

**TLNA Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**12 March 2015 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Location: The Constellation**

Draft submitted on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2015  
 by Paul Creswell, TLNA Secretary

**Chair Person:** Patty Prime

**Council attendees:** Patty Prime, Steve Maerz, Jessi Mulhall, Sarah Herrick, Steve Wilke, Levin Luecke, Patrick Heck, Emily Reynolds, Paul Creswell, Mary Beth Collins, Sue Babcock, Tyler Lark, Matt Lieber, Ledell Zellers

**Guests:** Michael Dailey, Remi Kilcoyne, Matt Magolan, Dan Hamilton, Martha Classen, Joe Mingle

**Next Scheduled Meeting: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at The Constellation**

<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Actions/Discussion</b>
<b>1. Call to order</b>	1. Convened at 7:00pm with President Patty Prime chairing. First order of business: approval of the minutes from 12th and 26th. Minutes are approved unanimously.
<b>2. Officer Report -- Officer Casey Churning</b>	<p>1. Casey wasn't able to be at the meeting. Officers Matt Magolan and Dan Hamilton attended in her stead. About 300 complaints over the past month in our sectors. Mostly traffic and parking complaints. Some noise complaints, follow-ups, thefts, assist citizens, domestic disturbances (these are all in about the 15 calls range), about 7 residential burglaries, 7 thefts from autos, and 1 weapons violation.</p> <p>2. Discussion: is it true that burglaries are going down on East and increasing on West? Officer: perhaps, but these are crimes of opportunity primarily. So, if you see something suspicious call it in. Particularly, if people are in your yard or something – then you can and should call the police. Go ahead and call – if it's nothing, then no big deal. 911 is faster, in some ways – it all goes to the same place and gets an officer there quickly. If it's a time-sensitive thing, use 911. If you see repeated activities or vehicles etc... keep a log and they can process that through the task force. Getting license plates and physical descriptions can help to narrow it down. Steve Maerz: look out for people knocking and checking the door etc... Officer: that is true; this happens often in the student neighborhood areas. People will open the door and say “is Bill home”? This is a way of casing the residence – getting the layout etc... seeing if anyone is home. Steve Maerz: how would a home invasion end up on the chart? Officer: usually as the worse offense. The ones that happened most recently were related to drugs and were likely "known" to the people that did the invading.</p>
<b>3. Sewer Maint. Agreement – Michael Dailey</b>	1. A handout has been given to the council. The green is the sewer main. The yellow and red are the service line -- the homeowner owns this (red) one. If you have an old sewer lateral that breaks and that can be an expensive repair. In the past, the city used to do this. However, the state

