

TLNA Council Meeting Minutes
12 December 2013 7:00-8:30pm
Location: The Constellation, 10 N. Livingston St

Draft Minutes submitted 15 Dec. 2013 by Patrick Heck, TLNA Secretary
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Chair Person: Joe Lusson

Council members Present: Joe Lusson, Patty Prime, Patrick Heck, Emily Reynolds, Richard Entenmann, Richard Linster, Jessi Mulhall, Tyler Lark, David Waugh, Keith Wessel, James Tye, Kevin Luecke, David Panofsky

Council members Absent: Bryan Post, Michael Ryanjoy

Guests: Chris Taylor, Heidi Wegleitner (and Lincoln), Ledell Zellers, John Hillegass, Jonathon Coleman, Gerrit Conger, Christy Bachmann

Next Scheduled Meeting: 9 January 2014

Agenda:	Actions/Discussion
1. Call to order	1. Convened at 7:01pm
2. Approval of October Annual Meeting and Nov. Minutes.	1. Oct Annual meeting minutes approved unanimously. 2. Nov meeting minutes approved unanimously.
3. Welcome	1. Introduction of TLNA Council members
Introduction of guests.	1. John Hillegass 1100 block E. Gorham 2. Jonathon Coleman 500 block E. Johnson 3. Christy Bachmann, City Engineering 4. Gerrit Conger, 200 block N. Brearly 5. Heidi Wegleitner (and Lincoln), District 2 County Board of Supervisors 6. Ledell Zellers, District 2 Alder 7. Chris Taylor, 76 th District State Representative
4. Report of Neighborhood Officer -- Officer Lewis	1. Joe Lusson had not heard from Officer Lewis about his attendance at the meeting. Joe and Ledell Zellers will both encourage a community policing officer to attend or better communicate in the future.
5. New Business	
a. Rep. Chris Taylor	1. Rep. Chris Taylor gave an update on recent activities in the Wisconsin

	<p>State Assembly. She reiterated that constituent contacts on the issues are very valuable. In the ongoing Fall session, she's proud that she's had about 5,000 contacts from her constituents whereas the average Assembly member sees about 2,000.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Update on the GOP-led legislature and Gov. Walker's handling of the Affordable Care Act, including their rejection of federal funds for Medicaid expansion and the reduction of BadgerCare. 3. Voting rights – Wisconsin's Voter ID law is being challenged in both federal and state cases. Reduction of early voting hours has been approved by the Assembly and is awaiting action in the Senate. They are also making it harder for residential facility residents to vote. All not helping people. 4. Access to public forestlands – the legislature and Gov. Walker have cut off public access to public lands that have been opened for mining by Gogebic Taconite. They have also reduced their property taxes. 5. State Supreme Court – legislature wants to change the way the Chief Justice is selected. Rather than seniority, would be a vote of her peers, thereby Shirley Abrahamson would likely be replaced as Chief Justice. 6. ALEC – discussed their great success as a conservative policy network that has negatively impacted legislation all over the country. 7. Reproductive rights – said WI is on the edge of losing abortion access. The hospital admitting privileges requirement for doctors will reduce access. A Dane County judge issued an injunction against this law. 8. Rep. Taylor has a bipartisan bill with GOP Rep. Garey Bies to change the way officer-involved shootings are reviewed. Currently, they are internal reviews; the bill would change to independent reviews. 3 officer-involved shootings in Madison this year. James Tye asked if there would be funding for the proposed review board. Rep. Taylor said that funding would be included because it would be part of the DOJ budget. 9. James Tye asked about any talk on reviving high-speed rail. There are low rumbings, but nothing specific to the Madison-Milwaukee route. 10. Emily Reynolds asked about "Get Youth Moving" that requires physical activity for school age youth. Rep. Taylor said she'd look into it, but there are some other youth activity proposals too. 11. Patrick Heck asked what we could do since our elected officials are generally progressive and vote the right way. Rep. Taylor said that you should always contact your legislator on issues, even if they agree. They do tally constituent contacts. Also, helping to educate people in other parts of the state because their progressive media access is limited. 12. Rep. Taylor then talked about elections. There are competitive seats nearby, so get involved. James Tye suggested that donating to candidates prior to the end of financial reporting periods was important. Dec. 31 and June 30 are the next deadlines and that candidate viability is often assessed just after those deadlines.
b. Council planning	1. Patty Prime said that the planning meeting will build on last year's

