

Minutes  
Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council Meeting  
June 22, 2011

Council Member present: David Wallner, Alan Crossley, Patty Prime, Jim Wright, Richard Linster, Joe Brogan, Joe Lusson, Stephanie Schmid, David Waugh, Marina Dupler, Alyssa Kesler Ryanjoy, Michael O'Callaghan Ryanjoy, James Roper, Denise Breyne, Gay Davidson-Zielske, Lia Vellardita

Guest: Richard Entenmann, Bridget Maniaci

1. Called to order at 7:08pm.

2. David Wallner moved to approve, Joe Brogan seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Guest: Richard Entenmann, 1228 Sherman Ave.

Richard Entenmann brought to the Council his complaint about how City has constructed sidewalk. Basically, to meet handicap ramp needs, there is a strange dip in sidewalk. He brought photos to show the Council. He also asked the City for examples of other sidewalks treated this way (Troy Drive was one).

He has several concerns: erosion where the sidewalk dips from his yard (soil is much higher); safety issue: constant stream of bikers, walkers, kids playing, and worried about how slippery it will be in winter; property value decreasing; didn't think it fit with the Historic National Registry's neighborhoods.

He has contacted various city officials about it but has not gotten a satisfactory answer. Questions for Richard Entenmann included: what construction company did this (didn't matter since City Engineer stands behind it); is there a painted crosswalk there (not at this point). Richard Entenmann is seeking support from the Council, such as in a letter stating that the City should repair the sidewalk so it's level and doesn't have that dip. Joe Brogan encouraged him to not give up on getting the City to change the sidewalk.

David Waugh suggested Alder and direct neighbors take first action with the City then the Council could add weight with a resolution. Bridget would prefer to have Council take action now since it adds weight, as does Richard since he feels time is of the essence.

Michael O'Callaghan Ryanjoy asked what the best solution would be. Richard answered that he thought there could be a combination of raising the street and sidewalk plus changing the dip.

Richard Linster agreed with the suggestion that the Council do more now. Joe Brogan thought it would be good to show support. Richard Linster mentioned Cathy Rideout as someone to contact for assistance with the matter.

Joe Brogan proposed the following resolution: the TLNA Council will submit a letter in support of changing the elevation of the sidewalk next to Richard Entenmann's house at 1228 Sherman Ave. because of safety and cosmetic concerns and because the engineering appears unnecessary and will cause more problems.

Gay seconded. Motion passed.

4. Neighborhood officer report: not present.

## 5. President's comments.

Richard thanked Marina for leading the Council in his stead while he and Patty gone.

July 16<sup>th</sup> is the block party; he, Patty, and Marina met about it.

Richard discussed a letter from Ben Anton (Christ Presbyterian Church) about planning the Church's building renovation. He had a discussion with board, Richard and Alan Crossley of what could be done to invite the neighborhood more. Richard asked the rest of the Council to think about how we could strengthen ties.

Stephanie asked what the building renovation will entail – Richard said it's mostly to be decided but his sense is that they're increasing their footprint but not sure what direction they would go in.

Richard raised Joe Lusson's proposal for bid on 640 Gorham St. Richard thinks Joe would be excellent owner of the property, and that the letter of support would be from Richard alone (not Council).

## 6. Reports of officers

Jim Wright: talked to Alan Crossley about block party planning. The party will include free music (4 total bands) and free food, will be from 1-5pm July 16th, and Jim's family is making the food. It will be behind the Cork and Bottle. Very close to being ready.

Denise Breynne: finding more block captains, got some people involved and distributed first wave of newsletters.

Stephanie Schmid: this will be her last meeting as she's moving across town. Mentioned the resurfacing the Christ Presbyterian Church parking lot.

Joe Brogan: nothing to report, but would like the Council to advocate to secure the City Market of 800 E. Washington Ave. Mentioned several locations that had been scouted out previously but fell through. Jim Roper mentioned that the City was mentioning the Braxton lot.

