

TLNA Monthly Meeting Minutes
11 June 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: Sue Babcock, Ledell Zellers, Steve Maerz, Jessi Mulhall, Mary Beth Collins, Tyler Lark, Keith Wessel, Steve Wilke, Emily Reynolds, and Paul Creswell

Guests: Officer McClay, Megan Hile, Meghan Blake-Horst, Caroline Hoffman, Caitlin McGahan, and Teena Browder

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

Agenda:	Actions/Discussion
1. Call to order	1. Minutes are approved unanimously.
2. Officer Report -- Officer Jessica McClay	1. A meth lab was busted in the neighborhood last week on the 1000 block of Gorham. It was brought to the attention of the police because of the smell. Ledell: What kind of smell? McClay: Rotten egg or cat litter smell. Meth labs are dangerous. Chemicals are volatile.
3. Harlem Renaissance Museum – Caitlin McGahan	1. Harlem Renaissance Museum is now open. Caitlin McGahan came to invite people to attend the live exhibits. Neighborhood residents are able to get in to one live exhibit for free. She handed out schedules and this is something we can all potentially enjoy.
4. Madison Chocolate Company – Megan Hile	1. MCC is moving into the 821 space on East Johnson (A), the craft cocktail bar will be moving in there. They are co-creating a space with Macha Teahouse. A lot of “bean to bar” movement work. Excited to bring quality chocolate and education to the neighborhood. Ledell: Macha? Meghan: Yes, Rachel and Anthony from there make great dessert. You'll be able to get her chocolates as well as a variety of chocolates from all over the world. Patty: Timeline? Megan: Take occupancy July 15th. Rachel and Anthony met their goal for their Kickstarter. Megan is launching hers to raise the rest of the funds for her space. Emphasis on education. Hoping to bring kids into the space as well. Megan Learned Bean-to-bar process in Ecuador and Los Angeles. People like to see the process and she'd like to bring that to Madison. Jessi: Are you hiring people as well? Megan just hired her apprentice, Rachel, and they think they will likely have to hire a person or two. Ledell: how are you doing the space? Megan: It's early in the process. Steve W: Hours? Megan: We're trying to structure this around sanity. Probably morning to 6. Perhaps an evening night a week. Perhaps October will be when they

	<p>actually open. Mary Beth Collins: suggests that the annual meeting and taste of Tenney might be a good place to première MCC chocolates.</p>
<p>5. Tenney Trees – Tyler Lark</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. www.TenneyTrees.org is up. Robert Lasseter has been helping with this and that has been awesome. This week they added a section with a map. \$2800 just website donations. Tenney-Lapham. Total with the amount that we have is closer to \$3900. The donation from Whole Trees is going to the city, but we get to use it. Once we decide how many, then we let Craig know and call a contractor; Tyler has a recommendation for ‘Tree Health Mangagement’. East Moreland is likely to use this contractor as well. The price is about \$12-14 an inch and they go by the diameter. Tyler also checked with another contractor (Capital City Trees), but hasn't heard back. Ledell suggests Tyler may wish to contact Sean Gere who is a known tree specialist. Meghan Blake-Horst also suggests talking to Truly Remarkable Loon. He has tested a lot of things in Orton. 2. Comments: The signs look good. There were some lamination problems, but Tyler is working on those. Patty met someone and had a discussion about it. Mary Beth Collins: Can we send these out to Marquette, Emerson East, and others etc? 3. Number of trees. We're close to \$7,000 -- 10 trees would cost a little over \$2000. Mary Beth Collins: can we negotiate with a contractor to put succession program in place? There are 21 that are possible to save. Steve, Steve, Patty, Sue, Mary Beth, all express desire to save all the ones that are possible to save. Mary Beth Collins volunteers to look into the contracting aspects of it. Caroline Hoffman: When the trees come down, I think people will be on board to save some. That is, when they see what the park looks like without them. Perhaps we can even save another 20? Patty: with the lagoon revision they're going to take out everything that's not saved. So, we're unlikely to get more than the 21 that are marked as potential at this point. But perhaps we can use this time period of loss to fund raise. Tyler: It appears that everyone is on board to go with as many as we can and fund-raise for the rest/future treatments.
<p>6. Unfinished business –</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bike polo is up and running. It is now and official parks thing!! This is great outcome. Johnny may do some kind of 'grand opening'. There will be a demo at the 'shake the lake' event. 2. Bridge-themed street signs: Straight on vs. stylized? Tyler likes the straight on, but not the quality as well. Steve W. says approximately the same thing. Patty: the squarish nature of the stylized one might be advantageous. Others suggest that you can make a square with the straight-on version. Others agree that adding "Tenney Lapham" will be useful as well. Group is leaning toward the straight-on. Support for the idea of having a cyclist on this. Steve M: being recognizable will be the most important part. Patty: can we take it to the city and see what they would come up with based on it? Ledell: we can try. Jessi is ok with that -- she'll e-mail the images to Ledell and she'll talk to the city.
<p>7. Pedestrian flag bridges – Meghan Blake-</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meghan came to the meeting to promote the “pedestrian flag bridges” going up around the city. Atwood, West Mifflin and Fairchild, and one

