

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

Draft submitted 18 July 2014, revised 27 and 30 July 2014
 by Patrick Heck, TLNA Secretary

Chair Person: Patty Prime

Council members Present: Emily Reynolds, Patrick Heck, Jessi Mulhall, Richard Entenmann, Richard Linster, James Tye, Keith Wessel, David Waugh

Council members Absent (Excused, advance notification): Joe Lusson, Tyler Lark, Kevin Luecke

Council members Absent (Unexcused, no notification): Michael Ryanjoy, Bryan Post, David Panofsky

Guests: Officer Lewis, Alder Ledell Zellers, Nik Simonson, Eric Dundee, Bob Klebba

Next Scheduled Meeting: 14 August 2014

Agenda:	Actions/Discussion
1. Call to order	1. Convened at 7:02pm with Vice President Patty Prime chairing in Joe Lusson's absence.
2. Approval of June Minutes.	1. June meeting minutes approved unanimously on voice vote (motion by Richard Linster, seconded by Emily Reynolds).
3. Welcome	1. Introduction of TLNA Council members
Introduction of guests.	1. Officer Andre Lewis, MPD 2. Ledell Zellers, District 2 Alder 3. Nik Simonson, Turn on Johnson 4. Eric Dundee, City Engineering 5. Bob Klebba, Tenney-Lapham resident
4. Report of Neighborhood Officer -- Officer Lewis or Sgt. Kleinfeldt	1. Officer Lewis reported. 2. The Central District needs a new speed board because the one that was briefly on E. Mifflin is broken. That speed board design is unique in the city, but Traffic Engineering is trying to fix it. The Central District has also request a loaner from the North District, but no result yet. 3. Patrick Heck said that the signboard indicating that cars should share the bike boulevard and is placed on E. Mifflin is great. 4. Officer Lewis reported that the MPD are doing E. Mifflin enforcement during the day when they have time. 5. Alder Zellers said that the MPD traffic enforcement team had reported to

	<p>her that drivers were sometimes not stopping at stop signs times along Mifflin and some were issued citations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. James Tye suggested that stop signs should be 4-way everywhere along the bike boulevard. Ledell said that 2-way versus 4-way stops are a function of traffic on each street. Patrick Heck mentioned that there are currently no 4-way stop signs on E. Mifflin. James also asked Officer Lewis if there were plans to do speed enforcement on E. Gorham due to the increase in speed coming down the hill from about Blount St. He added that Metro buses speed there too. Officer Lewis said he would consider the request and report back. 7. Officer Lewis reported on his looking into Bright Red Studios and permitting for hosted functions. The question came up in an earlier TLNA meeting due to the gunfire that was reported there. Bright Red Studios does not need a permit for events in which alcohol is BYOB and/or not charged for. 8. Patty Prime thanked Officer Lewis for taking action concerning the traffic on Baldwin Street where drivers were previously confused due the lack of signage about the street closure. She now sees signs further towards E. Washington. Jessi Mulhall added that traffic enforcement efforts in the Dickinson/E. Johnson area have been helpful.
<p>5. New Business</p>	
<p>a. Flooding</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alder Zellers introduced Eric Dundee from City Engineering who has been looking into flooding in the areas near E. Mifflin, N. Livingston, E. Dayton and N. Blount. 2. Eric presented a large map of the isthmus and a diagram of the Livingston St. storm sewer pipe (attached). He said that the Blount and Livingston drainage areas were separated in 2004 street reconstruction (see yellow and pink areas, respectively, on the attached map) in order to move some water away from Livingston. Both the areas drain to Lake Monona and include drainage from several blocks of E. Johnson Street. 3. Lake water is almost always present in the storm sewers, which is expected due to the water table being so close to the surface in this infill area and because the area surrounding the intersection of E. Mifflin and N. Livingston is the lowest point on the isthmus. 4. Currently, Lake Monona is higher than its maximum target for this summer, however it has been higher in the past, e.g., 1.5' higher in 2009 that followed a very wet 2008 and a snowy 2008-2009 winter. 5. When there are heavy and quick rains, e.g., 1.5" in a small amount of time, the storm sewers can burp up all air that is in the storm sewers. This is not abnormal. In the attached Livingston storm diagram, the white area of the big pipe is all the room that is available for rain runoff; the blue is the lake water that is always there, but its height does depend on Lake Monona levels and recent rains. The rainwater has to push the air out of the pipe to make room, hence water and air really does come out of some

of street inlets. The pressure has to equalize before the water starts draining. Generally, the flooding lasts only about 15-20 minutes or perhaps longer, but then it quickly goes down.

