

Minutes  
Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council Meeting  
April 27, 2011

Council Members present: Richard Linster, Alan Crossley, Patty Prime, James Roper, Joe Lusson, Marina Dupler, Joe Brogan, David Wallner

Guests: Police Officer Nick Eull; Hannah Jon Taylor, Alder Bridget Maniaci; Scott McDonnell, Chairman of the Dane County board; Jim Laundry, Madison 56ers

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Alan moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Patty seconded. Minutes approved.
3. Guests
  - Jim Laundry and Scott McDonnell spoke on behalf of the Madison 56ers, currently an amateur soccer team that will soon become a professional league. The two wished to speak with the Council as they are in the process of gaining permission to be able to sell beer at Breese Stevens field at their games. They thought it would be appropriate to come before the Council to see if there were any concerns.

Scott stated he played soccer many years ago at Breese. He and the City of Madison have been working hard on improving Breese. The County invested money, most recently for a press box as it was needed for cameras, etc. Additionally the County spent money to restore referee locker room. The two expressed interest in bringing the state soccer game back to Madison from Milwaukee. The next big hurdle will be field turf. Summer concerts could be nice to have there. Field is committed to rectangular sports – soccer or football.

In speaking about the team, Jim stated he will hire several professional players and have all players model after them. The team has won championship every other year and believes the team has been good citizens. Games are held about 12-14 nights over the summer. This year they will host three youth clinics.

David Wallner mentioned he has met with Scott, Jim and Kevin Briski of the Parks Department. The process to be able to sell beer will take several weeks. Potentially the application will come to the Parks Dept. in May or June. The games are scheduled through July. David stressed the application will receive serious debate at the Parks Level.

Nick Eisl stated his only concerns with the proposal were if 500 free vuvuzelas were given away. The Mallards also sell beer. He sees no issues in beer being sold at Breese.

Bridget stated the field turf has \$1 million price tag. We have successful organization at Warner Park that is well run and able to be managed. Breese is a landmark structure. She has asked staff to put together a 5-year business plan. She sees a lot of potential for this site. With the city acquiring the Don Miller site, potentially the parking issue can be solved. The Parking utility needs to be part of this conversation. Bridget has no problems with the 56ers plans for selling beer. The only concern she has heard is that the beer would be sold in a facility where youth sports are played. She advocated for Jimand Scott to have a conversation with the East High Booster Club.

Scott as someone who plays soccer, many facilities serve beer. In the soccer community is pretty common. They plan for the Great Dane to bring their beer cart, supply licensed bartender and handle clean up. Beer sales would end 15 minutes before game time so people aren't hanging out drinking beer.

Alan Crossley voiced his support. Previous neighborhood plan had plans for Breese. We want Breese to be a focal part of the neighborhood. TLNA has given money to East High to enable players to be able to play there. He can't imagine there would be any problems with the proposal.

David Wallner stated his support. Joe Lusson stated his support and suggested some form of communication with the homes bordering the field out of courtesy.

Joe Brogan stated his support and said given the new city and county leadership, he hopes high school girls and boys will be able to play there more.

Jim Roper voiced his support. Patty said she would love to see the stadium used for soccer and hoped people wouldn't over-consume. Jim Laundry and Scott stated they share Patty's concern and do not want that to occur.

David made a motion that TLNA support the 56ers plan to sell beer at Breese Stevens and that they work with the Parks Department. Any comments made during the Council discussion should be relayed onto the Parks Department. Alan seconded the motion.

Scott will work with Alan on identifying and making contact with the East High Booster Club. David recommended a Council member or two come to the Parks Commission once this issue comes before the commission. Bridget stated she wants to discuss how to engage neighbors once a formal application

is submitted. Perhaps a meeting on the facility as a whole is in order; she expressed interest in feedback on how best to set that up. Jim Laundry stated an e-mail to neighbors is a good idea.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Laundry said the games are at 7 pm, 7:30 pm and some take place during the day. Alan stated it might be easier for neighbors to understand if they know everyone is out of there by 10 pm and the fans out by 9:30 pm. Scott stated he has been trying to get UW to have some of their soccer games there. Perhaps then permanent parking will be established.

- Hannah Jon Taylor thanked the association for their support of the continued tenancy of him in the neighborhood. That issue has been resolved. There is a new management company taking care of the building. He has not seen any augmentation of service. Some furnace issues have gone unaddressed.

The facilities in James Madison Park have been unoccupied for the past 3 summers now (the silo, boat house, concessions area). One way to stave off negative activity is to promote positive activity. An organization, of which he is executive director, would like to present Madison's first Father's Day fest. The event would be from noon to six. Currently he is soliciting sponsorships within the business community. Clyde Stubblefield has committed to performing. He would like to host coolest dad essay contest in middle schools and showcase some of our young kids on stage. The event would give visibility to the area and offer a positive message to the community about fatherhood. The Parks Dept. is willing to waive park fee and everyone he has spoken to has been in favor of the event. There will be food vendors, live music.

Bridget said shoreline work will be done second week in June.