<p>Horst</p>	<p>by Olbrich. The Mifflin and Fairchild one seems to be very popular with people taking them for tourists. She's looking at a box at Sherman and Marsten as well as one by Yahara House. Two on Johnson. Or perhaps two by Yahara House. There might be as many as 5 that could be. Caroline Hoffman is a local artist whose work could be used for the box at Sherman and Marsten. The box costs about \$1,000, typically -- though Caroline would wave her fee. They are being made by Sector 67. There's materials costs as well as some costs for labor. They have about \$1,000 from the Arts Board, but were hoping to use that in more low income neighborhood. So, she'd like to see the neighborhood association support one box for \$1,000 and the business association for \$1,000. She might be able to get multiple businesses involved. Emily: are there replacement/maintenance costs? Meghan: these are built into the costs. Sue: how is city traffic involved? Meghan: they are heavily involved. They have a maximum of 4 lanes, cross-walk designation, etc... a request from a neighbor is typically they way it's starting. Caroline Hoffman: I see the kids stealing the signs from the current box, so that is a bit of a problem. We really need to repaint those lines on Sherman near Marsden. Ledell will look into the line repainting. Sue: is it possible that these are actually MORE dangerous? Meghan: the statistics show that it does increase safety overall, but there needs to be outreach around safety and slowing down etc... The group is currently retooling the boxes with better information and outreach and education are also important steps. Emily: is there a concrete timeline -- or is it just funding dependent? Meghan: we want to try to do 12 at once to save on costs of fabrication -- so we'd like to have that much of a commitment. Meghan will be at party in the park. They are thinking of having freestanding example ones for crossing the tracks near the Mad City Bazar. Tyler: Have you considered corporate sponsorship of these signs? Meghan: that has been considered, but isn't happening at this point.</p>
<p>8. Council Members Reports –</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Maerz: Nothing to report. 2. Jessi Mulhall: It seems that the newsletters went well this time. Some even have staples. 3. Tyler Lark: The garden walk is next week. There will be a list of pocket-gardens and sign-up to volunteer and participate. Patty: Nancy Didion wanted to be involved. Tyler: we're going to put a contact list together with regards to these. If you know of anyone that has a garden let Tyler know. Patty: Pat Heck is looking for volunteers to sit by Das Kronenberg to make sure the rooftop garden gets on the tour. He has one to cover one hour, but is seeking two more. 4. Keith Wessel: In reference to an email from Patti, what is the opinion of the council as to whether or not we want to be involved in policing neighborhood housing upkeep? Ledell: Bassett neighborhood did this because the work on this is report driven. Used "report a problem". Keith: could the we bring in the neighborhood examiner? Hank? Steve M: Sometimes this gets used as retribution. So,

I'm not anxious to have Hank walk around the neighborhood. Keith: part of this is a question relative to some properties that haven't been kept up when they likely were told to do something at some point in time. Patty: when we talked about this in the planning meeting we talked about preserving the development of the neighborhood. We have an interest in people not just mowing down the old houses because they can make a profit at it. Steve M: that is a concern. There have been a number of rental landlords who keep doing the minimum to maintain so they can sell out and claim that the houses we're 'worth saving'. Ledell: this is still a problem. Many owners don't live anywhere near the neighborhood and their long term goal is to build something lucrative, but meanwhile the neighborhood suffers with these properties. Ledell: one of the issues is that when you tear something down to build something new, it's invariably more expensive. Patty: should we put that on the agenda for a future meeting? George Hanks could even come in.

