, new business

-David Panofsky in touch with principal at lapham school, On March 7 at 12:00 we can meet with principal for about an hour. She wants to highlight the school, David would like to focus on things we don't know about, confirm with David if interested.

Lapham garden open to entire council

-Patrick McDonnell transportation report-task force for East Johnson reconstruction, Gwen, Tim, James Tye, Brian Post and Patrick met. It was a good meeting and they came up with 12 recommendations that were sent on the list serve and were taken to engineering's public information meeting. The task force looked at city policy for funding undergrounding, priority to gateway streets (street that is level of collector or arterial class of streets ex-park st, east wash)

cost for undergrounding per block is not \$1mil. In the future, do we want to address council and mayor?

Policy enables use of TIF funds and general obligation borrowing.

Since the policy passed a mile and half of Monona Drive is being undergrounded.

\$2 mil in 2013 for 8 blocks of Monona Drive

At the public information meeting they indicated 3 blocks of East Johnson will be undergrounded at a cost of \$300,000.

Timing fits with city policy for undergrounding (large scale reconstruction)

-Gerritt-activity on 2013 Salvation Army, something happened but officers don't know

Joe did find out from Officer Scanlon that an ambulance was called and contraband was found

-Gwen- new high-end clothing boutique going in next to Fontaine

Business owners have met about reconstruction and will be meeting monthly with city about how to deal with reconstruction.

#### 10. Unfinished Business

good and welfare-Party at Mildred's

primary next Tuesday

#### 11. New Business.

#### 12. Report of Elected Officials

#### 13. Adjournment - Patrick moved to adjourn, Thuy seconded at 8:47