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Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Council Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 8, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin St.

Chair Person: Joe Lusson

In Attendance:

Internal

Joe Lusson, Jessi Mulhall, Patty Prime, Denise Breyne, Richard LInster, James Tye, David Waugh, David Panofsky, Tim Olsen, Kyle Johnson, Lia Vellardita, David Wallner, Keith Wessel

External

Ledell Zellers, Matt Tucker, Lori Wessel, Brian T., zlu pr zmonyrd, Cyril M Ketsk, Pete Flaherty, Gigi Holland, W. Skot Weidemann, Bob Klebbe, Lonnie Richardson, Frederica Schuster, Andy Schuster, Diane Krause-Stetson, Tyler Smith, Robert Holz, Pam Druhan, Michael Druhan,

Absent:

Minutes submitted by: Denise Breyne

Minutes submitted on: August 13, 2013

Next scheduled meeting: September 12, 2013

1. Call to order

7:03

2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Richard motions to approve, Lia seconds, all in favor

3. Welcome -- Introduction of guests

4. Report of Neighborhood Officer --

Officer Lewis unable to make it to meeting

Shared with Joe Lusson that a fair amount of foot patrol at James Madison Park and Tenney Park has been getting people for underage drinking

There was an arrest on Gorham, teen smoking marijuana

contact Sergeant Kleinfeld or Officer Lewis with concerns or questions

5. Unfinished Business

a. 1118 Sherman Avenue home renovation -- needs conditional use approval from Plan Commission (Sept 16) for lakefront addition over 500 sq ft

- Diane Krause-Stetson and Jim Stetson, owners

- Tyler Smith, Destree architects

here last month, Joe Lusson has talked to Ledell Zellers, Diane K-S, neighbors

wrestled with how to get involved with these issues in the past

we are deeply involved, need to keep it civil

-James-Matt go through legal process without opinion

add context after get everyone on same playing field

- summary by Joe Lusson

conditional use permit needed because addition is more than 500 sq feet

setback issues being met

Keith Wessel met with neighbors initially-limited number of neighbors were encouraging and gave advice, mainly favorable

no one contacted him

- Matt Tucker from city to explain setback issues

conditional use, projects must comply with city zoning code requirements, choose average setback on either side of property, as long as 20 feet apart

After initial survey there were concerns, plan was revised and accepted

setback average result in new plan by Tyler

report will contain any concerns

good shape with setback

-neighbor from 1114 Sherman-concerned that this meeting was being held and he was not given notice

Clarified that these meetings are always the 2nd Thursday of the month, and the agenda is shared on the listserv

- Architect-Tyler- revision after change in surveying techniques-pushed setback to 52 feet from highwater line

roof line-keep roof lower than 35 foot requirement, not flush to avoid extra concern

front-restoring, not enlarging; windows restoring, trim, resurface stucco, front porch, addition at back end to match all aesthetics of original intent of structure

- council questions

-James Tye-how many square feet on footprint of house? 516 square feet of current back addition will be removed and rebuilt adding 179 square feet, within all legal requirements of pushing house to lake

-neighbor from across the street has limited view of the lake, concerned about losing view,

-Tyler said fire escape is spiral for smallest impact of view, fire escape required

-James-lives on fourth floor of town house, windows are second egress,

-Gigi Holland, directly across, excited about project from beginning and feels Diane and Jim have gone the extra mile

-1234 Sherman, Bob Holtz, has been through process, came to show support.

Shared that it is not easy to come to these meetings, very difficult to go through this, not everyone was happy with his addition but now have a house that will last another hundred years and it kept the old house

hope people put this in perspective in what this means to the neighborhood

100% supportive and hope as a neighborhood we are respectful and kind

-Scott W in favor in general of improvements, appears that it would not impact them

-Bob hears concerns about changes in neighborhood, but house is Claude and Starck, one of the premier architectural design firms

-Scott- local historic district-would like to see different process for neighbors to give input with people who have expertise, rather than council

-Amy Squitieri- former chair of Madison Landmarks Commission sent letter to council strongly supporting changes

-Andy Schuster- in support and thinks many neighbors are in favor but not here

-Kim-believes he was respectful and plans to be respectful

offered at last meeting to meet with owner and architect but was not contacted

just found out that new plans submitted

thought that zoning variance meeting was tonight found it is sept 16,

in favor of upscaling, has concerns

- Council Discussion

Options-supporting, opposing, staying silent

-Tim Olsen

role as neighborhood association is purely advisor

does carry weight of city

we lay people-many of us have been involved with boards for decades and have been involved in this

if people stay in code, this is a personal decision

great when we can talk to each other

-******Richard Linster - motion to support project*

-*James Tye - second*

-R. Linster-for 29 years in neighborhood association, asked by city weigh in consistently, without doing this we will have problems

wish the process could be perfect, but it is an improvement

-Joe-Diane reached out to them early

-other comments, David Panofsky, would have liked context of other properties

seems out of line with adjacent properties

-Joe Lusson asked Matt Tucker to clarify what set back averages are used

zoning code measures to qualifying parts of building, may not be actual building, this was measured from shed roof and deck, not actual house

very specific standard, not mathematical , consideration of neighboring properties

