

Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Council Board of Directors Meeting
Date: September 12, 2013
Time: 7 P.M.
Location: Constellation, 10 N. Livingston St
Chair Person: Joe Lusson
In Attendance: <i>Internal</i> Joe Lusson, Denise Breyne, Lia Vellardita, Richard Linster, Keith Wessel, Jessi Mulhall, David Waugh, Michael Ryanjoy, James Tye, Gerrit Conger, Thuy Nguyen, Tim Olsen, Bryan Post, David Panofsky, Patty Prime , <i>External</i> Ledell Zellers, Patrick Heck, Heather Stouder, Bob Klebba, Theresa VanderWoude, Andre Lewis, Dave Benforado, Dee Grimsrud, Lonnie Richardson
Absent: <i>Internal</i> - Kyle Johnson, David Wallner, Patrick McDonnell, Annabelle Potvin, Pat Smith, Thuy Nguyen
Minutes Submitted By: Denise Breyne
Minutes Submitted On: October 22, 2013
Next Scheduled Meeting: October 24, 2013

1. Call to order 7:04

2. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.
Richard motion Brian 2nd no discussion all in favor

3. Welcome -- Introduction of guests

4. Report of Neighborhood Officer -- Officer Lewis

2 major problems this summer
homeless people sleeping in jm park
drugs being sold at James Madison Park and Tenney Park

officers helped with alternatives
people from neighborhood sleeping in James Madison Park
sleeping, hanging out in lifeguard chair, drinking (not drunk) some swimming
James Tye-10:00 normal closing
They prove with ID that they live in neighborhood
Officer giving a warning, will cite next time
Tim Olsen, people used to fish at night at the park
don't mind as a neighborhood
Ledell Zellers- seeing a number of robberies and break-ins in general area, one neighbor contacted her about that-speculation that it is the same two people doing this
O.Lewis has not seen anything else about this, no uptick in this general area

5. Unfinished Business

a. 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.

-- Heather Stouder, city plan department, 30 minutes

TLNA plan approved by council talked about expanding reynolds crane lot, tlna has approved development instead

comprehensive plan references neighborhood plan so the city should remove language from current plan to align plans

HL-Eric Edy called her, intent to submit an application for rezoning and demolition next Wednesday, considered November and December

They want to know if general plan has support from city

program is unchanged from what they worked on with neighborhood association several months ago
park questions from last meeting

parks thought on Reynolds expansion doesn't make sense because land is not contiguous; prioritization lies elsewhere on and near isthmus

new residents will be using existing parks but also requiring private open space within developments (top of parking lot and courtyards)

analysis of 2010 census info-

in urban areas it is typical to see smaller parks but more, closer together

nearly every resident within 1/4 mile of a park

2010 and today counting Central Park (excluding breese stevens) Tenney Lapham Neighborhood (TLN) has about 1/2 of the park acreage on the isthmus

TLN has 12% of isthmus population

Tim O-could TIF funds be dedicated to use in the ? TLN (not sent to Central Park)

can we have fund dedicated to improving the parks Park Development fees must be used within this park district, park acquisition fees is a city-wide pot of money (no boundary for it)

tax increment -- must be used very near where it originates

city staff working hard on list of improvements in TID 36, some very specific, will need to be approved as far as she knows, there is no way to get the money targeted specifically

as of today 10.6 acres of parkland per 1000 of residents; 4157 residents

predicting 50% population increase over next 5-10 years

10.6 will decrease to 7 or 8 acres per 1000, isthmus as a whole had 2 acres per thousand

within urban portions of city, tln looking pretty good

city as a whole is 11, acres per 1000

parks division helped compile reference list of parks

Joe Lussun, when talking about isthmus as whole are 40,000 students included

we see ourselves as a neighborhood, we will be below average in park space once population increases, Marquette most similar, 3 acres per 1000, including Central Park