6. The construction on E. Johnson is also a factor in this year's flooding. They are replacing all storm sewers, cutting into them and doing a lot of underground work so that water has no where to go but to the nearby low-lying intersections/areas when the storm sewers are not working.
7. There was flooding on Franklin in an earlier rain this summer which was addressed, but the problem simply moved to Blair and Dayton in a recent rain. The water has to go somewhere, so it just moves to the next lowest point it can find.
8. Dane County controls the lake levels. Lakes Mendota and Kegonsa can be controlled by their respective dams. The County could lower those lake levels to control flooding, but the water still couldn't be lowered in Monona since there is no dam there and because Mendota flows into Monona.
9. David Waugh asked if Lake Mendota is higher than the isthmus land we are talking about. Eric said, yes. David joked that if James Madison Park were to breach, the isthmus would be flooded. Eric agreed.
10. Since Livingston and its underlying storm sewers were upgraded last year, there has been some relief in the pink area; the new and bigger sewer line along Livingston can handle more water.
11. Dirk Entenmann asked for clarification on the blue lines on the map; Eric indicated that the blue lines are the existing storm sewer lines and green are watershed lines. The thinner green lines are for minor watershed lines with heavier for major watershed lines. He also mentioned that there are fish in the larger sewer lines, e.g., on Livingston where there is a 54" storm water line (see attached figure). That 54" line replaced one that was just 18", hence there is now more capacity. The idea is to have the biggest pipe you can as close to the surface as the land will allow so that there is the most air space possible. That air space is the volume that rain water can flow to/in.
12. Eric noted that the goal of the Johnson Street contractors was to complete the south side work in the first week of August. They would then switch to the north side of the street. They are about 3 weeks from having the main E. Johnson storm line online, so flooding potential should decrease .
13. James Tye asked how long it takes the contractors to clear out drain and storm sewer entrances after a rain event. Eric said that they have 24 hours to check for clogs and another 24 hours to clear all obstructions. James said that this is not happening and he has photos of such. Patrick Heck said that Das Kronenberg has similar photos. James said that on Thursday after Monday's rain event, the inlets hadn't been cleaned out at Gorham and Pinckney, on Franklin, Hancock, and so on.
14. Eric mentioned that the State DNR runs the project, not the city, so they dictate what rules are followed with respect to drain fabric, environmental prevention, erosion control, etc. The City is caught in the middle between

	<p>the DNR and the contractors.</p> <p>15. Patrick H. mentioned that since the Dayton and Blount storm sewers were reconstructed, Das Kronenberg hasn't had interior flooding until this year.</p> <p>16. Bob Klebba asked what constitutes a major rain event. James T. said that 1" over a 24-hour period is considered a major event and that then it is expected that e. coli bacteria will be detectable at the beaches.</p> <p>17. Patty P. asked Eric if it is fair to say construction has had an impact and that when construction is done, the flooding will improve. Eric responded that yes, the situation will improve, but flooding will not be eliminated. He added that Livingston and Blount Streets are where you will see the flooding because that's where the water goes to run towards Lake Monona.</p> <p>18. Eric said feel free to email him with questions: edundee@cityofmadison.com.</p>
<p>6. Road Construction & Turn on Johnson campaign – building Business Association</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn on Johnson Steering Group Chair Patty Prime reported along with Nik Simonson, TOJ Project Coordinator. 2. Nik said that the business coupon offers had come out. He described the creation and printing of the coupons and passed out examples. The coupons' small size has been a problem and there have been complaints, although he passed out hundreds at the Parks Foundation concert at Breese Stephens and there were no complaints about size. 3. There might need to be a new coupon distribution strategy because some businesses are not passing them out due to their formatting. Nik described the situation that led to the coupons being too small. There were communication issues due to various people being away. 4. Nik thinks another round of coupons could be printed with better formatting, hopefully sooner rather than later. 5. Nik has also heard from a company or group that does free advertising. This group found TOJ through Facebook and they work with youth teams, churches, etc. Details are forthcoming, but it is an option. 6. Nik said that there is a great deal of positive energy amongst the businesses; most everyone is involved in TOJ and the businesses are talking to each other. 7. Nik described his most recent visit to the mayor's office – just today. The Mayor will be doing a public announcement concerning his pledge to make 20 purchases on E. Johnson during the 20-week construction period. The announcement should come early next week and generate more media attention. Alder Zellers suggested emailing Monica Rottman and copy Katie Crawley if scheduling needs to be verified. 8. Nik indicated that he would be going to some independent businesses in the neighborhood that may not have traditional storefronts or signs in hopes that they will get involved with TOJ. 9. Richard Linster followed up on Nik's comments –Patty and he passed out TOJ coupons last Wednesday to the E. Johnson businesses. Today, he

