

TLNA Monthly Meeting Minutes
14 May 2015
7:00-9:00pm
Location: The Constellation

Draft submitted on the 17th of May 2015
 by Paul Creswell, TLNA Secretary

Chair Person: Patty Prime

Council attendees: Patty Prime, Steve Maerz, Jessi Mulhall, Sarah Herrick, Steve Wilke, Keith Wessel, Kevin Luecke, Patrick Heck, Emily Reynolds, Paul Creswell, Mary Beth Collins, Tyler Lark, and Matt Lieber

Guests: Officer McClay, Josh Day, Caroline Alexander, Chris Oddo, Michael Matty, Vern Stenman, Erika Baer, Patrick DePula, and Don Jones

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 9th, 2015 at The Constellation

Agenda:	Actions/Discussion
1. Call to order	1. Convened at 7:00pm with President Patty Prime chairing. First order of business: approval of the minutes from April. Minutes are approved unanimously.
2. Officer Report -- Officer Casey Churning	1. Casey was again unable to be at the meeting. Officers McClay attended in her stead. Officer McClay handed out statistics on complaints in the neighborhood over the past month. She thinks that things have been fairly quiet. Burglaries are low; thefts from autos are pretty low. Most calls are traffic related. Quieter on the weekends. Pat Heck asks is she is saying things are calm in comparison to the rest of the city. Officer McClay says "Yes. Compared to State Street for sure." 2. Caroline Alexander asks what we should do about nuisance activity. Officer McClay suggests that we report it via the non-emergency line so that they can work to establish a pattern and then officers can spend more time in the area. That number is 266-4275. No issue is too small.
3. Outdoor Seating at Salvatore's Tomato Pies – Patrick DePula	1. Salvatore's is looking to add a 24 seat outdoor cafe. Open only when the restaurant is open and will be none smoking. Mary Beth Collins motions to provide support. Steve Wilke seconds. Motion passes. Patty Prime will craft a letter of support to the City Council.

<p>4. Fighting Bob Fest – Erika Baer (The Progressive Magazine) and Vern Stenman (Madison Mallards)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erika Baer works for Progressive and lead organizer of Fighting Bob Fest which will be on the 19th of September in Breese Stevens Field. This is the 14th annual Bob Fest. Historically held at fairgrounds in Sauk County. There will be speakers, breakout sessions, and live music. Small acts -- mostly acoustic. Potentially a comedian. 3500-5000 attendees. Attendees should pre-register for the event. Erika mentions that her e-mail was previously distributed incorrectly and it should be: erika@progressive.org. 2. Vern Stenman mentions that his organization (the Madison Mallards) is in talks with the city and they are investing in becoming more of an events management group. They are negotiating with the city for the role of managing Breese Stevens Field. They submitted a bid to do this and were the only qualified bidder for the long-term lease agreement to manage and improve the field. They have some ideas for the future. They believe there is potential for farmers markets with beer and local live music. Parking, of course, is a big question. Vern says that there's over 3,000 parking spots off the street within walking distance of Breese Stevens. They hope to get 800-1000 of these available for use for the event. About 2&1/2 blocks MG&E has spots etc... Patty Prime brings up bike parking. Vern asks about the potential of closing off Patterson. Patrick DuPula mentions that the Madison Bike Federation will do valet bike parking. Erika Baer mentions she can talk to them about that. 3. Vern argues for the event to be a good starting event for Breese Stevens. He's been in discussions with the police about this and they think so as well. It just seems like the right first thing to bring into this facility. 4. Pat Heck brings up parking as a problem overall. He suggests that TLN need permitting for the weekends as well. Mary Beth Collins brings up that spring of the following year is when we're going to see things. So, let's make sure we meet again <i>after</i> this event and discuss it so that we can see what we should do going forward. Vern would like to come back in October or November and talk about it and figure that out. Pat Heck mentions that Sept 19th is the same weekend as Willy Street Fair. Erika Baer says that they are aware of it and anticipate overlap, but believes they could be in more contact with the Willy Street folks about that.
<p>5. Renaissance Property Group: Proposed Development – Michael Matty and Chris Oddo</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael and Chris present a preview of a potential development. Michael owns Renaissance Property Group. The area this would happen in is by the Caribou – directly surrounding the Caribou building. Two buildings on own parking deck (52 auto parking) and 104 bike parking. One building would be a traditional brick courtyard type building. The other building would have micro-units. 10 x 30 square feet. Total 90 units which is well over the neighborhood plan. Now they've dropped it more to 60-70. The micro-unit building would be a “live and work building”. The courtyards and shared spaces are set up to build community. Most of these housing that will be torn down is rentals. 2. Chris Otto presents design inspiration boards and a 3D model. Trying to match the rhythm of Blount with the traditional building. Questions are

