

**TLNA Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**10 September 2015**  
**7:00-9:00pm**  
**Location: The Constellation**

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 by Paul Creswell, TLNA Secretary

**Chair Person:** Patty Prime

**Council attendees:** Sarah Herrick, MaryBeth Collins, Patrick Heck, Steve Wilke, Tyler Lark, Jessi Mullhall, Patty Prime, Ledell Zellers, Keith Wessel, Emily Reynolds, Paul Creswell, David Panofsky, and Kevin Luecke.

**Guests:** Brandon Cook, Sean Kelly, Patrick Koehler, Otto Gephardt, Chris Gosch, Bridget Maniaci, Heidi Wegleitner, Erika Baer, Amy Miller, Jerome Flowers, Taylor Smits, Paul Gibson, and Bob Klebba

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Taste of Tenney! October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Christ Presbyterian**

<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Actions/Discussion</b>
<b>1. Call to order: 7:00pm</b>	1. August minutes are approved unanimously.
<b>2. Officer Report --</b>	1. Sean Kelly, the Langdon neighborhood officer, is here to stand in for Casey. Officer Kelly passed around 'calls for service'. 2. It's theft season. Lock your doors and lock your windows. Strange people in your home? Then call the police. There have been some complaints about camping in Reynolds Park. Alder Zellers: Within the last week and a half the police found people camping up there. Officer Kelly: Mautz paint building has been a sort of homeless hotel recently. 3. Taylor Smits: The Colony had people in the hallway. Officer Kelly: You should consider having 'no trespassing' posted. That allows the officers to cite people there. Patrick Heck: I can tell you what they are doing at Das Kronenberg. Officer Kelly: File a letter with the city and post the signs for best results. Bob Klebba: Had a flash-party a few nights ago. The same thing happened the next night. Have you heard about this? Officer Kelly: Could be sub-lessees who are not invested in the neighborhood. If something like that happens always call.
<b>3. Accessory Dwelling Unit – Brandon Cook</b>	1. Brandon Cook is s interested in replacing his garage. He would like to add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). His garage is interesting. Lots of weird additions. Used to be a grow-room for marijuana. Is now gutted and he'd like to take the temperature of the council. Kevin Luecke: have you been to meet with zoning? Brandon: I've met with them in the past. They're used to me calling them to some degree. He has some experience in this. He's got an ADU in another circumstance. This, however, is really his house and he's thinking about that. Might use it for storage. Might have parents living there. Alder Zellers: So you want a second

	<p>story? Brandon: Yes, but small and in the roofline. Kevin Luecke: Are ADU's conditional use? Alder Zellers: Yes. Brandon's first best step is to talk to his neighbors and then to zoning. Patrick Heck: is it going to be bigger or smaller? Brandon: Bigger. Patrick Heck: have you talked to the Marsden neighbors? Brandon: at this point the neighbors all seem to be pretty much in agreement. It also seems that the city would like to see it. Kevin Luecke: in general I'm supportive of ADU's and wouldn't mind doing one myself. It seems to me that the council will support what your neighbors think. Patrick Heck: is it a question of whether or not it would be rented? Alder Zellers: No, it's just the conditional use piece. Kevin Luecke: City is interested in it from an increase in density. Steve Wilke: concerns; 1) precedent, and 2) what will it be used for? David P. It is quite a bit larger than it is right now. Brandon: these sketches aren't necessarily definitive. There would be discussions with neighbors etc... Bob Klebba: this isn't, perhaps, really the appropriate venue for this discussion. Patty: Buy-in from the neighbors is the most important piece.</p>
<p><b>4. Human Services Budget Report – Heidi Wegleitner</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next Wednesday is the human services budget release. Probably pretty status quo, but there is this 'comprehensive community services' piece for people who are struggling with addiction and homelessness. This is a customer directed thing and it's going to be an extra \$3,000,000. Cities get to determine what the 'treatment' looks like. Also about \$1 million on the children side. Once this is up and going there might even be more advantage we could take of that.</li> <li>2. There's funding for a comprehensive day resources center. Town of Madison has been blocking the current site. But Heidi isn't pleased with that location anyway. So, now there's as much as \$6 million available to purchase and renovate a site downtown. But this isn't happening fast. So, it's probably going to be still piecemeal for a while (with Bethel Lutheran etc...). Bellini is one of the sites that has been looked at, but it's not a favorite. Messner's has been looked at, but again there have been problems. The study is still out on Bellini. But we don't have the final things they need for an assessment. Any purchase is contingent on conditional use permits and etc... Alder Zellers: so, Messner's has been looked at? Heidi: Yes. It's further so it requires a lot of travel and transport for folks. Patty: I've heard from a lot of people about Messner's. If this becomes the potential site, would we have opportunity to weigh in as a neighborhood? Heidi: we need an operator and a number of other things need to happen first. Bridget Maniaci any thought around new development or getting a longterm lease as part of a condo? Heidi: it has been discussed, for example, the Fairchild building -- but the mayor opposes selling that site to the county. Then there's debate about having a men's shelter and day shelter in the same place. Bridget Maniaci : similar to how the fire department got its offices in the Ovation. Heidi: at this point, the mayor won't do that at Fairchild. For the moment we're trying to work with what we see as the short list of options.</li> <li>3. Jail reform workgroups have been meeting all summer and there are some</li> </ol>