	<p>followed up with them; businesses are pushing them and people are taking them. Coupons are also being picked up at the Constellation. He reported that businesses he spoke with really appreciated the Mayor and Alder Zellers visiting E. Johnson St. and that they especially valued the NBC15 story.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Dirk Entenmann thanked Nik for his hard work and mentioned that despite the coupons not being perfect they had a good unintended outcome – the businesses are coming together. 11. James Tye asked who the graphic designer for the coupons was. Nik said that he is a professional, but because the job had to be done in one day there was some confusion. Nik said that picking a graphic artist that everyone is comfortable with would have been better. James said that he had no complaints – he just wondered who it was. 12. A general discussion of coupon distribution options followed, including suggestions that they should be available on Facebook and the TLNA listserv. 13. Patty mentioned that the weekend of 19 July is Johnson Street Days. It is the same weekend as Maxwell Street Days on State and we hope to draw some of the same shoppers. There will be lots of sales, etc. 14. Patrick H. asked if the next TOJ Steering Committee meeting could be scheduled. Monday, July 14, at 7:00pm at The Spot was agreed upon. 15. Nik mentioned several TOJ events for which he continues to work on planning for. He’s exploring later events for August, e.g., a concert or music event. Next Door Brewing Company on Atwood Ave. is interested in helping out for a music or similar event. He reported that the City street use permit was approved for the Saturday, 26 July 26, block party. 16. Nik reported that he is talking with the Wisconsin State Journal’s business columnist in hopes of getting more media attention for TOJ.
<p>7. Report of Elected Officials.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District 2 Alder Ledell Zellers reported. 2. The recently proposed sprinkler ordinance was discussed. A number of buildings in District 2 would be impacted, including those of 5 stories or more (Kennedy Manor, Verex, Das Kronenberg, etc.) All State Street buildings would be required to have sprinklers. She sent out info to the Common Council on the ordinance when first proposed and some alders expressed concern. The ordinance was proposed by the Fire Department and was cosponsored by 5 or 6 alders. After Ledell sent out the information, one or more alders withdrew sponsorship and the Fire Chief withdrew the proposal. Ledell expects it will come up again, but slightly adjusted. The Fire Dept. is now engaging with those impacted. She mentioned that we don’t want places to burn down, nor do we want people to be hurt, but have to carefully weigh the costs and benefits. 3. Alder Zellers reported on the proposed changes to the Landmarks ordinance and commission. A committee of 5 alders is reviewing changes that the Landmark Commission put forth. The committee has had one meeting so far and the next is scheduled for 23 July at 5:00pm in room