	<p>posed about the 4-story height of the building and whether or not the city staff were concerned about that. Michael Matty replies that the city staff didn't seem concerned with the height as much as they were concerned with the units per acre. Steve Maerz: did you talk to the Caribou folks? Michael Matty: They were interested in keeping their space as it is. Others ask how tall the building actually will be. Chris Oddo: 52-53 feet – a few feet shorter than Veritas Village. Das Kronenberg is 64.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Patty Prime mentions that there is a neighborhood meeting on May 20th with regards to this proposal. 4. Michael also mentions that there is the potential for 5-6 units that are affordable housing for a number of years. Renaissance will own and manage them themselves. Timeline: they propose to dismantle the existing buildings starting in January.
<p>6. Ash Trees in Tenney Park – Tyler Lark and Caroline Alexander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tyler and Caroline to talk about the ribboning of the ash trees. They've been walking through and identifying trees. They ones wrapped in yellow trees are most likely candidates for saving. Caroline made some signs that Tyler passed around. Feedback welcome. 2. Matt Lieber found a software engineer who can build us a simple website. www.TenneyTrees.org is available. Emily Reynolds says there is money in the budget to reserve the domain name. 3. How do we get the word out? The signs should be put up as yard signs around the park. Mary Beth suggests the yellow ribbon as the thing people will notice. This campaign should begin ASAP. 4. Current status on tree preservation: There's some money that we have from the city (?) and the sale of the trees to the Festival Foods. The current total is \$2500. We would like to go for the match for \$2500 from the community. 5. Block party and newsletter will be good ways to get the word out. Signs are expensive! 800-1000\$ they spent last time. We can distribute things around the neighborhood as well. That can be serious coverage if we use Linster's quadrants. Tyler says let's get the news people here etc... 6. Tenney Lapham Corp. is willing to handle the funds for the moment. But we'll need a different solution long term. Tyler asked for volunteers to make the flyers. Paul volunteers to help with flyers. 7. Emily says \$200 seems like a good thing to get materials made. Pat motions that we use that money. Kevin and Emily second. Motion passes all "i's". 8. Paul suggests that if we get more, then we want to set this money aside and re-inoculate it etc... TL Corp. can give us money we've collected through them, but it has to be for that purpose. 9. Timeline - meet with Robert next week to get the website going. So, the following week we should have the designs etc...
<p>7. Party in the Park at Reynolds Park – Matt Lieber</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Party in the Park at Reynolds Field this year. Matt says that things are moving along well. The scheduled date is June 27th. Special thanks to Steve and Jessica Becker. 2. There will be: bike polo, yoga, doggie parade, face painting, food, and