	<p>changed this now so the municipality cannot work on this. Contractors can only do this. As such, the city sought to endorse an insurance company who can potentially protect home owners in case of an event. The insurance is a monthly charge and that will keep it open if there's a block and pay up to \$10,000 for a repair. The clay pipes in our area are at a greater risk for this. They allow for tree roots to break in. The cost is roughly \$8 a month.</p> <p>2. Discussion: Do they get a lot of cases of this? Michael Dailey: They get about 1 claim per day. About 18,000 people are getting the insurance out of 65,000 possible in the city. Most repairs are in the \$3,000 to \$5,000, but depending where you are. Question: How much of the cost of the pipes is the owner liable for when the municipality makes changes (i.e. road repairs?). Michael Dailey: Used to have an "opt in" to replace the sanitary section up to the sidewalk, now it's "opt out". Homeowner is only assessed 1/4 the damage. Question: Do you have records to know if a property – or how recent a property – has had this work done? Michael Daily: The city does have records, if you bought your house recently and don't know. President Prime has the insurance and it worked out well for her. Guest: is it still available? MD Yes. Pat Heck: how do they cover multi-units? MD: 4 units are the limit.</p>
<p><b>4. Let's Eat Out/Burr Jones Field – Joe Mingle</b></p>	<p>1. <i>Joe Mingle came to talk about "Let's Eat Out" as well as about the new Market District area that will surround the new Public Market. Joe and others are trying to jumpstart the Public Market. The 'Let's Eat Out' event is going to be a food cart event. Burr Jones Field is the location for these things – Joe and Megan Blake Horst are trying to democratize the public market. So, instead of reproducing the wheel -- it's a good first strategy to use these food cart folks. "Let's Eat Out" is part of that broader plan. Joe has heard some people voice some worries about the sound/noise for the event. Obviously, he's interested in not causing problems with the neighborhood in this regard and will work to make sure this isn't a problem. Joe's main reason in coming to the meeting is a "call to arms" of sorts. Joe's point is that the city is going to spend a lot of money on this, but we need to be proactive and make it clear what it is that we want. Example: the sound --- what is the rule? We need to help shape how this public market district rolls out. Discussion: Pat Heck: the city comes for information, but often they have their mind made up – so, you're saying it's helpful if we get out in front? Joe Mingle: in April, at least, there's going to be meetings that have to do with the report from the people who did these assessments. Martha: When do you anticipate the Bazaars starting? Joe: May 2nd --- starts, 2nd and 3rd weekend from 10-4 (approximately). The dates and time for Let's Eat Out are in our previous meeting minutes. Mary Beth: Good idea to be proactive and inclusive -- but I would challenge that we consider if we want to be super hipster and let's keep this "below" the traditional guard of community involvement. Joe: Absolutely. Remember that this was originally potentially going to the South Side. That is one of our goals is to increase social justice and</i></p>

	<p>reduce disparities. Millions are being made on local food. Let's make sure this benefits people who would otherwise be lost or struggling.</p> <p>Jessi: the noise carries along the tracks, she noticed this last year. Joe: yeah, we're hoping that we'll be able to negotiate with the neighbors on that. This is the beginning of a multi-year process where everything up in that area is going to be changing and we need all eyes on the projects to maximize the good that comes out of it.</p>
<p><b>5. Facebook Administration</b> – Patrick Heck</p>	<p>1. Pat Heck: Is there a Facebook administrator on the council? President Prime has had some people inquire about this. Tim Olson put the original page together and there are several administrators. At this point none are on the council. Matt Lieber: I can't link that page. It might be that the settings are miss-set. Matt is going to join the list of administrators. President Prime: Tim will provide a list. Mary Beth Collins: perhaps we should be more deliberate about who and what we're putting up. Mary Beth volunteers to help with a sub-committee. Guest comments: don't get rid of the newsletter, please! Council agrees that the newsletter is not going to be gotten rid of. President Prime will contact Tim Olson to get Mary Beth Collins and Matt Lieber on the Facebook page as admins.</p>
<p><b>6. Old Business</b> –</p>	<p>1. Insurance: Another insurance item! Prime brought copies of the insurance estimate. Mary Beth Collins describes the options (which also went around by e-mail): 1.) \$320 a year gives us up to \$1 million and covers catastrophic. Doesn't cover individuals. 2.) For another \$245, we can get an umbrella policy” with a personal liability endorsement. Then we would have up to \$2 million and may allow for some coverage of individuals. Finally: 3.) \$600 a year that only covers individuals (directors and officers) and not the neighborhood association.</p> <p>2. <i>Discussion:</i> Tyler Lark: how does that added part to the second option? Mary Beth: I would like know more. Patrick Heck: Would option #3 cover frauds as well, yes? Emily Reynolds: Do we have a corporate entity to which these can apply? Mary Beth: It appears that we have some status and we could just add our names to that. But if we don't get the directors and officers than we may not need it. Patrick Heck: For the yoga co-op, we don't have a list for the directors and officers insurance. Mary Beth: We can also check on our homeowner's policies to see what we have on our own policies. Matt Lieber: Do you know of precedents where neighborhood associations have been sued or threatened with suit? Steve Maerz: It doesn't seem like that's likely to happen that someone will sue us for our opinion. However, the idea of having liability for the good of someone who was seriously injury.</p> <p>3. Patrick Heck: Motions for the first policy. Steve Wilke seconds the motion and Steve Maerz also seconds. The council votes. All are in favor. No abstentions or nays. Motion passed to move forward with insurance option #1.</p>
<p><b>7. Bike Polo</b> – Alder Zellers</p>	<p>1. It is underway, according to Eric Knepp. We would like to have a little party and or demonstration. Ledell: suggests a ribbon cutting. Emily Reynolds: We do have grants that the bike polo group could apply for to</p>