Michael Ryanjoy-look into discretion of parks department to spend money on parks, encourage parks to look at not just acreage per resident

disproportionately fast moving, high volume traffic so park space important to creating neighborhood

increased need to retreat to park spaces

Heather-good point, parks do not just look at that

just portion of James Madison Park (JMP) went to the numbers

changes of language

uncomfortable with language, want to say it creates a discontinuous park, happy to maintain language that if development does not occur it could still be used as park if acquired by city

before council with Eric Edy November 18, plan commission

December 3 Common Council

balanced letter to let staff see reasoning, whether approved or not

Central park will not close street going through it

motion

***Richard moves to adopt the language

Tim second

Discussion

David Waugh-questions about language, water facility that is blocking park has a tennis court on it so it seems to be part of the park

plan was adopted by city, do not like language that should the park division decide if a park is needed, too much power

it is the parks division that determines it is needed (maybe commission instead of division

strike, vacating Livingston is not supported, (HS- not from traffic and engineering, necessary connection, can be reworded)

David P-will we be voting as a council for draft number 3 language

recommend a letter to council explaining rationale

Gerrit-voting no, process stunk from beginning

Patty-question-thought she heard that the suggestion we put into the plan that the park suggestion added to a previous TLN plan 1989 plan residential, 2008 parks,

Brian-will vote yes, in general seems in line with how we expect plan to be written, this lays the groundwork that we have a right to have input

James Tye- parks in general are going to have pressure put on them, concerned that plans into the future are not set so look at parks as a whole, why people may go to one not another

Richard L-good points made, consumed more time than it is worth

David-agrees with RL, his take away, vote for, have secondary as a park in the language should be much more part of the neighborhood plan alternative should keep with the spirit of the neighborhood process, would vote no

Tim Olsen- yes more pressure on city, thousands of people downtown will come to our parks; take money from developments to put into the parks,

*calling for a vote

Bob Klebba-there is no firm proposal for development, we do not have to make a decision right away

HL rezone first becoming more common,

JL-demolition first?

DP-comfortable voting no today.

***vote 6 ayes, 5 nays

b. E. Mifflin Bike Boulevard improvements

-- Bob Klebba

Led task force on improvements

Tim, Thuy, Mary Ebling Bike Federation board member
discussed East Mifflin

1. city-wide resource

2. sell it as a way to get Platinum status with ...

3. children and families to feel safe

traffic diverter probably most controversial idea

more research needed to be done on parking

timeline-2015 earliest likely implementation

worked on defining issues with each intersection

invite anyone who is interested to help flesh out more and maybe do something at spaghetti dinner

next committee meeting better educational dialog

James Tye -mifflin stops are confusing everyone different which makes it difficult for bikers and drivers

David Panofsky-good point about mifflin

why is it not meeting expectations

how does it fit into what council would approve, how does it fit in with other city plans

JK-like to focus on education, work with bike federation, feeling out engineering have not been getting
feedback yet

Mary shared _____guide on bike boulevards

great living document one project at a time or bicycling overall in the neighborhood

Mary-one project at a time is most effective

one standard for bike boulevard is no through traffic

bike bridges built around madison, propose bridge over railroad connecting neighborhoods

Patty-annual meeting agenda good idea

recruit, (Bob wants to solicit involvement)

Jessi M-bike boulevard uphill on mifflin, are there any signs, and is it included

DP-just installed 3 traffic slowing devices

Richard I-education is the key here using newsletter and presentation at annual meeting without too much
time

Joe I, keep it focused on Mifflin, set your goals, get info from bike federation on how to get what you want

6. New Business

a. MGE Community Services Manager -- Dave Benforado,

introduce self, new in role,

idea-they offer energy conservation efficiency workshops, doing in Monona, Shorewood Hills

something of value to provide to residents

scams in utility area-very aware of it and want to get info out; happening phone and in person demanding
money or water turned off

one of last utilities in country to have 252-7117 energy, electric bill, options

rebates

website-great deal of info, can also get hard copies

David Waugh, why MGE charges 3 mil for underground

expensive because of high regulations, public service commission would question undergrounding large
amounts

