

TLNA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Festival Foods, 7 PM

Present: Patty Prime, Cameron Field, Marta Staple, Keith Wessel, Martha Classen, Alder Patrick Heck, Jesse Mulhall, Andrew Serri, Tyler Lark, Anne Sullivan, Senay Goitam

Absent: Jonny Hunter, Elena Satut Duncan, Madeline Kasper, Meghan Conlin

Julie Person

Here is the agenda and it is attached.

1. Welcome and Introductions 10 min

Nick moves to accept minutes; Keith seconds, voice approved.

2. Neighborhood Officer report 10 min

The main thing people can do to deter crime in the neighborhood is to lock your car doors and leave exterior lights on homes.

James Madison Park continues to have a lot of calls - about 50 calls this last month. One overdose occurred there last month.

A woman riding her bike was robbed on the 100 block of N. Baldwin at 2:30 am.

Man exposed himself to woman at 10:43 in the morning near Festival Foods on East Washington.

22 calls to Salvation Army

16 calls to Reynolds Park (most generated by police/rangers on patrol)

50 calls to James Madison Park (most generated by police/rangers on patrol)

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3. New TLNA Council members 15 minutes

From the by-laws: "In the event an official, other than the President, of the organization should resign or become ineligible or unable to continue in office, the Neighborhood Council shall appoint a replacement who shall serve out the term of office.

We have two new council members to appoint/introduce:

Julie Persin - Area B Rep (replacing Meghan)

Ann Sullivan - Area D Rep (replacing Senay)

Motion by Tyler to add Julie and Ann to council, seconded by Martha, voice vote unanimous.

4. Chris Taylor - State Representative

Chris is here to discuss the state budget.

The state is still not back to 2011 funding levels for public schools in the state.

The governor has proposed to increase the investments into public education.

Special education was a big issue, we increased funding by 100 million.

Medicaid expansion was another big issue, but the state still has not been able to expand it with republicans controlling the legislature.

Chris has been focused a lot on creating more robust transit options.

She has also pushed to increase fees for CAFOs in the state to help cover the costs of regulating the farms.

Regarding gerrymandering, she is working on pushing a bi-partisan bill that mimics what Iowa has done.

4. Nominating Committee 10 minutes

From the by-laws: " Section 5. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of six (6) persons; three of whom, including the chairperson, are appointed by and from the Neighborhood Council. For the other three, a request will go out to the general membership for volunteers and then three selected from the volunteers. The Nominating Committee shall present a single slate of nominees for all elective offices at the annual meeting.

Patty requests that Tyler and Marta join her on the nominating committee.
Bob moves, Keith seconds. Passes via voice vote.

5. Consent agenda: how should it work? 10 min

We have a lot of people show up and present to get approval for ADUs or construction on homes on the lake. We are wondering if we can somehow get those issues to be on a consent agenda.

There should be a way for items to be placed on the consent agenda. Items that should not be on the agenda are if any member of the council asks it to be off the agenda, or if someone shows up to oppose the project. The guideline would then be, if there is a contention, it should not be on the agenda.

The Council will want a staff report to distribute before the meeting to include with the consent agenda. We should ask people seeking approvals to meet certain criteria and supply certain information (check the boxes) to be included with the consent agenda.

Keith will work on the next step of figuring out what would be required to put something on the consent agenda. We would not likely tell any individuals if their issue would be put on the consent agenda.

6. Taste of Tenney 10 min
Marta would like 5 volunteers for an organizing committee.

Andrew, Nick, and Anthony Brylski (hematite.antoehony@gmail.com) volunteer

7. Council Chair reports 10 min
Development chair

Bob notes that his husband is volunteering to organize people to take care of the garden on top of James Madison Park. He notes it has been a very positive experience.

There are opportunities to get involved in James Madison Park, Reynolds, Tenny, Giddings Park. Ask Bob if you are interested.

Martha notes she heard something about Madison revising its dog policies in parks.

8. Elected Official Reports 15 min

Gigi Holland on Sherman is looking for help taking care some small public gardens in the neighborhood - contact Patrick if interested.

The Valor development on East Washington has its final UDC approval.

Salvation Army had a steering committee meeting on July 1. The SA is still pushing forward and start going in front of city committees in the fall.

The Michael Matty development is continuing forward.

The Houden project will be open any week on the 700 East Johnson block.

The Lyric and Youth Arts Center should be starting construction any day.

The Livingston garage sold out for both the Greta Van Fleet and Toby Keith events. For soccer, they are only getting about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the garage filled.

Patty, Patrick, and Jonny are meeting with Traffic and Engineering to discuss short term and long term traffic calming measures and strategies as the neighborhood keeps growing so fast, arguably outpacing the city's current traffic study and action policy.

The lights on Reynolds Park has been a big topic lately. It continues to be discussed.

Patrick is trying to get a small cap TIF district going in the neighborhood again.

The pier at James Madison Park has not been put out this year because it was damaged in the flooding and the city is trying to get FEMA to cover the replacement costs.

PETA wants to put a statue in James Madison Park of a crying circus elephant.

9. President comments

5 min

Johnson St. reconstruction underway - get updates at
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/johnson-st-east>

We are still looking for a newsletter editor.

10. Adjourn