	fund something!
<b>8. Block Party – Matt Lieber</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place making grant has been submitted. It has support across the board: TLNA, Cap East Business District, Friends of Reynolds Park, and Alder Zellers.</li> <li>2. <i>Discussion:</i> Emily Reynolds: What will happen this year with regards to donations for Lapham? Typically a few hundred dollars are raised every year for the school from this event. Matt: We'll have to have some discussions around that. There are going to be some changes to how we structure it because we had originally anticipated having a beer tent, but that has been found to be cost prohibitive. Matt will follow-up on this.</li> </ol>
<b>9. Street Signs –</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has anybody explored new art? Steve Maerz mentions that tried to get in contact with someone, but she never got back to him. Steve Wilke: There was previous discussion about a contest, are we still interested in that? Ledell: There was that discussion, but there was some concern with backing ourselves into the corner. Patrick Heck mentions that he will be having dinner with the artist of the previous one (Brian) and can ask him if he's interested in updating it. President Prime: This example is a big street sign. The signal intersections are where these would be. Might want to be more streamlined and scale to different sized signs.</li> <li>2. <i>Action:</i> Patrick Heck will show images to Brian and see if he can see if he'll be willing to work on it.</li> </ol>
<b>10. Council Members Reports –</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Steve Maerz: Nothing to report.</li> <li>2. Jessi Mulhall: We're looking for articles for the newsletter. The deadline is passed, but still need things. Earth Day? It seems like Christ Presbyterian is having problems scheduling this. Mary Beth: I will do an article about Breese Stevens. Emily Reynolds suggests putting the grant in there again. We need to put it out on the listserv as well. Tyler Lark: how much are the grants for? Emily: \$50. If it's more it has to go through the council. Tyler: Perhaps it's too little? Next year maybe we can up it. Matt Lieber: Two events this year, the spring potluck has kind of fallen of the radar – so at this point – the bike polo event might be the stand in. Emily Reynolds: There's \$150 for an event already in the budget. Matt Lieber: Should have a "save the date" go out for the June event? Mary Beth Collins: "like it on Facebook". Sue Babcock: We could add the award that Johnny Hunter is getting from UW into the newsletter. Mary Beth: It could also be fun to do a "know your neighbor" or Alder Zellers: "know your business". Steve Maerz: "Reynolds Park Community Garden" is next to his house. Waiting list is about 40 people long and he's looking for people to get involved with the garden... though it's hard to know how best to do it. Grants? Signs for the garden? Replacing compost bins? Emily Reynolds: the current grants for TLNA is about events. Alder Zellers: city grant is more about "place making" this time, but focus is different at different time.</li> <li>3. Sue Babcock: Nothing to report</li> <li>4. Sarah Herrick: Nothing to report</li> <li>5. Steve Wilke: Garland has been removed and bike racks are in</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Tyler Lark: There's an idea for a garden walk, there are a lot in the neighborhood -- he is looking to compile a list of the corner gardens etc... Still planning to get the "adopt a tree" initiative going. The time to start is going to be May and June (i.e., that is when one can adopt). Alder Zellers: There is definitely interest. Tyler: Will get rolling on that soon.</li> <li>7. Kevin Luecke: Can we do a bike commute station during a bike to work week -- 1st week of June? It would be in Reynolds Park. The Bike Fed is looking to push it as "Bike Week". We will get listed on the poster etc... Jessi Mulhall: Can we get dream bikes to come? President Prime: They are not available for the 27th, unfortunately.</li> <li>8. Patrick Heck: Wants to ask if we can set up two ad-hoc committees: 1) affordable housing and policies and 2) the wish list of wants for TLN. For the affordable housing, we can start with MNA's draft policy. So that shouldn't be as complicated, we can just adapt it and then talk to the city. Patrick has a white paper that summarizes the problems. Alder Zellers: We do have a real problem at this point with the fact that we need more affordable housing in the new developments. Steve Maerz: But we don't want to discourage developers either. Patrick Heck: That's the point -- we want to make a statement and want it to work as well. Volunteers? Steve Maerz and Paul Creswell volunteer for the affordable housing committee. President Prime, Sarah Herrick, and Tyler Lark volunteer for the "wish list" committee.</li> <li>9. Emily Reynolds: The balance in the account is \$14,270. Mary Beth: What is the status of grant program? Emily: Not much yet, but there are already things cropping up. Potentially, when its warmer things will get better.</li> <li>10. Paul Creswell: Nothing to report.</li> <li>11. Matt Lieber reports that he will be walking on Saturday with Richard Linster to ask for money and recruit new members.</li> <li>12. Mary Beth Collins: Nothing to report.</li> </ol>
<p><b>11. Alder's Report –</b> Ledell Zellers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 800 south block of East Washington: Otto Gebhardt is continuing to look at that. Updated site plans and financial data will likely be available in May. The parking options (e.g., a city ramp) are still being looked at.</li> <li>2. 827 East Gorham -- the owner is now being prosecuted by the city attorney's office. Supposedly there is a hearing on the 16th. It is not being ignored, but what is happening is relatively slow.</li> <li>3. East Johnson Street: Some things that need to be finished from last year. Sidewalks, line painting, bike racks. 800-900 blocks of East Washington are approved for under-grounding by the joint review board. That means real trees can be planted and some will be saved as well.</li> <li>4. Pasqual's: probably May. Didn't have things all applied for at one time. There are mushroom vents that come out of the side of the building -- the urban design commission wanted more information about these. LZ is hopeful that it will be resolved shortly.</li> <li>5. Public Market: Joe Mingle and Megan Blake Horst will be working on the "Let's Eat Out" Concert Series and the parking lot market Bazaar.</li> </ol>