Hannah the only thing done at this point in the application process was to reserve the date. He hasn't done any advertising as he wants to include sponsorships.

David was surprised the fee is being waived. He has been on the commission for three years and the fee has not been waived, even for the Boys and Girls Club or boy scouts. As a commission, they try to be consistent in not waiving fee.

Richard recalled that when Steve Doniger had come before the Council months ago he was amenable to any ideas TLNA had.

Joe Lusson stated he was in favor of the event but it raises the larger question of what is happening in the park this summer. He is disappointed

that the ball is being dropped and would like to see something happening there.

Jim Roper has rented the park for a wedding reception. Parking wasn't a problem. Working with the city went like clockwork. He stated he thinks this is a great, underutilized property. Boat house is underused.

Hannah would like to list the TLNA as a supporter of the event. The last issue he would like to bring up is the sign. The 640, 646 and Collins house is for sale. The for sale signs in front of 640 and 646 were quite large and saying the same thing. Hannah took the sign down in front of the house he lives in. He stated it was his understanding the signs could be smaller and put on the fence.

Bridget stated it was her understanding is that the signs will be put back up and slightly redesigned.

David Wallner made a motion that the TLNA lend support to the Father's Day event effort and that TLNA's name could be listed as a supporter of this event. Patty Prime seconded.

4. Reports from Neighborhood Officer: Police Officer Nick Eull stated he has discussed with Bridget of reports of concerns over burglaries and thefts in autos in the neighborhood. He is not aware of anything statistically and upon speaking with Bridget, spoke with others in the department. The crime analyst is doing a workup of 40709 (the Tenney Lapham neighborhood) to see if the concerns are perception or reality. If it is reality, we can start problem solving. If anyone knows of anything let him know.

Patty said someone had called Richard about an event happening in a neighboring neighborhood and wondered if the study look at a broader area than Tenney Lapham? Nick said there are abilities to crunch numbers and look at it. There was an incident on Johnson Street that was a robbery of drug dealers. Generally in cases of people kicking in doors, it is drug related. He welcomes good information, including addresses, license plates, hand to hand transactions. A week ago at Sherman Terrace they acted on information of dealing crack cocaine. They were able to make an arrest. On the 1400 block of East Johnson there have been traffic issues. He can also assist with traffic issues.

Nick can be reached by e-mail at [neull@cityofmadison.com](mailto:neull@cityofmadison.com); by cell at 608-209-8396 or at the office at 608-266-4248. E-mail is the best way to contact him.

David wondered if the city provided information, such as crime stopper tips. For years a police member would go out and give tips, training.

Bridget stated she and Nick are working on an event, potentially May 26, at Gates of Heaven to provide a face to face opportunity for residents to speak with Nick.

Nick stated he has access to plenty of materials. Joe Brogan and David expressed interest in putting materials in the newsletter and will contact Nick.

Joe Lusson stated drivers regularly go 15 miles per hour over the speed limit on Gorham, specifically the 600-700 block and asked Nick to check on getting a speed board for this area. Officer Brian Chaney said at one time we were second in line on the speed board. Nick stated he will look into it.

5. Comments of the President: Richard stated there will be no pancake supper. He has heard back from Susan who is opposed to the idea of electric griddles and a griddle will not be installed at the church in the near future.

Richard referenced the e-mail he sent regarding the Salvation Army's interest in hosting a summer BBQ. As a result of e-mailed responses from Council members, he has followed up with Sara Gilmore at the Salvation Army to let her know they have the Council's support and additionally he extended an offer for assistance. Richard has not heard of the date of the event.

Upon stopping at Cork & Bottle, Jim Wright mentioned July 9 or July 16 as potential dates for the neighborhood's summer block party. Alan mentioned that the Fete de Marquette is July 9.

Richard received an e-mail from Mrs. Rosie McMahon wondering about a neighborhood garage sale. In the past the neighborhood association has held one in the parking lot where Jim Glick now works (the old church). It's something we have done in the past. Bridget stated it might be something to coordinate with the block party.

Alan received an e-mail from a resident on Sherman Ave who is also interested in block garage sale. Alan threw out idea for finding a weekend where individuals in the neighborhood can host their own garage sale, making it a neighborhoodwide garage sale. TLNA would promote the event and request that people consider donating 10% of their proceeds to TLNA. Alan suggested choosing a date in August as he reviewed all of the dates for summer festivals along with the newsletter timeline. [The Council settled on Saturday, April 20, 2011 as the day for the Garage Sale.](#)

Richard stated May 15 is the deadline of newsletter. The Nominations Committee, per the bylaws, should consist of three members of the general membership to serve along with three members of the Council. Richard recommends using the summer block party as an opportunity to solicit three members from the general membership.

Richard drafted a letter to the Alcohol License Review at the Council's request in regards to the Johnson Public House. The letter was sent in today. Bridget stated their license was approved.

Steve Cairns, who owns property on Gorham along with his wife, wishes to replace the stairs and deck. Steve sent an e-mail to Richard, asking for his and Marina's approval of his plans. Richard educated Steve on the Council's process of approving such requests; TLNA likes to have people come before the Council. Steve was not able to make the April Council meeting. Bridget said there is no real rush as he wouldn't be going to the Planning Commission before June.