	<p>reports that should be published soon and those could help us address disparities in the incarceration system.</p>
<p><b>5. Fighting Bob Fest</b>– Erika Baer</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fighting Bob Fest is a week from tomorrow set up and Saturday the 19th is the big day. She would be happy to address any questions. Things are going well over at The Progressive. People have been happy and excited. They are expecting 3500-5000 attendees. They are still tweaking the schedule a bit. But they think it will be a pretty steady flow. Russ Feingold is scheduled for the late morning. They open the gates at 9 and run programming until 6.</li> <li>2. They are, as she said, setting up Friday. Patterson, directly adjacent to Breese, will be close that day. This will help with accessibility and human traffic flow. Bike racks for the full day are available on Saturday at Reynolds. They will have a preferred bike path for a flow between Fighting Bob and (what other event?). Vern and those folks have been working on a parking plan which can probably get about 2,000 spots. It's being scrutinized as we speak, but that will be released by Monday. Patrick Heck: paid spots? Erika: not necessarily, if you park up by the capitol, then yes.</li> <li>3. Jessi: what's the advantage of preregistration? Erika: because it's a free event, this is helpful so that you can get timely information and perhaps give donations etc... David P.: What have the crowds been like historically? Erika: about 3,000. David P.: who will be the biggest draws for traffic? Erika: Russ Feingold in the morning. Ed Schultz will take the stage late in the day. It's going to be a full event. No Bernie Sanders. He is not coming; he is very busy. Tyler Lark: Reynolds will be all bike parking? Erika: Yes, Tim from Intellisound will be working on this and she would appreciate feedback on this. Bridget Maniaci: how many people of registered so far? Erika: 600 or so at this point. It's going to be a beautiful day! Bridget Maniaci : any thoughts about where to park large news vehicles? Erika: we're not anticipating anything like that. David P.: Will all the gates be open? Erika: Patterson and Washington and Patterson and Mifflin. Tyler Lark: did you reserve Reynolds Park with the city? Erika: Not sure, I think we had a party permit. In closing, thanks for your support! Let Erika know if you have any questions!</li> </ol>
<p><b>6. Gephardt Developments</b> – Chris Gosch &amp; Otto Gephardt</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site plan for the 800 E Washington building is available. There is currently a lot of waiting to figure out parking and etc... MG&amp;E and city are working to figure out how to agree on using the space. Then the city has to figure out how to build the structure and do environmental assessment. The parking utility is involved as well. So, no changes in the players etc... but it's just making sure that it meets the needs. It's probably at least 6 weeks before that is resolved.</li> <li>2. Steve: any thoughts about a pedestrian bridge? Chris Gosch: we are for it. But there are people against it. Tyler Lark: Why? Chris Gosch: it obstructs views and takes people off the streets.</li> <li>3. Franks were here at the last meeting. At the next meeting, Chris is</li> </ol>