	<p>beer and more. Matt is looking for us to volunteer and passes around a sign up sheet. There is a need for set up, help during, and clean up. Event is from 1-5pm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Music showcase opportunity as well. Paul is willing to MC and work on coordinating the music. We need to come up with some kind of PA system for this. <i>Those with ideas, please contact Paul or Matt.</i> 4. Tyler is looking into closing off the street in front of the park. Patrick Heck mentions that Josh Day has those barriers for closing off the roads. 5. There will be a tour of the water plant. Kiosk is a maybe. The beer will be by suggested donation only. Matt points out that there is the question about the ultimate frisbee/soccer folks. We don't know that this will be a problem but it will be important to think of a strategy to handle this.
<p>8. Street Signs – Jessi Mulhall</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jessi has mocked-up an image of the iconic bridge from Tenney Park. People seem to agree that the bridge is iconic enough to be considered. There will be e-mails going around with different design options.
<p>9. Bike to Work Week – Kevin Luecke</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bike to work week in Madison is June 7-13. We had talked about a commuter coffee rest station at Mifflin Street and Patterson. We would need people to people the station and put out a tent etc... 2. A discussion results in the decision that Monday June 8th it the best date for us to have a station. Kevin will ask for Cargo for coffee and Patty will ask Sophia's for baked goods. Pat will ask about a little white tent. 3. The station will be set up from 7-9am. By 8:30 it tends to taper off. Volunteers are Patty, Emily, & Sarah.
<p>10. Council Members Reports –</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Wilke: The business association submitted application for planters. They want wood frame planters with corrugated steel sides. These can be stored in the winter. They are hoping this will be decided on quickly and they are looking to have a local carpenter do it and to have the iconic bridge logo on it. Also working on beer tent for party in the park. 2. Matt Lieber: Two other things beyond the block party. 1) Picnic in the park will be all five Fridays in July and 2) budget items still exist for small place-making grants. Let's get some aps in! 3. Keith Wessel: Nothing to report 4. Tyler Lark: Gigi Holland is looking for help at Gates at Heaven. Removing stuff etc... Also, Christ Presbyterian Church is looking for a coalition to improve Giddings Park. For instance, it might be nice to get a dock back in. Looking for the hood to collaborate with the church. 5. Mary Beth Collins: Area A seems fine, but the numbers of newsletter seemed off this past month. She will double-check in the coming month, but she felt like she didn't have as many extras. Mary Beth also potentially not be at the meeting next month. 6. Emily Reynolds: The current balance in the TLNA checking account is \$14,114.00. 7. Paul Creswell: Nothing to report 8. Patrick Heck: Meeting on the 20th regarding the Renaissance proposal. The 18th of May is the (likely) final meeting for the McGrath proposal on E. Washington and Few. Kevin asks about Veritas Village. Patrick Heck

	<p>replies that it's not over yet. Still some squabbles. They are effectively approved to build it all at once, but it seems like they want to do it in smaller phases. There is also a meeting that is happening around the affordable housing across neighborhoods. Patrick is on the case and will keep the group informed.</p> <p>9. Kevin Luecke: Nothing to report 10. Sarah Herrick: Nothing to report 11. Steve Maerz: Nothing to report</p>
<p>11. Chair's Report – Patty Prime</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patty says that, unfortunately, Pasquals is delayed -- probably June. 2. Would we like to have a table at the Fette de Marquette. A chance to show that the two neighborhoods are “siblings”. 3. Michael and Pam Druhan are filing a lawsuit with regards to the parking lot that was put in near the lakefront area of Tenney Park. 4. Patty got a call from Richard Munz from RVM Classics and is interested in some kind of campaign to keep the area nicer. Absentee landlords not keeping things up. Wants to meet with others on this idea. 5. Patty returns to the 501C3. Mentions that groups are supposed to do it in the first 27 months. Also, lots of reporting. Patty talked with the city and found out that only a couple neighborhood organizations do it. Mary Beth mentions that there is an EZ form. She still thinks we should think about that. If not that, we need to get a better -- more accurate status -- with another group (not our 501C3). MB suggests that she look into this and people are amiable. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Patty wants to add that what we're doing could work if we went through a foundation (fiscal sponsorship). 6. Finally, Patty went to playground design workshop. They're talking about redoing the playground at Tenney. Perhaps we could get involved with something that's really unique and different. There's a natural playground on the west side. Tenney should be coming up sometime in the next 5 years (Tyler), Madison libraries might sponsor community input design things to get ideas on this.
<p>13. Adjournment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.