

TLNA Council Meeting Minutes
12 June 2014 7:00-9:00pm
Location: The Constellation, 10 N. Livingston St

Draft submitted 27 June 2014, revised 3 July 2014
 by Patrick Heck, TLNA Secretary

Chair Person: Joe Lusson

Council members Present: Joe Lusson, Emily Reynolds, Patrick Heck, Kevin Luecke, David Panofsky, Jessi Mulhall, Richard Entenmann, Michael Ryanjoy, Richard Linster, Patty Prime

Council members Absent (Excused, advance notification): Tyler Lark, James Tye

Council members Absent (Unexcused, no notification): Keith Wessel, David Waugh, Bryan Post

Guests: Officer Lewis, Nik Simonson, Loren Carter, Leigha Weber, Brad Zeman, Marsha Rummel, Steven Maerz, Mary Lang Sollinger, Jo Drury, Jim Wilson, Don Jones

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10 July 2014

Agenda:	Actions/Discussion
1. Call to order	1. Convened at 7:01pm
2. Approval of May Minutes.	1. May meeting minutes approved unanimously on voice vote (motion by Richard, Linster seconded by Kevin Luecke).
3. Welcome	1. Introduction of TLNA Council members
Introduction of guests.	1. Officer Andre Lewis (MPD) 2. Nik Simonson, Turn on Johnson 3. Leigha Weber, Salvation Army 4. Brad Zeman, Salvation Army 5. Loren Carter, Salvation Army 6. Marsha Rummel, District 6 Alder 7. Steven Maerz, T-L resident 8. Mary Lang Sollinger, T-L resident 9. Jo Drury, T-L resident 10. Jim Wilson, T-L resident 11. Don Jones, T-L resident
4. Report of Neighborhood Officer -- Officer Lewis or Sgt. Kleinfeldt	1. Officer Lewis reported. 2. There was a weapons violation at 9 N. Ingersol (Bright Red Studios) the night of June 7; the investigation is ongoing so information is limited. Shots were possibly fired late at night during/after an event, people were seen running away, there was a report of a laser site being used and a

	<p>broken window was found. MPD found an empty holster and 2 handguns in a car. There have been no arrests yet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Joe Lusson mentioned that the location might be hosting parties, e.g., when groups rent the space. In November he saw some emails between alders about Bright Red Studios concerning allowed usage. Michael Ryanjoy asked if people were inside during the shooting. Officer Lewis indicated that partygoers were mostly gone by the time the police arrived. Joe noted that Alder Zellers is recovering from recent wrist surgery and apologizes for not being here. Joe will follow up with Ledell concerning the location and any findings on allowed usage. Michael R. asked if there was indeed a gun discharged; Officer Lewis said only that the investigation was ongoing. 4. Officer Lewis then reported on E. Mifflin St. traffic. The traffic team did a traffic study on May 14-16. They found that traffic was heaviest between 4-6pm and that 85% of cars were going 26-31mph on the 14th and 27-31mph on the 15th and 16th. Kevin Luecke said that around 5pm, when he is biking with his toddler, traffic seems much faster than that, cars pass too closely and problems seem more noticeable between about Blair and Livingston. Officer Lewis noted that another study finding was that 6% of cars were going very fast. Emily Reynolds mentioned that many drivers do not understand the bike light at Blair and Mifflin. Officer Lewis said that MPD might put up an electronic speed board up for outbound traffic; Kevin L. said that placement between Blount and E. Livingston would be helpful. Officer Lewis noted that traffic engineering is considering changing traffic patterns around the square, which could help bikes. He also said that MPD prefers to work with the Bike Federation and to educate people about the boulevard rather than cite drivers. 5. Jessi Mulhall said that the signs that indicated that a portion of Baldwin St is closed are no longer present, so there is a lot of driver confusion. Kevin L. said that the signs are on E. Wash and not very visible. Joe L. said he will pass the info on signs on to Ledell so she can talk with Traffic Engineering.
<p>5. New Business</p>	
<p>a. Salvation Army plans for E. Wash location</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe asked the Salvation Army representatives to introduce themselves. 2. Major Loren Carter gave a summary of the SA's mission and their recent plans. They originally assumed that the city wanted their land on the tax roles, so thought they needed to move and build a new shelter elsewhere, hence their previous plan to build on Darbo Drive. After working on the idea for a year, they met with the mayor and he indicated that a Darbo expansion was not likely to be approved. The neighborhood also had considerable concerns. SA stopped working on the Darbo location at that point and have since been working on consolidating on their E. Washington site. At this point, the E. Washington plans are just a