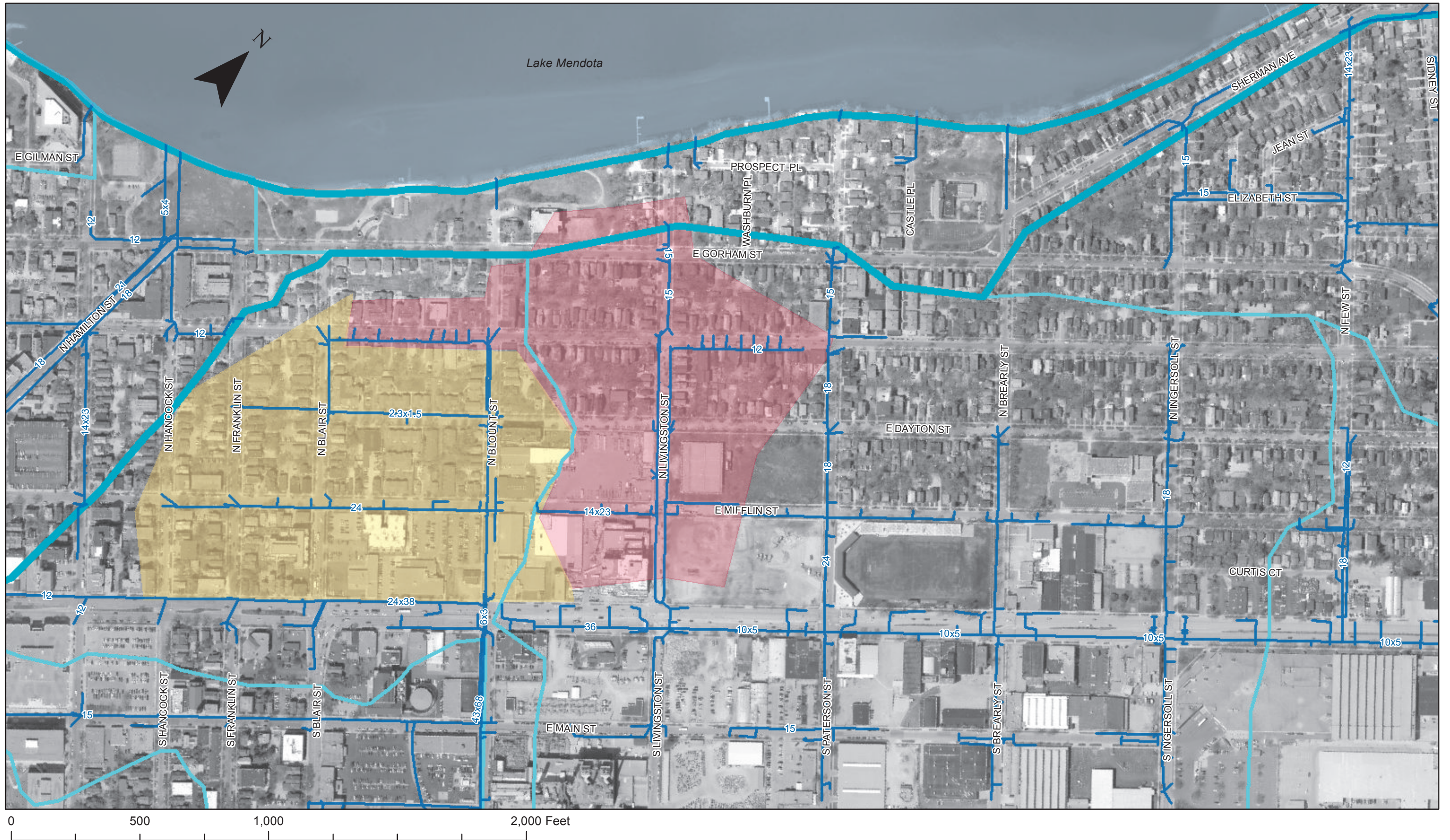
LL130 in the Madison Municipal Building. The proposed changes won't impact Tenney-Lapham directly very much, except perhaps individually landmarked buildings. In the TLNA neighborhood plan there is a recommendation to consider creating some local historic districts, which could in turn be impacted. The changes do impact the whole city, so the issue is important.