	<p>The Public Market District: the Public Market's Business Plan needs to be approved. Project for Public Spaces will be presenting information to the local food committee and many others after that. The idea has morphed to a 'district' now rather than just a public market. So, now it is more like a food hub -- processing and etc...</p> <p>6. Tenney Park Playground and Lagoon is coming to the next meeting. Things are basically where they were previously. Alder Zellers and President Prime had a meeting about Central Park to recap what happened last year. There is a list of conditions and they've added to that list. There are issues with noise. There are ways to potentially ramp the noise down while still making it an attractive place for concerts etc... The parks department is purchasing a meter that will be able to take readings across the spectrum and not just dbs. There were also issues with stakes in the ground etc... There's the Breese Stevens discussion as well. Frank Productions, Fighting Bob Fest, Fundraiser for Parks Foundation, a multitude of sporting events. It's East's home field. The parks department is also looking for a manager for that whole complex. President Prime: They proposed an 85dbs level as a standard. Alder Zellers: With 105dbs at the board, but that should be 90dbs at the perimeter. President Prime: However, the promoters argue that they can't always change these things because the levels are often "baked into" the contracts etc... Alder Zellers: So this will be a pivotal year.</p> <p>7. Jewel in the Lotus yoga studio is closing. President Prime: Owner is voluntarily ending the business at the end of this month.</p>
<p><b>12. President's Report –</b> Patty Prime</p>	<p>1. Vote on Election Day for your favorite candidate and the school referendum. It is important for our area. Supreme Court justice as well.</p> <p>2. The shooting of Tony Robinson was very tragic and there are council members who are only 1 degree away. This is a hard time for the community.</p>
<p><b>13. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.</p>