Joe Lusson reviewed the materials and e-mailed Steve questions. Joe reported it is a great house. From the drawings, the new structure will be slightly smaller than what is currently there. Neighbors in that area often have views of the Capitol from backyards and Joe didn't check that view. Steve clarified to Joe they are not proposing 4 parking spots. Joe also stated that the zoning may not need to be changed; just the usage. Bridget didn't see anything that raised flags when she reviewed Steve's plans. Richard sent an e-mail to Brad Murphy but has not heard back. Richard requested Joe Lusson work with Bridget to get more information and to e-mail it to the Council so that the matter won't have to wait until the next meeting.

6. Reports of Officers. Patty reported TLNA has a balance of \$10,414. The Council is overdue in preparing a spending plan and Patty offered to chair a budget committee. Marina volunteered to be a member.

Alan will check with Jim Wright to see if the non-Fete weekend can be chosen for the block party. Alan will write an article about the neighborhood garage sale. The newsletter will be distributed in June. By the next meeting he should have a sense of how much money is needed to publicize and what news outlets to use. Bridget offered to use her yard signs so that people can see it when you drive down the street. It was decided that the garage sale would start early and end early. Joe Lusson said a link to a map can be included in a Craigslist post.

Joe Lusson noted that the printed meeting minutes did not reflect changes he had sent to Lia Vellardita. Joe will inquire to Lia why this is the case. Joe would like to solicit nomination committee members from the neighborhood listserv. He has a few people in mind. Joe asked about quorum and Richard clarified that 7 members are all that is needed to achieve quorum. All members of the Council are voting members except president who votes to break a tie. Lastly Joe reported he has a condo for sale on the corner of Sherman and Baldwin Streets.

David Wallner has contacted O'keefe school principal. She will come in May to give a wrap up for school year and would also like to personally thank the Council for the donation.

7. Report from Elected Official: Alder Bridget Maniaci got a call from Peggy Ferlin at 752 East Gorham regarding establishing a bed and breakfast at the Leech House (the house with the wrought iron fence). Jim Roper didn't think parking would be an issue.

Bridget had a conversation with Pat McDonnell regarding the Johnson St. reconstruction and the rumor that it has been moved to 2016 instead of 2014. She is looking to confirm this. We need to form a working group on the reconstruct. City policy is to allow underground utilities on arterial streets, but Johnson Street is also residential. The trees on Johnson Street will be affected. The city will try to manage the Johnson reconstruct in-house. Speed humps are going forward on Sherman Avenue. The Breese Stevens press box has gone out for bids; they will be back in two weeks. Bridget has requested a meeting with Mayor Soglin to brief him on 12 issues. She is concerned that any issues of importance to the neighborhood may be delayed. The Mayor's staff should be in place next week.

Bridget is planning a tenant meeting on May 26, at 7 pm at the Gates of Heaven. It's planned as an opportunity to bring the city and resources to young renters. If there are ideas for free food, let her know. In addition to officer Nick Eull, a representative from Building Inspection, Steve Doniger from Parks Dept, someone from the city attorney's office, and hopefully a table from the Tenney Lapham and James Madison neighborhoods. Hopefully people will get engaged. She hopes to start a kickball league with street teams.

The rubber ducky river race will take place on May 14, noon to two pm at Burr Jones. The location is being moved to due construction at the Tenney Park shelter.

There have been lots of calls on the houses in James Madison park. The Ride the Drive event will take place on Sunday, June 5. As this is planned during the Congress on New Urbanism, Bridget would like to see the bike boulevards highlighted.

Bridget disseminated planned locations for the B-cycle program. She has asked for intersection by Cork and Bottle. Currently bikes are planned for the west side of James Madison Park and an area near Brearly and Gorham. There will be 300 bikes located at 35 total locations. Bridget would also like to see a location near James Madison and Blair St. as it is closer to the bus stop, and also one at Tenney Park and the intersection of Johnson and Patterson. Alders have been clear they do not want existing free bike parking displaced. The locations have not been vetted.

The shelter at James Madison is reservable as of mid-June. There is coordination with the Mendota Rowing Club to do programming out of the park. The shoreline work should be complete by the second week in June. There will be lifeguards on the beach this summer. Orange shoe is doing morning bootcamp for adults in the

summer. For our May meeting they will have comprehensive summer schedule for our review. Joe Lusson asked if the May schedule could be included in upcoming newsletter. Bridget will talk to Steve Doniger about this.

Gigi Holland is planning an event on July 17 at 2pm to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moving of Gates of Heaven.

Good conversations being had about Don Miller lot and remediation money. Don Miller is moving Thursday. They have a full 45 days and can request another 45 days to move. There is pollution near the shop due to paints and solvents that will need to be remedied. from paints and solvents off the body shop. There is no cost estimate.

The city budget process will start soon.

8. Adjournment: Alan made a motion to adjourn; Joe Brogan seconded.