David Wallner: Kay Enright apologized for not making the last meeting but would still like to come to another meeting.

Jim Roper: shoreline completed on Lake Mendota, Mendota Rowing Club is out on the lake; another group trying to get into the concession stand. Rowing Club using the boathouse.

David Waugh: chicken coop tour on Saturday and Art Walk on Sunday.

Marina Dupler: Marquette neighborhood committee favorable of the Mautz Paint property project (potential tenant would include craft beer production facility with a tasting room); height of building/number of stories was discussed at meeting (newspaper story mentioned 5 stories). Bridget had copy of plans that she passed around.

Also, Marina met with Patty and Richard on spending plan.

Joe Lusson: mentioned that the shoreline on Mendota is a large improvement. He and his wife are planning on putting a bid on the smaller of the two City-owned houses (bids due July 7<sup>th</sup>). Bridget mentioned part of the criteria/rating system for the bids. This is posted on City's website. Google "James Madison Park Surplus" and this will come up.

Recommendations will go the City Council. There should be a public meeting by early September. Bridget could only mention one other entity that had interest. Jim Roper mentioned in the past that potential buyers present plans to neighborhood council.

Bridget said this would still happen but it would depend on what kind of bids placed.

Since Joe Lusson is bidding, and Richard supporting, Bridget thought someone else from the TLNA Council should be the contact to deal with the City about the bids.

Gay Davidson-Zielske: got a call from the Austin chicken coop group asking about the chicken coop tour (such as cost, how many coops, etc). Gay herself only has one chicken now.

Lia Vellardita: nothing to report.

Alyssa Kesler Ryanjoy: some block captains have been recruited, easier to do this in summer to discuss the events. Asked if people are taking photos of the Art Walk or the chicken coop tour to post them on Facebook or give them to Alyssa.

Michael O'Callaghan Ryanjoy: fielding questions from people getting the newsletter about the block party or other events. Thinks this is a good time of year for a big push considering the volume of queries.

Alan Crossley: no produce given him to yet for donations to the Church (he'll send out reminders about that). The garage sale is out – wondered how much advertising he should get in the Wisconsin State Journal. He decided he'll opt for the 3 day advertisement option plus other means of free advertising.

Patty Prime: brought some copies of the 2011-2012 budget. David asked if we have income as well as outgoing, we do but not in this budget. Current balance for 12 months is around \$10,000-11,000, but prior to that we had more (this is due to a number of donations). Updated last year's printing cost; advertising cost evens out the printing cost. Based on a number of factors, proposed having the education section of the budget go back to 2009's numbers. Patty suggested having everyone look at and give feedback later. Jim Roper suggested discussing mailing the newsletter – it is costly, but might be better to mail. Patty thinks it would be around \$400-900 for a mailing (for a zip code send). People agreed it is costly. Bridget suggested mailing postcards advertising the TLNA Facebook group. Joe Lusson mentioned the newsletters often just sit at the apartment buildings, especially in the summer. Joe Brogan mentioned it might be more prestigious if it was mailed than hand delivered. Alan recalled that the TLNA mailed the fall issue only; then suggested hand-delivering the newsletters going to single family residences. Joe Brogan said that packaging is half the cost of mailing. Alan said that the back of the newsletter would have to be the mailer page. Late September is when the fall issue comes out. Jim Roper asked how to limit the number of newsletters at a location with a lot of residences (like a large apartment building); when hand-delivering, most people just leave about 60% but with mailing the Council would have to look into this process. Patty asked if should we put something in the budget or should we research more first regarding mailing? Joe Brogan said he would research mailing and report back at next meeting. In the parks section of the budget, Patty retained the same numbers from previous years. She took out the Tenney Park building since it is complete. The Tenney Park Tour Publication is now in pdf format so Council shouldn't need money for it. Patty mentioned TLNA doesn't need another Tenney Park Shelter Contribution in the budget now. Joe Lusson suggested the TLNA council gives some monetary contribution to the James Madison Park neighborhood's garden committee whose members garden on the top of the James Madison Park shelter. Patty wasn't sure about Downtown Madison, Inc membership; others said TLNA stayed as members in the past, so we should continue this membership and look into the schedule of events and to see what the Council could attend. David Wallner suggested the Council making a donation to the Central Library

