

## TLNA minutes for 9/13/12

Present: Richard Linster, Patty Prime, Jessi Mulhall, David Wallner, Richard Freihofner, Patrick McDonnell, Joe Lussion, Denise Breyne, Michael Ryanjoy, James Roper

Absent: Thuy Nguyen, Jim Wright, Gay Davidson-Zeilske, Echnaton Vedder, Carol Weidel, Joe Shumow, Lia Vellardita, David Waugh, Ben Halfen, Tim Olsen, David Grace, Susan Baumann-Duren

Guests: Bridget Maniaci, Erik Paulson, Lonnie Richardson

1. The meeting was called to order Richard at 7:03 p.m.
2. The minutes of the August 9, 2012 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Comments of the President. Richard reported on the following items:
  - a. Eric Janquart of 847 Prospect Place had indicated his intent to request a zoning waiver to convert his property from 2 to 3 units, but he has since reconsidered and has withdrawn his request.
  - b. Gigi Holland contacted Richard to express concern over the setback on the new house at 1026 Sherman Ave. because the set back is closer to the street than the adjoining properties. City staff reported that technically the new construction is in violation of the zoning rule by 6". No action requested.
  - c. Christ Presbyterian Church will be undertaking an extensive remodel and addition project. A new addition will be constructed on the east side of the current structure. Richard will meet with the church leaders and report back at a future meeting.
  - d. Richard circulated information about a new technology for neighborhood communications.
  - e. Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for the TLNA annual meeting and spaghetti dinner. The location will be Christ Presbyterian Church. This year, we will be able to use the kitchen to prepare the dinner on the spot. We can get in a 4:30 to start cooking.
4. Report of Officers and Committees
  - a. Michael Ryanjoy has "Please Slow Down Signs" available for anyone who wants one. Traffic speed on Dayton Street near Lapham School is on the rise.
  - b. Patty reported that proceeds from the neighborhood yard sale netted \$103 for TLNA. The Neighborhood Block Party in July was also successful and enabled TLNA make the following donations:
    - i. \$750 to Lapham School
    - ii. \$100 to Marquette School
    - iii. \$100 to O'Keefe
    - iv. \$200 to East High
    - v. \$500 to the Madison Central Library fund
  - c. The new principal of Lapham is Tammy Thompson Kapp. She will be invited to our November meeting.
  - d. Jessi reported that the deadline for the Fall newsletter is Saturday 9/15. (Ok, Sunday at the latest.)

- e. Dave Wallner reported a nice turnout at the 9/8 Few Street block party. He also reported that the Parks Commission had approved a new code of conduct policy for City parks and forwarded it to the City Council for adoption.
  - f. Jim Roper reported that brush clearance along the east boundary of James Madison Park has been completed and should reduce overnight camping. Also, an encroachment of approximately 10 feet into Lake Mendota at the north end of Livingston Street is being investigated by the DNR. Lastly, the plans for a terraced public garden in JMP have been deemed too expensive. The alternative JMP location behind Lincoln School Apartments may go forward.
5. New Business
- a. Gigi Holland sent a letter praising the contribution to our parks by the street team volunteers under the Community Adolescent Program. She suggested that TLNA might want make a one-time \$50 donation in appreciation of their work. Joe Lusson moved that we do so. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Derelict characters have been frequenting the west bank of the Yahara River Parkway just south of East Washington on a regular student route to Marquette/O'Keefe. Problem behaviors have also been noted next to Sparkle Auto Body just north of East Washington.
6. Alder Report
- a. Bridget brought a detailed handout of the new capital budget and reported on a number of items affecting Tenney-Lapaham.
  - b. The City will be appealing the Railroad Commissioner's decision to close the crossings at Brearly and Livingston Streets. Only Blount is slated to remain open.
  - c. Design meetings for the reconstruction of E. Johnson Street will happen later this fall.
  - d. Since negotiations with ULI ended, a new RFP for the 800 block of E. Washington has been drafted and will be sent to the Common Council in October. TLNA will have a slot on the selection committee.
  - e. A meeting will occur soon among the alder, police, Salvation Army officers and neighbors to discuss behavior issues along the 600 block of E. Mifflin.
  - f. A meeting will be scheduled soon on the proposed redevelopment of the Reynolds crane lot property by Eric Edee's Westwood Development.
  - g. A meeting on the new zoning code will be held on 9/27 at 5:30. Areas of potential adjustment in Tenney-Lapham are N. Livingston St and the 800 block of E. Gorham.
7. Good and Welfare
- a. Patty reported on the 9/10 public meeting on Bus Rapid Transit. Service to the airport and suburban communities would utilize E. Washington Avenue. No timeline yet on when such service might begin.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes prepared by Patrick McDonnell