concept; they have no drawings and want community input before deciding how to proceed. They are also waiting on the city's final determination as to what they can do with both locations; they want to make sure they have city input in writing before making decisions about what services will be on E. Washington. Brad Zeman (SA Property Chair) said that they have only general plans; they looked at operations at both facilities and concluded that both buildings were not created for their end use, hence both or either need to be drastically updated or rebuilt. They also need to consolidate for security, safety, staff and service uses. The unification of services is the only plan that is set. The current setups are also very inefficient financially. In addition, all their funding comes from the community and they are struggling with keeping services in line; the community and clientele deserve a good facility. Alder Zellers was at one of their recent meetings and she asked that the SA come to TLNA to answer questions.

3. Kevin Luecke asked which services on Darbo would be shifted to E. Washington. Currently on Darbo there is a gym, food pantry, 2 churches, an after school program with a meal component, outreach to neighborhood residents for meal service and 1/3 of the building is administration space. They don't want to increase total services through consolidation and may even downsize depending on their funding. They do want to serve the same population. Patty Prime asked if the consolidation is being driven by finances. Major Carter said yes. He said that on Washington there is a free dental clinic and housing for 40+ women and 18 families. The building is the old St. Patrick's school, so very old and hard to heat. Jessi Mulhall asked what the original use of the Darbo building was. It was a printing facility and other things before SA bought it.
4. Richard Linster asked if the SA had more to present. Major Carter said no. Richard asked why, if the meeting with the mayor was a year ago, why did it take so long for them to meet with TLNA despite the fact that this could impact Tenney-Lapham. Major Carter said that at the time they were meeting with the mayor, they were working on plans to consolidate on Darbo, so thought that the meeting was to discuss programming concerns. The mayor changed the tenor of that meeting from programming to facilities. They realized at that time that it wouldn't work on Darbo due to city resistance. They could fight a legal battle to try to use Darbo as their main site and thought they could even win, but that in the end they'd lose the battle.
5. District 6 Alder Marsha Rummel, in attendance because she has been involved in the SA issue, said that the mayor didn't want the Darbo facility to move forward. She imagines that zoning there could be changed, but that the SA wanted to be good neighbors, so moved their focus back to E. Washington. Major Carter reiterated that they are still in the beginning planning stages – they are not months into it. They are still studying room requirements, etc., before they can begin design work.

They feel as though they haven't been wasting time, but have been waiting for the city to clarify their stance. He said it is really about funding too. Richard L. remarked that it was incredible that a year went by between the meeting with the mayor and this meeting. Major Carter said that then-Alder Maniaci met with the SA and at that time said she'd be supportive of them staying on Washington.

6. Michael Ryanjoy asked if at the meeting with the mayor were city staff also there. Heather Stouder from Planning, Jim O'Keefe and some of the mayor's staff were there. Michael asked if it was clear who was speaking about Darbo not being a possibility; was it staff, a city attorney or the mayor? It seemed to be the mayor.
7. David Panofsky asked about the services on E. Washington and who their clientele are. Leigha Weber, SA Director of Social Services, said their shelter is in a gym with cots and they provide a meal in evening. Families are on the 2nd level and they get a meal too. There is emergency housing for up to 20 people individuals too. They offer free dental care and on Saturday evenings there is a soup kitchen for families.
8. Patty P. asked about the challenges of consolidating. Is there sufficient space or any plumbing issue that would prevent accommodating Darbo programs on Washington? Brad Zeman said the Washington building's footprint is sufficient, but that they will likely tear down the existing structure and start over. The current structure presents too many hardships for staff. They also want a clean, bright, comfortable facility for their clients. Major Carter added that the existing facility adds to the stress and strain on clientele - there is no privacy, they have shared restrooms, etc. Brad Z. said they'd be adding amenities, but not additional clientele because they can't afford it.
9. Leigha W. added that their funding contracts dictate the number of customers and space. The funding and community focus is shifting to long-term housing so short-term housing is not likely to be growing. Because of these factors, the shelter is a safety net for the community; there is nothing else available. The Heartland Alliance and similar organizations are helping with permanent housing. The SA hopes to create a new space that could be used for something other than sleeping if short-term funding or needs continue to decrease.
10. Alder Rummel said that there is a crisis in housing – there are 2 or 3 times the number of people who want shelter than there are beds. The community has to face that there are no funds. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) in the City is for about 60 people, but there are an estimated 2000 people sleeping outside; the need is there. Leigha W. added that the shelter is their primary service now, but they do want to venture into other housing projects. Major Carter said their budget in Dane County is about \$4.7million with \$1+million coming from contracts - the rest is raised from private sources such as bell ringing and direct mail. They don't think they can raise more.
11. Mary Lang Sollinger mentioned that the Holly House is great. She asked