-James Tye-thanked city staff for coming out

-David Waugh- neighborhood process person, wants to see Diane went to neighbors, hear neighbor opinions, seeing a lot of positive

to make a decision, inclined to support

-Keith will support motion, to expted restoration and pay lake taxes unrealistic to not add on adding second peak looks like what was wanted in the first place

disappointed they are giving up on 6 inches

-Diane K-S- it was lower 6 inches or move

motion passed unanimously

-Diane-this will come to planning commission and people can voice opinions at planning commission

Diane (comment for homeowner-always asked for experts, been there 3 times, plan to comply and preserve historic home, last months meeting it was said that the they would be on agenda for this months meeting.

b. Modified Draft amendment to TLNA plan removing park requirement for Reynolds Crane Lot, but listing it as an acceptable alternate use if the Westwood apartment project doesn't go through.

-Joe L proposed to push draft to next meeting since no one from city is here

6. New Business

a. Moving polling place from Gates of Heaven to MATC -- Ald. Zellers

-anticipated that if we go forward with move it would be controversial because Gates of Heaven is a wonderful place

Alder Zellers was contacted by mayor's office, office of disabilities and city clerk

no accessible bathrooms, queue up outside in large turnout elections in inclement weather

only currently identified availability is MATC, just off ward boundary (also in 2 other wards)

not in our neighborhood, would just like perspective of those who have used in past

-Patty Prime-works at Lapham poll, people don't tend to use bathroom when they come in

-Jessi M- concerned lines at MATC will be very long and a lot of work for election officials
things have probably changed

-Bob-sorry about snarky email - dignity is important do not require person with disability to request something

-Joe L- big time elections would have difficult lines

-Lupe, one of James Madison reps, works polls do not want to move, some would not work at MATC

b. James Madison Park planning process -- James Tye

-James Tye- unique park for this neighborhood because on lake, heavy use per square foot, lies in two neighborhoods

5013cnon profit-founded by James Tye, currently forming board

wants to come up with a good process to partner with Capital Neighborhoods Inc. (CNI) and come up with master plan for James Madison Park, former plan complete

looking down road, go through madison style, heavy neighborhood plan, Friends of James Madison Park would hire someone to plan (will raise funds)

wants to talk about how, as a neighborhood who has half the park, do we partner with our neighbors

development fees will be generated and will go to other park if there is not a plan for the park,

think of the issues and make some sort of statement that TLNA and CNI will work together

Friends would be an entity to bring groups together,

-Lia-how long would plan last for? what would city's role be?

-JT would like formal friends group to relate to city

-LV-would city sit in advisory role?

-JT-don't want to leave talent and free services unused

-David Panofky-what are most pressing issues?

-JT-removing invasive plants in park, needs to be done this fall
got American Farm Insurance to bring 20-25 people to help
conference for sustainable ecology wants to bring 20-50 people
shelter solid as a rock, the neighborhood plan says to reduce size of silos
\$200,000 on table from sale of houses put in budget for James Madison Park
JT-between now and October have first planning meeting
-Dave Wallner-congratulate JT on Friends of James Madison Park, city appreciates it
Kay has spelled out process for park, meet in october
hold on plans until bigger community discussion
-Alder Zellers-asked David Wallner if city wanting to get involved in
Alder Zeller wants to know next steps
James Tye- meet counterpart at CNI and draft statement about plan for park
complicated because strong neighborhood associations and it is a big city park
met with joe sessenbrenner about capital park plan
-Tim Olsen-have neighborhood liaison, friends of Yahara River Parkway did similar process
recommend talking to Ed Yahara River Parkway
things that develop more energy recommended
-JL-make sure we do not lose that \$200,000
-JT-would it be ok for ledell and staff to go to cni and work on vision and bring back for next
meeting
-JL may need to withdraw as lead to allow for other voices

c. E. Mifflin Bike Boulevard improvements -- Bob Klebba

East Mifflin not a true bike blvd would like traffic redirection but would be a tremendous hurdle to surmount, difficult but important due to development

Ingersoll to Blair quasi commercial, industrial and residential

simple thing to do is to change the parking on East Mifflin from Blair to Ingersoll so there is parking on both sides, don't have dairy, more residents

parking on on both sides makes street narrower and safer

-JL maybe will need to wait a year

traffic calming islands on Mifflin

-LZ-they want to delay islands until buses move but they will go ahead this year, buses being redirected to Mifflin while Johnson being reconstructed, if people want to make Mifflin a real bike blvd redirection is a challenge, large neighborhood meetings would be needed to get perspectives