Fund. Jim Roper suggested using some of the funds from the garage sale to the Fund. David will bring brochures to the block party. Patty will add a line in the budget for the Central Library Fund; David suggested \$1000. The Council could donate more from garage sale. Business District Improvement fund was for planters and banners for the neighborhood but the neighborhood lost the funds – Patty will keep a placeholder in the budget but will skip the grant program and look into making it a neighborhood plan. Jim Wright will call a meeting and gather input on it. The Historic District Designation was put into the budget as a goal for the neighborhood (money would be for mailings and advertisements), but no current effort for this. Joe Lusson would need to have the housing committee work on this. It is in the neighborhood plan as a goal. Doing this makes it easier to sell area as historic district. Patty suggested leaving it as earmark in budget and as we develop more block captains, then see if there is more interest in helping in the project. As for the Community services part of the budget, Patty was unsure about Art Walk; Joe Brogan said in the past signs were purchased but didn't think we have an ongoing expense with that (Patty will put zero there). Safe Community Coalition membership: not sure what if we need to continue, so Patty will inquire about this. As for Time Bank, Patty will put another zero.

For Social Events, Patty carried over what we had from past years. Jim Wright said \$500 for block party is more than enough. For Membership, Patty spread out costs. Standard treasurer expenses, and miscellaneous fees. This totals about \$8700, though there are other things pending. Marina thanked Patty for her hard work. Patty will send out a copy of the budget.

7. Old Business: none.

8. New Business: Bob Shaw requested \$25 for Chicken Coop Tour costs: brochures that he made. Joe Brogan moved to repay Bob, Patty seconded. Motion approved.

9. Report of elected officials.

In regards to a community garden space at James Madison Park, Bridget read through 350 page deed history and found limited restrictions. City retains rights land over parking lot but must landscape to neighborhood's preference. That would not be good for the garden, so they're looking into other areas behind Lincoln school near bike path. Urban Land Interest has control of land between building and lake. Jim Roper brought up going through the Parks dept. since people can rent that area. Bridget mentioned the process behind getting garden spot (need to show neighborhood interest and potential area of use and present to City). Bridget suggested having the TLNA council's parks committee looks into this.

Bus stop changes: moving stops around Tenney and Sherman. City looking to permanently remove stop at Marsden and Sherman, and would add on to inbound side at the Yahara on Sherman. Bridget wanted feedback.

Redistricting meeting brought out ward plans: neighborhood not losing only gaining wards. Gates of Heaven has population now of 3000+, Lapham has population of 3500+. Interviewing applicants for authors of RFPs for Don Miller property (North and South 700 and 800 blocks of E. Washington) on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Stakeholder meeting on

July 7<sup>th</sup> plus more public meetings. Marina asked if we should circulate the meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> to TLNA council so that people will come to meeting.

Discussed the Young Elected Officials convention in Washington, D.C. Met with senior White House staff. Topic areas: energy, innovation, economy, house, immigration.

Bridget prepared materials on what we've done with federal funds for energy, and information on housing. She received booklet of contact information for people in White House on different issue areas.

Bridget testified against the renters' rights bill. She thinks the City has good lobbyist for this issue.

David Wallner announcement: Mary Lang Sollinger holding fundraising event at her house at 5:30 pm for 5 of candidates running for senate. Bridget: CNI meeting at 7pm tomorrow at Monona Terrace.

10. Good and Welfare. Alyssa and Michael expecting their first child in the winter.

11. Adjourned at 9:22pm.