5. Steve Wilke: Report on 827 E. Gorham. Met with the building inspector. The new property manager is going to recommend tearing it down (to the owner). Ledell: the city is prosecuting and the court date is set for the end of June. The city gives people a lot of time, but this is pretty bad. Steve Wilke: next "Jam on Johnson" discussion is to begin soon. The party and the park staffing is worked out. Verifying the beer situation. The planters are being reapplied for. Also, the Cap East Business association applied for a permit.
6. Emily Reynolds: Balance \$15,255.11! Got the first application for neighborhood grants. It's for the neighborhood co-op. She will approve it. In August Emily will bring a budget estimate and start looking at maybe forming a budget committee. There are a couple of things coming up: the garage sale etc... The summer months are a few more expenses.
7. Paul Creswell: Nothing to report.
8. Sue Babcock: Delivered the newsletter and the weather was nice. Had a positive experience with the newsletter and people wanting it.
9. Patrick Heck (in absentia): [Given by Patty Prime.] There was a neighborhood meeting regarding the Matty proposal. There were a lot of people at the meeting and there was definitely some resistance. The city wrote to Matty and said that they would not support/recommend it as it is. Ledell: the city tries to work with developers to get things figured out to be successful. They find that this proposal is really not in harmony with the TLN plan. The standards for demolition would make it a pretty tough hill to climb as well. Patty: so Ledell, Patrick, Patty, & Matty met. A change in zoning would be required. So we are currently on hold while Matty considers that. Patty's add: more representation from the council would be helpful for the steering committee meetings. Steve and Keith were both willing to be on the committee.
10. Matt Leiber (in absentia): [Given by Patty Prime.] Still looking for some volunteers. Also for clean up. Will need to load up truck etc... Looking for a photographer. Festival foods donation of \$300 in festival foods

	products. A porta-potty was donated as well.
9. Alder's Report – Ledell Zellers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting on the bus turn-signal alarm issue. This has been a real health concern for people who are living near bus stops and being awoken in the middle of the night and etc... There was meeting was Metro Transit and the community the prior Wednesday. The more Ledell hears about it, the less she sees it as a safety solution. For example, for alarm fatigue. There may be a decisional meeting coming up – so stay tuned. It seems like the commission is looking to moving relatively fast on it. Tyler: is it worth putting up a statement? Tyler makes a motion to write a letter. Emily seconds. The motion passes unanimously. 2. Breese Stevens: Request for management is ongoing. They are negotiating with the one proposal the got (see May notes). Ledell thinks it could be good for TLN to have a manger with that level of experience be involved. Parks Foundation: July 14th is their second community concert. October 2nd, Frank Productions, Evans Brothers concert. They have figured out a way to point the speakers toward the Capitol. Tyler suggests having a booth on the corner to potentially raise funds for ash trees or something. Ledell sends out "what's happening" e-mail weekly. Let her know if you have questions. Tyler: question about Veritas -- phases? Ledell: it seems it will work out. T. Wall has two more developments in the city on the docket. Pasqual's? Likely in July.
10. President's Report – Patty Prime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a part of the party in the park, they are re-grading all of Reynolds field and -- now -- they aren't going to do that right away. They will probably be starting in the fall. They're going to re-grade an area about the size of a football field. It's going to be closed for pretty much all summer next summer. The need is that there's an area in the middle that is becoming swampy. Patty suggests that we reach out to people who use it. Ledell is requesting that Parks post a notice etc... It doesn't seem that the park will be available for Party in the Park next year. 2. Kudos to Kevin for organizing the bike station. Turned out wonderfully. 3. Lastly, we have to start thinking about October – so at Party in the Park there will be a meeting to select a nominating committee for next year's council. Tyler: has there ever been talk about changing that process? Is there a way to get a more open-call kind of way set up? Jessi: it's in the by-laws. Patty: we can reach further out.
13. Adjournment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.