	<p>hoping to get someone from Parking Utility in. Phase ii of Galaxie: Assuming everything goes well, about 100 piles -- a little less than 2 and 1/2 weeks. It would happen in October. They did get their permit in for the conditional use. So there are a few meetings (UDC on October 16). Phase I: Done pouring concrete in late October.</p> <p>4. The grocery store is cranking away. There are some issues with fire department. Alder Zellers: so, beyond December? Chris Gosch: can't say for sure. We are optimistic. We believe we are exceeding the level of safety currently. We think we've had the stars aligned many times, but each time we do that a meteor comes in and crashes through the stars. They are doing everything they can. Kevin Luecke: are the concerns primarily that there's still construction going on while the store is open? Chris Gosch: Primarily, yes. Tyler Lark: Any update on other tenants? Otto: Hopefully we can start announcing soon? David P.: Any other concerns with safety at the site? Chris Gosch: very little. One hurt thumb</p>
<p><b>7. East High Homecoming Parade–</b> Bridget Maniaci</p>	<p>1. Bridget Maniaci has been talking with the booster club this year. There is active fundraising going on and a lot of alumni are getting active. She's been meeting with the Arensons who are the co-chairs for the booster club as well as with the students and the principal about it. The students are excited and opinionated.</p> <p>2. City staff wasn't interested in having it on 'collector streets'. The students would like to have it end at Breese and come down Mifflin. They'd like to have it start about 4:15. There's no real easy way to get East students anywhere without traffic concerns. There's going to be 3,000 students walking out at 3:30 either way, so they are in touch with the police and etc... Their hope is to get their approvals as soon as possible. Bridget doesn't expect floats for year 1. Perhaps a convertible for the court. The marching band is not scheduled for the parade. However, there could be an alumni band.</p> <p>3. Patrick Heck: what's the route you're looking at? Bridget Maniaci: Staging would happen at the end of Mifflin near the state office building there. There's an ongoing conversation about the safe transport between school and that site. Friday October 9th is the date. Patrick Heck: what would they do with the two hours before the game? Bridget Maniaci: there would be food for sale etc... Bridget would like to get no parking on Mifflin for that time. The Booster club could have people manning the intersections. Alder Zellers: would the neighborhood have access to their driveways during the parade? Bridget Maniaci : no, but there would be leafleting etc... so that everyone is aware. Application for the street use permit is a \$100. The total expenses would be about \$500. Donations welcome.</p> <p>4. Steve Wilke: concerns about a lot of high school students hanging out for a couple hours? MaryBeth: would a later start time be better? Bridget Maniaci: the hope is to have the street open for people coming into the game. Kevin Luecke: you may need to talk to Lapham about that. Patrick</p>

	<p>Heck: 3,000 students? Is that the parade? Bridget Maniaci: there is a pep rally at the end of the day. Kids in the clubs and teams will be in the parade, perhaps, but the rest will be spectators. Alder Zellers: I'm still concerned about the cross-streets. How will people get through? Bridget Maniaci: There will be barricades up temporarily and those would be picked up. The goal is to immediately pull the signs and barricades as soon as the last person goes through.</p>
<p><b>8. Police Violence –</b> Amy Miller and Jerome Flowers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amy and Jerome are here to talk about potential changes with Madison Police Department. Here to talk, also, in part, about the shooting deaths of Tony Robinson and Paul Heenan.</li> <li>2. There are three things that officers can do: 1) clearly identify themselves, 2) wait for help, and 3) keep gun holstered unless subject is a known deadly threat. It appears that none of these three took place in these two cases. Former Police Chief Cooper has said that police departments are the most resistant to change. To have a more compassionate police department we have to demand it. Tyler Lark: why do they only use their weapon for deadly force? Jerome: there were supreme court decisions that now allow officers to go from 0-60. However, there are reasons to question the logic of this. MaryBeth: Neighborhood associations can create a venue to discuss these issues. I think this is a strength for Madison. It doesn't sound like the city and the police dept. is super into the idea of community policing. What if we called for a practice: once a year meet with the police department and say what we would like to see? Amy: one of the Marquette folks suggested a similar thing. Maybe a collective effort on the part of all neighborhood associations.</li> <li>3. Patty: we did stand behind Amy the time she came for Paul Heenan's death. David P.: What has been the response of the department in this case? Jerome: individual officers question whether or not it's proper, but the police department's response is that 'things went according to plan'. This event is amplifying what was already happening for Paul Lee. Prevention efforts: mental health screenings for officers annually. The trust has been broken and there needs to be some kind of restoration. Alder Zellers: I agree that there has been a group of people since Paul's shooting that has done a lot of research since that time. There are a number of Alders that are very concerned. There has been a resolution to form a committee to look at some of the police policies and procedures. That committee has just been appointed. I can't predict the outcome, but I hope that it's informed by research from the community response team.</li> <li>4. Amy: the community response team is hosting a meeting on September 21st. The mayor, DA etc... have both declined to attend on account of the lawsuit against the city from Tony Robinson's shooting.</li> <li>5. Patrick Heck: do the police have to listen to this committee? Alder Zellers: not necessarily. Chris Taylor has done some work on this and a bill was passed (409). Jerome: a lot of loopholes exist in that legislation. For instance, the police have discretion on what to report. The police can</li> </ol>