<p>meeting/retreat</p>	<p>exercises rather than start from scratch. Dirk Entenmann asked if we could get a copy of the previous year’s meeting notes. Patty will send to all. There may be pre-homework and there will be food!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Patty - the number one goal will be for people to get to know each other. 3. Location is TBD because not everyone has answered the doodle that Patrick Heck emailed, hence the date has not been chosen. Once everyone answers, committee will choose the date and location. 4. Joe Lusson stressed that we will be forming neighborhood goals – trying to be proactive rather than just reacting to development proposals.
<p>c. Unannounced sidewalk closure on E. Johnson St. – city staff</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christy Bachmann from city engineering discussed the past week’s construction along E. Johnson that elicited complaints from business owners in particular. AT&T is installing conduits for the undergrounding of wires that is part of the 2014 E. Johnson reconstruction. 2. The current work is under a permit – they were required to send letters to property owners, but not renters, so most missed the notice. Also, the permit could be issued only after the notifications were sent, so it was a long time ago. The city is going to change the permit process to require that notifications go to renters (which includes most businesses) and that they go out closer to the project start. 3. More undergrounding work will be done in March and April with the actual street reconstruction starting in May. Undergrounding is expected only for the Hamilton to Blair blocks and the 800 and 900 blocks. 4. City Engineering will coordinate with the project contractor to establish weekly communications (email and meetings) with the neighborhood. Has worked well in other large projects. Will be email signups, meetings, web-based information. Once the street reconstruction project starts, there will be dedicated contractor staff to help neighbors and businesses. 5. Jessi Mulhall asked if funding for the undergrounding had been approved. Christy Bachmann said Ledell’s budget amendment for funding the 800 and 900 block was awaiting final approval. Jessi asked about the cost for adjacent property owners. Christy said the cost is to allow homes/businesses to accept upgraded input, about \$2k for average home and possibly more for businesses. 6. Dirk Entenmann said that Johnson Public House did not get a quick response when they complained about the unannounced work. Christy said there will be better communication in the future due to having project engineers and more communication (electronic, door hangers and visits). 7. Patty Prime asked why they are doing this now - why not wait until the 2014 project? Christy said they are getting a head start because during the actual street reconstruction,; it will be too crowded to do when they are replacing sewers, storm sewers, water mains, MG&E lines and telecommunication lines. 8. Ledell Zellers reiterated that the city will be putting up signs indicating that businesses are open during the construction.

	<p>9. Tyler Lark asked about the incomplete new lights that were installed at Reynolds Park during the E. Dayton reconstruction. Christy said she'd look into it, but assumed it was a supply problem.</p>
<p>6. Report of Elected Officials.</p>	<p>1. District 2 Alder Ledell Zellers reported.</p> <p>2. Sign package approved for Constellation businesses. Ledell met with UDC and city staff to facilitate.</p> <p>3. Reynolds Crane Lot – no update. The developers have talked to city staff about requesting TIF dollars, but no filing has occurred.</p> <p>4. Webster St and E. Washington hotel proposal (just outside of Tenney-Lapham); new developer has come forward, North Central, a Middleton-based company. They have purchased the Pahl Tire property with an option on an adjacent house. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for 19 Jan. at 7pm, details TBD.</p> <p>5. Ad hoc Lamp House committee –will recommend a plan for the entire block that the house sits upon. The committee is reviewing all aspects of the house, how it is situated, views from and to the House, shading studies, etc. City staff has been very helpful.</p> <p>6. Yahara River Parkway – a public meeting was held with a second scheduled for 30 Jan, 6:30pm (time could change) at Goodman Center. Input and conversation about the Parkway will be promoted.</p> <p>7. City-wide issues – TIF guidelines will be redone in early 2014 with substantial changes being considered, Judge Doyle Square (a huge project with large TIF and parking utility dollars) has many questions need to be answered. Two proposals with staff reports have been released – Ledell will send the staff reports to Joe Lusson and James Tye. Alder Ahrens slides that question the need for the project are available. The committee meets in Jan. and will possibly be making a recommendation. Council passed expansion of hiring protections to include protections for the unemployed.</p> <p>8. Ledell and Rep. Chris Taylor will co-host a Listening Session – 6:00pm, Feb. 3, at Lapham School.</p> <p>9. Patty Prime asked about the move to allow guns on city buses. Ledell said she thought all would resist this effort.</p> <p>1. Distict 2 County Board Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner reported.</p> <p>2. County budget work -There is an \$8million study for replacing the county jail. Heidi objected to this because there is a comprehensive study of jail needs that has not been completed. That study includes assessing space needs, beds for the mentally ill and other key issues. The cost of a new jail could be \$120million, so should assess all needs first.</p> <p>3. Human Services-related County budget work – funding was secured for DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Shelter) on Fordem Ave. Tenant Resource Center funding was restored. A shelter for homeless youth was funded. \$600,000 was allocated to obtain housing for families with Section 8 vouchers, but who can find no landlords willing to rent them</p>