Shorewood Hills have used tif money to underground

3 times as expensive to underground, tougher to diagnose outages, trade offs

new communities get it in green fields, developers pick it up and donate asset to facility
Tim O energy conservation mentioned in materials but not energy replacement
encourage MGE to support replacing coal
Dave Benfarado-trying to do that, mge #2 green power electric sales, dec 31 turning on community digester
in middleton taking waste from farms and creating energy
Blount street converted to natural gas, wind power equal to blount street,
Joe-loves their customer service
Patty-how long are workshops, usually 90 minutes,

7. Presidents comments, Newsletter deadline of Sunday
Joe's column about fun time to be in Tenney Lapham

8. Report of Officers and Committees.

Richard L-distributed annual meeting
will not be at Christ Presbyterian, Tenney Pavillion, comparable to Lapham in price
no way to prepare food there
Taste of Tenney
6 hour block at pavillion local business food commitments
Joe gave insight, pro bono donations, be specific about what you are asking, have a menu, if you need to
give them something give them advertising
David Wallner agrees
time?include children and parent to do something before dinner hour
will take more planning
Thursday october 24, 6-10:00
parks dept really working with us
Joe Lusson-plenty of volunteers
RI-may have to ask for money from council, \$300 from
objective not fill 6 hour with activities
get other people involved to get specifics that restaurants need to know
tim move to provide 300, david second
all in favor
1445 dollars in dues from block party
social event for members
James Tye-
been meeting with people for over a year about JMP
fees have gone to Central Park because JMP has no master plan
asked to meet with Kevin Briske informally about committee he said bring your energy from neighborhood to
a committee meeting neighbors want something more structured
parks department super busy now
we need to get more organized and formalized partnerships, intern to help work on it
friends of JMP board has not met yet
start conversations with other entities
each entity would appoint someone to be on master plan committee
groups can start formally meeting , bob interested in representing tln
get specific about what to do in the park
joe l-dave w pointed out that city ad hoc committee needs approval from city council and parks commission
concerned that we don't politically box ourselves in
public outpouring of support at commission meeting

handout-group stating they want to place on committee, not friends of JMP

JL-wants a committee process,

Tim O wants a representative of students, finds it inclusive overall

Dave P great effort; shared vision makes a lot of sense, strategically thought out,

DW

jt hope that city will create the committee to include these entities

LZ most important thing is get parks commission and parks department on board, this is very different than anything she has seen them do, master plan have been different, this is much more inclusive

JT-can't do that until both neighborhoods commit

Richard I

what do you want this evening

intentional support

member of tlna to sit on the committee

jl-need to show enough momentum to get the city to appoint a committee

do not want to be a parallel effort,

end rewritten to: them to create committee under the auspices of the madison parks commission to appoint such a group

David W-motion to support formation of james madison parks planning committee, all in favor

Jt-request to put it in next agenda to get someone on committee

jl master plan will take a couple of years, will we lose money from houses if we wait,

hard to raise money for something that can't have a name put on

beach, security lighting,

annual meeting takes place next, no rush

9. Report of Elected Officials..

Ledell Zellers

budget times-

artificial turf for breese in budget

support for 800 Gephardt proposal

undergrounding-budget amendment to put in dollars for 900 block of johnson street, 1/2 mile rule using tif dollars, very tenuous, would have to go to joint review board

talked to tid coordinator not extend life of tid engineering indicate it could not be added on to work in 2014,

Gates of Heaven, accessible bathrooms not there

would like to get accessible bathrooms there for all events, budget amendment being explored

Oct 1- operating budget introduced

Nov 5-capital budget

Reynolds group working on improvements

JMP-oct 23 or 24 meeting

looking at 220,000 dollars to spend

benches, picnic tables,

google moving into constellation november, cargo coffee november december

James t general capital budget would be the accessible

LZ-parks don't get funds from general

October 9, open house at constellation, welcome residents and give neighborhood

Oct 24 madison mag party at constellation

217 newsletters for constellation

air bnb listening session rescheduled

next to constellation behind schedule
approximate date? no

10. Adjournment 9:15 richard