if it was privately funded and, if so, why not build on that success? Why not duplicate that effort to get more SA funding? Major Carter said he would like to, but the SA has no assets to offer. For the Holly House, a group of women bought and gifted the house. Mary S. said that she is surprised people don't raise money around a similar effort. Major Carter agreed – the need for shelter is overwhelming. If they could convert gifted houses or similar properties, the SA would be glad to put transitional housing in them and support and manage them. He noted that women are in the Holly House for a maximum of 2 years and that most who leave are successful.

12. Officer Lewis said that there is a shelter gap – he asked about where men with children can go because he has tried to refer them to various agencies, including the SA. Leigha W. said that the SA lets the term “family” be defined by the presence of minor children. They don't care about the sex of the adults. She said that the SA has 3 shelters – one for single women, one for families with children and an emergency/warming shelter. Both the family and emergency/warming shelters will accept men with children. The shelter stay limits, imposed externally, are 90 days for families and 60 days for single women. No single men are allowed except in the emergency/warming shelter.
13. Steven Maerz, who lives across Mifflin from the SA, asked if the transition to E. Washington is dependent on the sale of Darbo. Major Carter said yes. The city has expressed interest in buying the Darbo shelter for a community center. Alder Rummel noted that the mayor has expressed interest rather than the city.
14. Major Carter notes that due to the rough winter, the SA shelters provided 1300 additional shelter nights this year with no increased funding, hence they are \$200,000 in the hole. Consolidation will not only improve services, but will save money by having only one kitchen, one administrative staff, one space, etc.
15. Steven Maerz brought up a meeting he had with the SA in 2012 to discuss security and safety issues for neighbors. None of the solutions discussed at that meeting were implemented. While he is supportive of the SA's work, his concern is about security, monitoring and policing - they need the means to be a good neighbor. Major Carter said that the rebuild will design the building much better. Most services and work will be inside with fewer needs for clients to be outside. Steven M. said that his concern is the spillage from people visiting SA clients onto the streets and into the neighborhood. He has witnessed drug deals from his dining room window. He says that neighbors shouldn't be required to call the police. There should be monitors. People park themselves all day long just outside the neighbors' property and sit on the neighborhood stoops.
16. Richard L. stated that there has been a tremendous failure to communicate and now the SA's good work is being called into question. Why was TLNA not communicated with directly? He's thankful that Steven M. has kept the council apprised – TLNA council should take a

	<p>look at Steven’s emails to see what has been going on. It won’t get better until TLNA and the neighborhood get involved.</p> <p>17. Dirk Entenmann asked if TLNA needs to make a query to the mayor about the Darbo property. Can Joe or Ledell ask what is going on with the mayor? Joe L. says yes, they could perhaps meet with the mayor’s staff to seek clarification, but whatever it comes down to, if it is consolidated on E. Washington, we need to work together. Joe asks Alder Rummel if City Council has a role. Alder Rummel says yes, in so much as the capital budget will probably have dollars for the Darbo purchase if the mayor can find them. She advised talking to the mayor now.</p> <p>18. Joe L. thanked the SA and concerned neighbors for coming and noted that talking sooner is always better than later. Leigha W. added that if anyone has questions about what is going on in or around the SA’s building, they should let her know.</p> <p>19. Joe L. suggested that TLNA might want to form a committee to work on parking lot visitor containment. Major Carter said that the surface parking lot would probably be replaced by a parking structure, so those issues might go away. Steven M. asked if the SA was the only tenant in the building and planned to be the only one in the future. Major Carter said yes.</p>
<p>6. Old Business a. Emerald Ash Borer –</p>	<p>1. Mary Lang Sollinger presented an update on the work of the neighborhood committee addressing the City’s response and plan to address to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. She distributed the update in the form of a draft (appended below).</p> <p>2. There are still additional ideas beyond their committee report that they are pursuing, e.g., putting yellow laminated tags on trees as has been done at UW to tell a tree’s individual story. They will test these first at Tenney Park, but believe it might be too windy. They are still researching this.</p> <p>3. David Panofsky thanked Mary S. and the committee for their work and leadership.</p>
<p>7. Road Construction & Turn on Johnson campaign</p>	<p>1. Steering Group Chair Patty Prime reported, along with Nik Simonson, the Turn on Johnson project coordinator.</p> <p>2. They reminded all that anyone can subscribe to the City’s construction email updates via City Engineering’s website. The next meeting for the businesses with the contractor is Tuesday, June 17, at 1:00pm at the Constellation. Kevin Luecke asked if many people were attending those meetings. Joe indicated that they were popular with the businesses.</p> <p>3. Nik noted that there had been another unscheduled water outage in the 800 and 900 blocks of E. Johnson and vicinity. Apparently, existing city pipes that were already leaking were discovered. Normally, a 48-hour notice is given for water shutoffs, but these have been emergencies. The laundromat and restaurants have struggled with the water shutoffs.</p> <p>4. Nik collaborated with Michael Ryanjoy on the website and with Jessi</p>