-Jt bike blvd big detail and should put on agenda for next year

crossing is confusing depending on street, consistent signage

-JL make a big goal for study

-Lia-rides everyday on Mif, does not feel safe when parking on both sides,

-Dave P- parking on both sides would decrease visibility, more car doors

-Bob, statistics say the narrower the street the slower the cause

-JL-not unified, need to study the issue

-BK-do we want developments to choose or us

-Tim-appreciate Bob K bringing this to the forefront, would like to talk about specifics with Bob more productive if we slow down and come up with ideas

-David Waugh, probably worth waiting

would be interested in how other cities do

-DP-task force important, sooner rather than later

-LZ-loves that people are thinking about these things

-Tim Olsen, bike blvd task force

d. Traffic calming efforts for E. Gorham -- Bob Klebba

at Johnson street construction meeting at the church, noticed they were doing overhead signage for all pedestrian crossing, including 800 block

East Gorham from Baldwin to _____ wants to ask for traffic calming, seeing people crossing at bus stops, 7 intersections with no signage saying that pedestrians have right away, need 7 signs for this purpose

would like TLNA to support effort for traffic calming and take to traffic engineering

-Tim, Thuy and others together to talk about other details incase overhead signs are not granted

-bump outs can be an issue if not part of street plan, unlikely

see as many specifics as possible, sooner rather than later,

-JL-would it need to be September, Ledell thinks better to go ahead and think through it

-Keith, any reason not to include Johnson

Johnson being done, incorporating these ideas in new construction

-Richard-recommends Patrick McDonnell for this

-Thuy would like to see markings at all intersections

-JL has seen kids struggling to get to bus,

-Tim O task force on Johnson worked well

e. Clearing invasive trees/shrubs behind 704 E. Gorham -- D. Waugh, B. Klebba

Dave Waugh-must do clearing after 8 years of neglect

talking about area behind their house and Lincoln School

steep hill, some nice native trees, lot of invasives-

overnight camping, drinking, urinating, defecating, fireworks

after Collins House prior owners vacated no one to watch over area

box elder-bugs then come in house

parks worried that people will be concerned about removing invasive trees,

Bob and DW willing to maintain oak savannah on hill

will not be able to take care of Lincoln School-they've been cutting, not removing; provides cover for illegal activities

parks do not want to proceed without support of neighborhood association

**** *James Tye motion to support removal of invasive trees, shrubs and plants behind 704 E Gorham*

seconded

-Tim Olsen-need good communication

bring in local media so people understand what is going on

appreciate parameters and go slow approach

-Patty strongly supports

-Lia V-supports, suggests tapping into the Nelson Institute

-JL-appreciates trailblazing

-James T met with Kevin Briske and walked the park, in support of what David Waugh wants to do

-Dave P-support

-D Waugh - not adding or changing use, just maintenance

******all in favor*

f. Forming nominating committee for next years TLNA Council members -- Joe L

nominating committee- Patty and Lia

Bob Shaw, Ron Haeger declined, Patrick Heck agreed, Cheryl Balazs

******Richard motion that we accept pres recommendationn*

second

all in favor

7. Report of Officers and Committees

-if you have a committee report email in advance of next meeting

-Patty-money donating to lapham schools

8. Report of Elected Officials.

-Mendota Rowing Club, would like to put a lake front facing sign

LZ has not nailed down process for lake facing sign yet

-James Tye, is that a historic building, something amy would be involved in
sign should reflect historic building, smaller size,

-JL would go to the landmarks commission

Jl would like to meet with them

-LZ facade grant went to uvc the spot

B and B not many

would benefit to have more rooms, allowing for a more sustainable business

max number is 8 in state, drafted with marsha rummel to allow 8 rooms in Madison

neighborhood input is still needed, would not allow 8 rooms by right

airb and b on line service where you can find rentals in cities, homes offer rooms, suites, air b n
b checks out site and applicant

concerns because no conditional use

already happening in Madison

wants to address concerns

rent homes on football weekends

renting out a room could enable someone to stay in their home

air B and B should be paying room tax like other b and bs

-David waugh equated it to opening a bar in your house-no license

if you own property tenants could do that and if something happens who is liable

it is budget time (lz) interested generally in values and priorities in the city, not specifics

-JT cap times reported a homeless bill of rights considered

sleeping, panhandling, giving food, accepting food, sleeping in public spaces

interested in how that would effect public policing standards

LZ-gen comment, wwe have a pretty big homeless population in madiosn, see arund 50 peoplle
around route home,

JL-want to help people out, people sleeping in car on gorham, throwing garbage around car
then leaving

-temporary day shelter-Wiggies bar on Aberg and bus transfer station another facility on Far East side 11,000 way out, not in neighborhood, on east wash

exec council to talk about how to deal with development issues, committee or monthly meeting

9. Adjournment

******Richard I-motion to adjourn*

Lia second

adjournment 9:09