4. Keith Wessel asked if the proposed changes are a response to the Steve Brown development that was slated for Gilman St. Ledell answered that the changes were actually in process after the Edgewater controversy and the Steve Brown project just pushed them forward. She added that she hopes that people who care about architecture and heritage will have a voice in the process and that people like David Mollenhoff have been great voices for those who care about history.
5. Ledell explained that the first half of the landmarks ordinance is mostly general info about historic districts while the second half includes a section devoted to details of each historic district. Generally, the newer the district, the more specific the descriptions and sections are. For example, the Mansion Hill section, as the city's first local historic district is very general. Ledell believes that a well-crafted ordinance should help developers know what they can and cannot do and that those wanting to purchase homes in the neighborhood should know the same. James Tye added that he thought we should also have a discussion about building maintenance, disrepair, etc., in both historic and non-historic areas. Ledell and Patty P. agreed, but thought it best to bring in outside people, e.g., city staff, for a community forum on that subject.
6. Dirk E. said that he knows someone on the Landmarks Commission, but doesn't know how they are appointed. Ledell said that, like all commissions, the Mayor gets recommendations from various sources and people can apply independently. Alders confirm appointments. Richard L. added that some commissions/committee have qualification criteria too, if specific skills are required.
7. Ledell reported that she attempted to communicate with Chris Gosch from Bark Design and the Gebhardt Group to learn any updates on the Galaxie. They didn't connect, but she believes they are still hoping to break ground at the end of July or beginning of August. She added that Otto Gebhardt is concerned about flooding (see earlier discussion on flooding). James T. mentioned that he had seen an announcement on Facebook that August was the groundbreaking.
8. Ledell said that the proposed Reynolds apartment project is likely totally defunct. Bob Klebba reminded all that he had not been in favor of amending the neighborhood plan for a proposal that had not yet been submitted.
9. Ledell has scheduled a meeting with the Mayor and Joe Lusson to discuss the Salvation Army issues. Richard L. will also attend, as will Steven Maerz who lives across E. Mifflin from the SA. She hopes to learn about the Mayor's vision for both SA locations and to express any concerns that

	<p>the neighborhood might have. One of Ledell’s primary concerns is that communication between all parties needs improvement.</p> <p>10. Ledell reported on the progress of proposed changes and an addition to a house owned by Eric Fleming at the end of N. Livingston St. The home is an individually landmarked historic structure. At an 18 July neighborhood meeting, lots of opinions were shared, many that the plan was perhaps too large. Those concerns may be addressed when the proposal goes through the Landmarks Commission and Plan Commission. The Plan Commission will be involved due to the proposed size.</p> <p>11. Keith W. and Ledell reported on the progress of the proposed teardown and rebuild at 827 E. Gorham. Keith has met with developer and gave design feedback from the neighborhood meeting. The developer then sent new plans that were responsive to some comments. Keith will try to keep everyone in the loop. Ledell indicated that she believes they are moving forward with the project.</p> <p>12. Ledell mentioned several upcoming meetings and events, including Madison in Motion, which has open houses next week. Madison in Motion is the name given to the Madison Sustainable Transportation Plan initiative. The meetings will take place at the Senior Center at 330 W Mifflin. Details have been posted by Ledell on the TLNA listserv. On 16 July at 10:00am, the Yahara Parkway planning group will present and discuss their conceptual plan at the Tenney Park Pavilion.</p> <p>13. The public market study includes 1st Street and E. Washington as one of three candidate locations. A consultant is looking at the locations and concepts and will make a recommendation to the City.</p> <p>14. There is a neighborhood meeting on 24 July to discuss the proposed 1000 block E. Washington development that includes a large concert facility. The meeting is at 7:00pm at the Tenney Park Pavilion. Postcard meeting announcements went out to a large area surrounding the proposed site. Ledell will also send announcements via the TLNA listserv and other means. She has already contacted transportation and planning staff, parking staff and Larry Frank, the developer, to talk about some of the comments/issues that have been coming up. She is looking forward to hearing their responses to the various concerns. Ledell reminded all that it is still very early in the process. She hopes for good turnout at the meeting on the 24th. Joe will facilitate that meeting and she will be taking notes and listening to the discussion. She summarized saying that it is a really big proposal with some good things and some that are of concern.</p> <p>15. Dirk E. asked if there was anything new on the proposed Pasqual’s location on E. Washington. Ledell reported that they had filed for their conditional use permit for the patio, but not their alcohol licensing, as far as she knew. She believes it is moving forward and she expects it to go through.</p>
8. Report of Officers	1. Emily Reynolds, Treasurer, reported that TLNA has \$9,060.69 in cash