	<p>Mulhall on designing the soon-to-be-printed TOJ flyer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Nik has spend most of the last couple of weeks networking and working with the businesses, informing them about TOJ, signage, the coupon offers, flyers, etc. 6. The coupon booklet and TOJ informational flyer are moving along. Once the TOJ campaign signs started appearing, people and businesses started getting involved. The coupon offer will have 1 to 2 pages of coupons. Nik asked if TLNA can pay for the flyer and coupon printing outside of the TOJ budget. Patty said that she would research the budget and figure out how much was available from TOJ and what additional might be needed. Alpha Graphics is a possible printer, recommended by Iona and Fontaine. 7. Emily Reynolds thanked Nik for the TOJ Facebook updates; she said they are great for practical information. She asked when the workers stop in the evening. Patty said 7pm, but they have permission to work until 9pm during specific date ranges. 8. Nik reported that there are temporary bike racks on Paterson to make up for the E. Johnson St. racks that have been torn out due to the reconstruction. 9. Nik said that the campaign is in its promotional stage. He encouraged everyone to take yard signs and mentioned that he hopes to be allowed to put them on City property. 10. Nik had a meeting with the mayor, accompanied by Patty P. and Richard L. The mayor made a commitment similar to what he did for the Willy Lives! campaign; he and his wife will make 20 purchases on E. Johnson during the 20-week period between July 1 and Nov. 1. Additionally, the mayor is scheduled to meet Nik and others in front of the Caribou on July 3 at 4:00 when they will walk E. Johnson and further discuss Turn on Johnson. 11. Patrick Heck asked if the next TOJ Steering Committee meeting could be scheduled. It was agreed that Monday, June 23, at 7:00pm at Madtown Pizza was the best time. 12. Nik continues to work on planning the TOJ events. He’s exploring later events for August, e.g., a concert or music event. Next Door Brewing on Atwood Ave. is interested in helping out for a music event or similar event. He reported that the street use permit was approved for the Saturday, July 26, Cork ‘n Bottle block party. 13. Nik is talking with the WI State Journal’s business columnist in hopes of getting more media attention for TOJ.
<p>8. Report of Elected Officials.</p>	<p>District 2 Alder Ledell Zellers was unable to attend due to illness.</p>
<p>9. Report of Officers and Committees</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emily Reynolds, Treasurer, reported that TLNA has \$11,183.38 in cash assets.