	<p>(This will help about 12 families). Funds were approved for bridge services for the homeless until the permanent day shelter opens. Funds were approved for counselors that will help people get the benefits they are entitled to. A Community Court was funded that will provide a venue for a first hearing before charges are brought.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. An audit for the Land and Water Resources Department was authorized. 5. County Legislative tracking software is slated to be upgraded. 6. The County Comprehensive Plan is being updated - housing is a big issue there, as well as resource protection corridors. 7. A Poverty Commission, chaired by Heidi, is looking at –job training, economic development, etc. 8. In light of the recent manure digester spills, another application in Bristol will be double-checked. 9. James Tye said that the Clean Lakes Alliance adopted the James Madison Park beach. The City/County monitors beaches once per week, but the volunteers took more frequent samples and found additional days that beaches should have been closed. He suggested it was not expensive for the City or County to sample more often. Ledell and Heidi said they’d look into this.
<p>7. Unfinished Business</p>	
<p>a. 800 Block modified plan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Lusson said he wasn’t sure if this agenda item was needed. 2. Kevin Luecke asked if anything had changed since the TLNA Annual Meeting. Consensus was that not much had changed, other than the possible addition of 5 or 6-story tower on Paterson for a commercial tenant. 3. A brief discussion that summarized Chris Gosch’s presentation at the Dec. 5 public meeting. Chris then said they were in negotiation with 2 grocers and expected a deal within a couple of weeks. 4. It was noted that there is a February 2014 deadline for Gebhardt to purchase the land. Gebhardt has stated that if they have no grocery, they will no buy the land. 5. Joe noted that the Dec. 5 meeting attendees were split grocery size desires: half said more than 50k square feet was desirable, half said 50k was sufficient. 6. Ledell Zellers said that she’d seen the recent shadowing studies for the new tower height(s). She thought nothing too bad came from the studies. She will forward the study to David Waugh and others. 7. Keith Wessel asked if it was likely for the top floor to be public or a restaurant. Ledell said there were security concerns that likely prevented that. 8. Tyler Lark asked about the large number of parking spaces in the development. A general discussion of area parking needs/situation ensued. Ledell reported that she has asked city parking for some focused monitoring in the area to help determine why daytime street parking has

	<p>been so busy in the area near The Constellation.</p> <p>9. Ledell reported that she is strongly inclined to support the zoning change ordinance that will be required by the 800 block project's requested height (20 ft taller than The Constellation). She has told Gebhardt that she will introduce the legislation.</p> <p>10. A discussion of whether or not TLNA needs to endorse the new height request. Richard Linster suggested that endorsement should not be considered until a more detailed proposal has been submitted. All agreed.</p> <p>11. Ledell suggested that we need a neighborhood group that meets with Gebhardt as the project continues to evolve. As Development Committee Chair, David Waugh will start up a committee.</p> <p>12. Joe Lusson asked that the ordinance change be very specific, e.g., only apply to the percentage of the block area that Gebhardt has specified. Ledell said that if the ordinance change passed, yet the development failed, that same percentage could be utilized by a future developer. It was noted that if the Gebhardt project failed, CD Smith is next in line, as the selection committee dictated. CD Smith has expressed continuing interest.</p>
<p>8. President's comments</p>	
<p>a. exec council – nominating Richard Linster, Jessi Mulhall, James Tye to join</p>	<p>1. Joe Lusson discussed the Executive Committee's role and announced the nominees.</p> <p>2. Patrick Heck moved to approve to nominees, Richard Linster seconded</p> <p>3. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>9. Report of Officers and Committees.</p>	
<p>a. Social/Membership</p>	<p>1. Richard Linster (membership) - new members have increased from 34 to 53. We are ahead of pace for reaching his goal of 300 members and \$3k.</p> <p>2. Joe Lusson, Patty Prime and Richard (social) – the committee toured the remodeled/expanded Christ Presbyterian Church. There are many modern meeting rooms with new technology. The kitchen has also been nicely remodeled. Meeting space can now be arranged through a secretary. Generally, she needs about 1-month notice. They are very receptive to neighborhood usage. There is an open house at the church on Saturday, 18 Jan., 3-5pm.</p> <p>3. More social report - Community night at Madtown Pizza, organized to support them after their large window was broken, was a great success. Madtown said business was brisk. Thanks to John Hillegass who suggested the event. Richard wants to repeat the event to support other neighborhood businesses; it has beneficial social and community components. Will perhaps explore a Baldwin Street Grille event, but will be announced in the newsletter if organized.</p>

b. Parks	1. James Tye - Met with the group that organized around updating the Reynolds Park playground equipment. They want to have a meeting with those involved with revamping James Madison Park, likely in Jan. or Feb. They will talk about improvements and assure that new/improved features in both parks complement each other and don't compete.
c. Business	1. Dirk Entenmann - no report
d. Development	1. David Waugh – no report
e. Housing	1. Keith Wessell _ no report
f. Transportation/Safety	1. Kevin Luecke _ no report
g. Publicity/Newletter	1. Jessi Mulhall – Winter newsletter deadline is Dec. 15, firm.
10. Adjournment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2. Motion passed unanimously. 3. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm <p>Quick announcements –</p> <p>David Panofsky announced the shoe and boot drive until the end of Dec. at Lapham School. Drop-off is next to principal's office. An announcement will be made on the TLNA listserv.</p> <p>Tyler Lark mentioned that Reynolds Park might be a music venue for Make Music Madison in June. The playground committee is working on this. It could be a kick-off for a once a month series of picnics or music events. Details TBD.</p> <p>Richard Linster reported that Lia Vellardita (2013 TLNA VP) and Matt welcomed Eloise on 11 Nov.</p>