

Meeting Minutes for TNLA Annual Meeting - 10.18.2012 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St.

Meeting Commences at 7:04 PM with Committee
Slate is elected at 7:06 PM

Conclusion of Official Business

Police Department Rep - Officer Fidre

Status of Current Neighborhood Officer (out due to injury)

Officer Chanda Dolsen is subbing, off of work with work related injury.

Apologizes for underservice of liaison role

Not much trend of crime increase from the Police Dept. perspective, will take questions/concerns

Questions: Ald. Maniaci - Status of Reynolds Park: Not many calls, some alcohol use/loitering, Tenney Park: about the same

Citizen - Rash of bicycle thefts: Not much information, some bikes recovered in recent weeks, not sure of origin. Bike theft is hard to track, and hard to profit from, bikes usually ditched afterwards. Officer suggests securing bike in restricted area.

Citizen - Rash of car break-ins: Officer not aware of case, will follow up.

Linster: Introduces Thuy Nguyen, Safety Chair: Scheduling meeting for Wednesday, 24th at Tenney Apartments, to discuss crime issues and possible formation of Neighborhood Watch

Kären Miskimen, Chief Inspector for Ward 44: This year elections for ward 44 will be taking place at the new location: Tenney Park Shelter (not Tenney Apartments). Offered fliers and information to ensure people are aware of their polling place.

PSA <Karen Crossley>: Alerted the attendants to the Make Madison Music Festival; Informational Meeting to be held Thurs., Nov. 8th at Bartell Theatre

Ald. Bridget Maniaci: Thanks crowd for input on Dane County Day Shelter, Dane County Board of Supervisors are trying to find a location for a Day Shelter. The current location under discussion is at 827 E. Washington. A stakeholders meeting was held with the Supervisors, Porchlight, Tina from Cork and Bottle, and neighbors.

Bridget has meet with Joe Parisi's chief of staff Jeff Kostelic and relayed the concerns of the neighborhood, and the adjacent at-risk teen center. Bridget and Marsha Rummel have brainstormed a list of other possible sites.

Richard Freihoefer - Met with officer Gloede - Argues against the day shelter. States we've "reached the tipping point", and will be "leading the charge" against the Day Shelter.

Carol Weidel - Distributed information about Dane County Time Bank - A system designed to connect neighbors to aid in positive social services (gardening, chores, rides, etc.) Also distributed information on Community Shares - specifically the Statewide Giving Campaign -

Jean-Renee Watchou- Director of International Outreach at Christ Presbyterian Church - Spoke about the project to build another structure to hold Neighborhood and other assorted meetings - Also asks members to consider joining the International Students program that meets every Friday at 6:00PM, and asks for community members to host International Students over the Thanksgiving holiday, as many students are away. Left flyers with information. There also is a Halloween Party coming up next Friday, 6:00PM at Christ Presbyterian Church.

Joe Lusson, TNLA incoming President - Thanks Richard Linster for his service. Invited members to get involved in neighborhood meetings and committees, thanks the neighborhood for their support and goodwill.

David Wallner - Social Chair - via his wife - Invitation to House Concerts on Few Street. Jazz musician - Dec 8th., Joe Janks - January 12th. Attendance is limited to 40 seats. More information to follow via the list serv.

David Waugh - Development Chair - Recently moved to the Collins House, will re-open as a Bed & Breakfast. Spoke about the Constellation in development, which is on scheduled. The Don Miller lot has been leveled and a new RFP will be issued soon. There is a proposal for both sections of the Reynolds lot; both the Crane Lot (whose developer is present). Phase 1 is housing, and Phase 2 is to be decided. Urges citizens to get involved early and provide feedback.

Reynolds Lot Development Presentation - Paul Marotte & Randy Bruce - The Reynolds lot is the site immediately north of The Constellation lot, currently occupied by cranes, between E. Mifflin and E. Dayton at Livingston Street. The property does not include the old market area, which is apartments now. The Phase 1 plan calls for a parking garage behind the front complex, with apartments wrapping around the garage complex. There will be a range of apartments, from studio to 3 bedroom/townhouse size. Building heights are between 3-6 stories. Environmental issues: 8 feet of ash removal that requires a special disposal, and there is a lack of quality soil. There is a question about whether or not the Sun will create too much shade created by the height of the building. The Crane Lot building is not mixed use (market rate apartments only), the Phase 2 building (on E. Washington) will be. Joe Lusson asks to respect the neighborhoods height. He doesn't like the idea of a 6 story building.

Continued Discussion: Multiple concerns are raised about the height of the building and the "canyon effect". Concerns about the view from Reynolds Park. Questions about how the units would be affordable: Market rate apartments, it's difficult to make affordable housing without a federal subsidy. The subsidized housing in the community is actually federally funded, and not currently available. There are comments about the balance of rent prices/density. There are comments about the lack of apartments in Madison.

Unit/parking ratio: 1 parking space/unit, no discussion of off-street parking. There are more comments in favor of density to support mass transit and affordable housing. Joe Lusson speaks against replicating the West Wash highrises, which someone had invoked as an example.

David Waugh Thanks everyone for their comments at 8:25 PM and alerts that the meeting will end in 5 minutes.

Talking next steps: Looking for direction: Height recommendations, build recommendations, etc.

David Waugh adjourns the meeting at 8:26 PM

Minutes taken by Bryan Post