<p>a. Social/Membership Upcoming community nights: Caribou (June 25) Johnson Public House (July 31)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee Chair Richard Linster reported. 2. There is a TLNA Community Night scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, at the Caribou from 5-8pm. 3. There is a TLNA Community Night scheduled for Thursday, July 31, at the Johnson Public House. Tentatively, it is from 5-8pm. 4. Still in the planning stage is a TLNA Community Night scheduled for sometime in August at Forequarter. 5. Patty Prime asked about the Taste of Tenney event. It was suggested that the Turn on Johnson Steering Committee should address this at their committee meetings.
<p>b. Treasurer... criteria for funding neighborhood events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emily Reynolds raised the issue of developing both an annual budget and criteria for grants to neighborhood events. 2. Joe Lusson thanked Nik for doing all the signature gathering for the Cork ‘n Bottle block party city permit. The TLNA Executive Committee agreed to give \$250 to the party since it is a neighborhood-wide event that benefits Lapham School. 3. David Walner and Anne Katz on Few St. have requested \$250 from TLNA for their annual neighborhood party (organized with 3 other contiguous households) that includes music and a potluck. They want funding for the band. Joe L. agreed that we need to setup criteria for funding events. The Executive Committee had taken a preliminary vote, but there was hesitance. Richard L. indicated was not hesitant; he would not support this or similar requests until we had a discussion about funding criteria. He mentioned that Cork ‘n Bottle had a made a similar request last year, but since there were no receipts and no process, no funds were awarded. He added that TLNA needs accountability from events that we grant funds to, including how much income and expenses are. Emily R. agreed. David P. said that he believes that grants should not be for private parties; they should be neighborhood-wide events. 4. Emily R. reiterated that TLNA needs a budget each year for these events, including an application process with a documentation process, so we have selection criteria. She mentioned again that she wants a full budget committee. 5. Emily R. moved that a committee be formed to draw up an annual budget and develop grant process and criteria. Richard L. seconded. 6. Discussion of the motion – Michael R. said that this was a good idea, but he is inclined to support the Few St. request because last year it pulled his neighbors to the Few St. neighborhood so it was pulling from adjacent areas. Michael R. suggested that funded events could use the TLNA logo and Kevin L. suggested that TLNA membership should be promoted at funded events. Patty P. said that she was also uncomfortable with the process and thinks it has been too informal, hence we need criteria. Joe L. asked if we should establish 2 committees – one for the budget and one for the criteria. He mentioned that TLNA has had annual budgets in the past and that the process is time-consuming. Emily R. said one committee

	<p>could work on the funding criteria first and then do the budget work. Joe agreed.</p> <p>7. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p> <p>8. Richard L. suggested that once the criteria are established and adopted, David Wallner and Anne Katz should be invited to a meeting to familiarize them with the process and discuss their party. All agreed.</p> <p>9. Emily R., Richard L., Patty P. and Dirk E. all agreed to serve on the committee. Emily reminded all that she will be on vacation until mid-July, but will try to get some committee organization set before she departs.</p>
c. Housing	<p>1. Keith Wessell was absent, but Joe Lusson mentioned 2 important upcoming housing meetings that Keith has organized.</p> <p>2. One is for the proposal to tear down and replace 827 E. Gorham on Monday, June 16, and the other is for a proposal to make changes and additions, including underground parking and a possible link to an adjacent house, to 428 N Livingston on Wednesday, June 18. Both meetings are at 7:00pm in The Constellation's 2nd floor community room.</p> <p>3. Dirk Entenmann asked if 827 E. Gorham has any historical significance. Joe L. said that is a very interesting house, but has been altered drastically over the years. In his opinion, the biggest issue will be agreeing to what will replace it and its size. City staff seems to have generally agreed that the replacement proposal is okay.</p>
d. Publicity/Newsletter	<p>1. Jessi Mulhall – no report</p>
e. Parks	<p>1. James Tye – no report</p>
f. Business	<p>1. Dirk Entenmann - no report</p>
g. Development	<p>1. David Waugh – no report</p>
h. Transportation/Safety	<p>1. Kevin Luecke – no report</p>
10. President's comments	<p>1. Joe Lusson – no comments</p>
11. Adjournment	<p>1. Richard L. moved to adjourn the meeting; motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm</p>

Emerald Ash Borer Near East Side Neighborhood Group UPDATE

At the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood meeting

Thursday, June 12

7:00 pm.

Constellation, community room

DRAFT DRAFT

A summary of the City Parks and Central City Alders Thursday, June 5 Meeting

1. The assessment for which Ash Trees were yellow tagged on the Isthmus was made during the 2013-14 winter months because of the urgency to act due to the discovery of EAB in the Warner Park area. We have not found EAB on the Isthmus, so there is time and pressing priorities to address.
2. Just a few days ago Middleton discovered the EAB in an area near the Madison city limits.
3. The city is doing a reassessment of the yellow tagged Ash trees since the roots and crown are in full view. The photo library will be shared with the city over the winter.
4. Treatment for the terrace trees are generally done from late May to mid-September. Treatment is late this year because of late leafing out.
5. If there is money in the budget for the installation of under ground power lines, only trees meeting the other two criteria will be removed. Otherwise, even if conduit has been laid, ash trees will be removed.
6. Any tree removal on the Isthmus/D2 will not be done before January, 2016. Although, some ash trees will be cut between now and then through the normal course of business. The City Forestry removes about 600 terrace ash per year (non EAB related).
7. Property owners will be notified when their terrace tree is being treated.
8. The City Park's Forestry staff will continue to improve communications to the alders with both articles, flyers and maps.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alder Ledell Zellers

Coordinated by Betty Eberle, Caroline Alexander, Mary Lang Sollinger