and Committees	assets.
a. Social/Membership Wilke Chiropractic open house July 9 TLNA Block Party July 26 Upcoming community nights: Johnson Public House (July 31)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee Chair Richard Linster reported (see report appended below) 2. Alder Zellers said that she really appreciates the community nights that TLNA has organized. 3. Patty P. mentioned that it is great the Richard has membership targets and that he is on target with his numbers.
b. Treasurer - budget committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emily Reynolds reported that she is just back from a long vacation and is now working to set up the budget committee that will work on an annual budget and funding criteria for non-TLNA events.
c. Housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keith Wessell – no report, but see 8 and 9 under “Reports of Elected Officials”
d. Transportation/ Safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin Luecke – no report 2. Bob Klebba gave an update on the neighborhood group that is working on increasing safety on the E. Mifflin Street bike boulevard. He reminded all that the group couldn’t move forward until next year due to Johnson Street reconstruction. The document that Bob distributed last year got no negative feedback. They want to coordinate with the Lapham School group that wants traffic calming at all intersections surrounding the school. They plan to meet within a couple of weeks with that group and will present their results to TLNA at the August monthly meeting. 3. Richard L. mentioned that it would be helpful if Bob could send out the committee’s proposal on the listserv.
e. Publicity/Newsletter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jessi Mulhall reported. 2. She has had communication about the new Bad Dog Frida location in front lobby of Dog Haus University – there may be new advertising or an article about that. 3. TLNA now has has the option for advertisers to receive electronic invoices in pdf. 4. Patty P. mentioned that there was some discussion of mailing the newsletter rather than distributing by hand, particularly for the fall newsletter issue since many new residents are in apartments and many of those apartment buildings are locked. Patrick H. agreed to help look into the cost because he has already been in contact with the USPS. He will report in August.
f. Parks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Tye – no report, but see 3 under “Development” below. 2. James mentioned that he has been very busy and also had a death in the

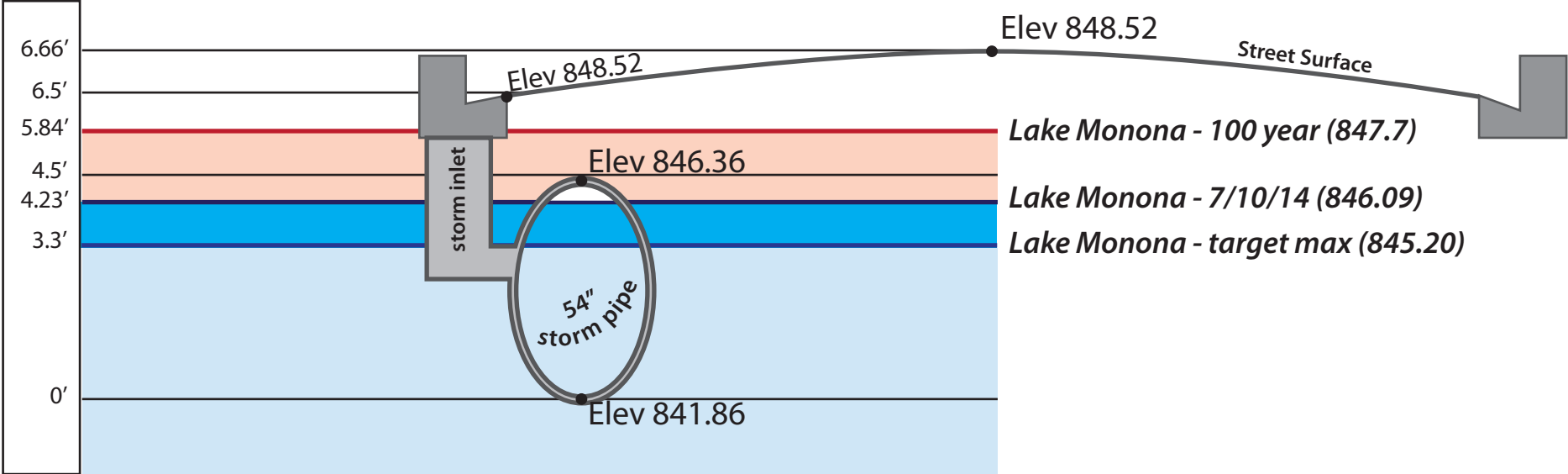
	family.
g. Business	1. Dirk Entenmann - no report
h. Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Waugh reported. 2. David and James T. have been discussing the possibility of finding a landscape design student at UW who could do a project similar to the park design done for the Reynolds crane lot. It was a UW Capstone Thesis. Generally, those Theses are done at the request of groups who want something designed for their community. David submitted a request to the Capstone project and the student chose the Reynolds plan. 3. James T. also mentioned that we might have an opportunity to reengage the Parks Dept. due to leadership change. TLNA Council might want to look at all of our parks. Ledell said that she had met last spring with both the Parks Department and the Parks Foundation. The result was that they were going to try to get more info on what residents and users wanted of James Madison Park by doing a survey in the Spring of 2014. The survey did not happen, but there is a draft survey in existence. 4. Ledell added that there is money in the budget for James Madison Park, but the expenditures need to be aligned with what the neighborhood and park users want. Eric Knepp is now the Acting Director of the Parks Dept. – she thinks he is very good. Turnover in the Parks Department has recently been high – that combined with the recent storm damage and Emerald Ash Borer has resulted in the department being swamped. She hopes to reconnect with them.
9. Vice President's comments	1. Patty Prime commented that her focus has recently been on Turn on Johnson and she thanks Nik for doing a great job. She wants our focus to continue to be on TOJ events, coupons and to make sure we get people into the E. Johnson Street stores. Some of the businesses are long-standing entities, while some are not, but all are being creative about dealing with reconstruction. Everyone should Turn On Johnson and don't forget that all are welcome at the Monday TOJ Steering Committee Meeting at The Spot.
10. Adjournment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard L. moved to adjourn the meeting; motion passed unanimously. 2. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm



Lake Mendota



N Livingston @ E Mifflin



To: TLNA Council
2014

July 10,

Subject: Membership/ Social report

Dear Council members:

Since my last report membership activity has been very light as is usual during this period of the year. We currently have some 92 paid up members who have contributed some \$ 1,065 in dues. I will soon be sending out renewal notices to about 40 members whose dues have expired and will have a table at the TLNA block party on July 26th. Please let me know if you can recommend any neighbor who you think may be a good prospect. The bulk of the remaining membership which constitutes approximately 150 will be renewed this fall. Given the above I believe we are on track to attain the goal of some 300 members and \$ 3,000 in dues for the year.

As to social activities, we have continued with our "Community Nights" and while we could benefit with more participation, the businesses we have held them at, Madtown Pizza, The Baldwin Street Grille, Cargo Coffee, the Spot and the Caribou have all expressed satisfaction with the results. Our next scheduled event is at the Johnson Public House on July 31st and I hope you all will consider attending. A future venue may be Forequarter and we are working to finalize details. Our emphasis is currently on E. Johnson Steet given the current re-construction and our "Turn on Johnson" campaign.

Last evening we participated in an Open House at Wilke Chiropractic and had a good turnout. We used funds that had previously been approved by the council at my request. Both of our neighborhood B&B's have expressed interest in doing something similar and if they are scheduled I will make similar requests for support of them.

Above I have mentioned the upcoming TLNA Block Party on July 26th. I have met with Jim Wright of Cork n' Bottle and we gone over the details of the event so we should be able to expect a successful event that is a lot of fun for area residents.

As to a second "Taste of Tenney", I have made a request to Christ Presbyterian Church about the possibility of having it there and the adjoining Giddings Park this fall, tentative date mid October. Our Tenney Park venue while good enough for a "one shot" deal doesn't have the facilities to properly support this type of event and to provide the enhancements I think necessary for continuing success.

Last, I would like to encourage you and our members to attend events that CPC have invited us to. The Church has made a tremendous investment in our neighborhood and has been extremely generous and friendly to us and I think we should return this in kind. Tomorrow there is a picnic at 5:30 PM at the Church and Giddings Parks as well as another social with food carts on Sunday after services. Notices have gone out concerning them on the listserv .

Sincerely, Richard Linster TLNA Membership/Social Chair