	<p>have a person on the investigation team. Keith Wessel: was there a difference in the release of information by the police in these two cases? Amy: yes, in the Paul Heenan case, the internal investigation of the police department. Jerome: there is some thought that Chief Ray didn't last long after that on account of releasing that information. At this point there is some discussion of the 'facts' of the cases and the potential for controversy.</p> <p>6. It is proposed that the Council write a letter of support using the points addressed in the handout. The proposal is passed by a vote. Keith Wessel: I'd like to amend it that full disclosure is given. Patty: The proposal is that TLNA Council will write a letter containing these bullets plus the amendment about full disclosure. Mary Beth will draft the letter.</p>
<p><b>9. Chair Reports –</b></p>	<p>1. Patrick Heck: Website is updated with the dairy project. Meeting is October 1st. McGrath is moving along. Some hurdles with T. Wall. Alder Zellers: It won't a phased project. They have several supplemental items to address before getting final sign off (as of Sept. 4th). Patrick Heck: They had requested to take down all the terrace trees. City forestry is willing to let them take down a few 9 of the 19. Ledell asked for the plan and etc... We are losing too many trees from storms, trees, and emerald ash borer. Patrick Heck: wanted to thank people on the council who came to the dairy project meeting. Tyler Lark: what's the estimated length of construction? Alder Zellers: I don't know. Kevin Luecke: probably a year. Bob Klebba: is it time for another steering committee meeting? Alder Zellers: not at this point.</p> <p>2. Patty Prime: Taste of Tenney. This seems like it is going to be a success food-wise. Last year we raised \$800 which we gave to the newly formed business association. Ways we could use the money this year. Date is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Patty will e-mail it out and then people can vote.</p> <p>3. MaryBeth: would like to talk about diversity at the next meeting. Perhaps we can briefly address this at Taste of Tenney. But let's at least talk to our friend or neighbors and try to bring in 'all of us'. Having a conscious approach to inclusion and diversity is really important. When demographics are changing, it is important for neighborhood associations to keep up. Mary Beth has experts we can tap to learn more on this! Mary Beth will have coffee with Patty and begin to discuss. Patrick Heck: what is the way we make this functioning without being to restrictive?</p> <p>4. Jessi: newsletter deadline is in 5 days. Emily will write about the \$1,500 from party in the park that went to Lapham School. Tyler Lark: will write about trees. Alder Zellers: will write up development into the newsletter.</p> <p>5. Keith Wessel: Looks like there's a house (906 Mifflin) that the buyer wants to demolish and build something new.</p> <p>6. Sarah Herrick: the sound system at Breese Stevens field. Who is allowed to use it? Has heard some complaints from neighbors. Alder</p>

	<p>Zellers: Charlie at Parks has contacted East High and Edgewood, because it does seem to be the practices that are the problem. Edgewood and East are planning to be cooperative and to quell the level. Additionally, there's more information about noise. They are looking at the contract with the Mallard's group. Ledell wasn't comfortable with the last iteration of that contract on account of the noise. So, they're waiting to see what the situation will be after the Avett Brothers concert.</p> <p>7. Kevin Luecke: nothing to report</p> <p>8. Steve Wilke: Jam on Johnson is going to be Nov 13th starting at 5pm. Yelp will be involved again. Planters are coming along slow. Can't find someone local to build them. Might be able to work with East High. Patty: David Waugh had a suggestion. Alder Zellers: the Regent Neighborhood had some suggestions recently.</p> <p>9. David P.: Unicycling events. Any feedback? Ledell, Patty, Jessi: it was great event! It was fun to highlight the neighborhood. Lucked out with the park and left it in great shape. The church allowed parking for overflow. It was very good!</p> <p>10. Tyler Lark: Successfully identified, adopted, and treated all the trees in James Madison Park. Got \$1500 from the neighborhood and \$400 from Gates of Heaven. 46 trees and about \$10,000 collected total! Alder Zellers: Eric Knepp says it's a model for the city. Could we do a press release? Do we ever do that? Bob Klebba: volunteers to help write one.</p> <p>11. Emily Reynolds: proposed budget has been sent out. Actuals are a moving target. \$500 for Jam on Johnson. \$100 for bike tent. \$100 for a general social event. \$1000 for Taste of Tenney next year! Those are the big items. Emily will double-check with Bob about the website ongoing. Any thoughts or ideas, please pass them to Emily.</p> <p>12. Paul Creswell: Nothing to report.</p>
<p><b>10. Alder Report –</b> Ledell Zellers</p>	<p>1. Eric Knepp helped to change out the Central Park set up and, judging by the lack of calls, it's improved! Budget: we're into the Capitol Budget. There was a big reaction by Police Chief Koval because the mayor took the west side police station out of the budget. The city owns a piece of property and will be holding this. Something else that is in the budget that is controversial is Judge Doyle Square. There is a special council meeting scheduled for the 23rd, but three of the Alders are going to be out of town that day. Ledell is happy to talk to anyone about it.</p> <p>2. James Madison Park: intent to start a master planning process this year. They're planning to revise the Gates of Heaven. Masonry repair etc.... In 2017, Tenney Park Island Playground is on the list. Reynolds Park turf is scheduled for next year. Mid-April to Mid-June. Plan accordingly! The intent is to do the tennis courts on the top of the water tower. This will have to be an amendment. Crack repair on the Tenney Courts in 2016. Tree replacement is in the budget. 12 months with a maximum of 18 month and they are pretty much on track. Keith Wessel: are they doing that with storm damaged trees as well? Alder Zellers: should be. Patty: like to not have the trees all replaced with Japanese Lilac. Alder Zellers:</p>

	<p>tree vs. tree. If you've got wires, you're likely to keep them for a while.</p> <p>3. Also in the budget: parking garage. It received a fair amount of attention at the board of estimates meeting. It does appear that it will be supported. Steve: is the garage self-sustaining? Alder Zellers: interesting question. Less staffing for this ramp will hopefully make it more sustainable. The goal is to have it be more self-supporting than some of the ramps are. The ramps, in general, bring in a lot of money. Some of that money is being looked at for the Judge Doyle Square: \$18,000,000. Patrick Heck: construction cost is the issue? Alder Zellers: yes, construction cost is the issue. Alder Zellers won't be here for the annual meeting.</p>
<p><b>11. Presidents Report –</b> Patty Prime</p>	<p>1. Nominations committee has met. Changing the by-laws to allow for 6 years instead of 5 years.</p>
<p><b>12. President Report –</b> Patty Prime</p>	<p>1. Community conversations with MG&amp;E -- Patty went to one of the Re-Power meetings. Brought fliers regarding these upcoming meetings.</p> <p>2. Alder Zellers: there will be a discussion about some of the services available for the homeless. The Bellini site is being looked at for a day shelter. There has been some discussion about Fairchild next to the county ramp. Steve M are they backing off of that? Why? Alder Zellers: the Mayor had that as an idea. Then decided it was too valuable to the city. There is a developer who is perhaps interested in including the shelter in it. The meeting is at 7:00pm on 8/26 and it's at Capitol Lakes. Patty: David Hart asked us to sponsor a forum on race. More to come on that</p>
<p><b>13. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>1. Steve Wilke, motions, Emily Reynolds seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.</p>