

TLNA Council Meeting May 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Jonny Hunter, Tyler Lark, Madeline Kasper, Nick Crowley, Meghan Conlin, Keith Wessel, Patty Prime, Marta Staple, Pat Kelly, Bob Klebba, Ann Sullivan, Michael Donnelly, Gwen Shales

Guests: Alli Dolezal, Anthony Brylski, Alder Patrick Heck, Cherrie Sanchez, Adam Wood

Call to order: 7:04 pm

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

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Agenda

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
- 4. Approval of April meeting minutes**

Tyler moves.

Nick seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

- 5. Neighborhood Officer Reports - Chris Keys ckey@cityofmadison.com**

Jonny asks Patrick whether he had heard of anything about MPD officers not having access to Zoom. Patrick will look into it.

Main issue is drag racing on E. Washington. Patrick says that he heard from the central district captain that during April and May they did six nights of special enforcement. Positive results and plan to do it again in June. Just patrol officers, not traffic officers. Able to do this because there haven't been as many calls during Safer at Home. E. Wash: 148 stops, issued 56 citations and 24 warnings. Tyler asks whether there are trends of who it is. Patrick says he hasn't heard anything on that.

Jonny notes the racing has also been bad on Johnson Street.

Tyler asks about the shooting on Johnson and the murder on Blair St. Any news? Patrick says no, they are still open cases, nothing to report.

6. Budget - Nick Crowley

Nick: Attached budget put together by Marta, Tyler and Nick. Many things have changed since they developed the budget. Events like Party in the Park no longer are planned but Nick hasn't changed anything in the budget yet in case we plan to hold events later on this year and also to remind ourselves what we expected to spend in 2020 when preparing the 2021 budget. Budget more tentative than it usually is. Anticipates that we won't get as many dues because we won't have events. Asks if there are any questions about the budget?

Bob: Comments about budgeting in a pandemic. Thinks we should remove Party in the Park from the budget and would also like to look at the budget in a way that really takes COVID-19 into account. Doesn't think the budget should be by committee but does want to discuss some things.

Pat: What was the doubling of the donation to Lapham? Marta: PTG is separate from the school and they wrote a grant for Gardener in Residence program so we gave them \$1,000. Money from PITP is divided between the Lapham and Marquette principals and the PTG for each school.

Pat: The cost of the six planters along Johnson street seems expensive. Do we need to spend that much? Bob says \$400-450 would be a more appropriate number.

Pat: Would like to make a donation of \$200 to each of the parks friends groups. James Madison and Reynolds groups are set up already; Tenney is still in the works. Tyler says we could just earmark money to each of these groups. Patty says procedurally we don't need a motion for this; can just say \$600 to support the parks.

Nick asks, if we approve spending in the budget do we have to approve it again in a meeting? Michael says if it is in the budget we don't need to vote on it again.

Jonny says he thinks we can approve the budget once we address the two issues.

Patty brings up the issue of mailing the newsletter; should we budget for that?

Pat brings up Operation Fresh Start. She would like to donate more money to the organization. Has Nick started a group to look at donating money to them? Nick is hesitant to donate more money given all of the uncertainty. Jonny says grant program is really easy to apply for. Michael is reluctant to decide over email what new money

should go out. Pat would really like to donate money to them but not sure what will happen this summer. Tyler asks whether they requested a specific amount. Pat said there was no talk of money. Patty supports a modest increase of \$100 to \$200.

Jonny suggests that we move on the newsletter. Recommends that Nick makes the changes that we discussed and then we can return to it.

The council returned to this item after discussing the newsletter and website. Increased budget for newsletter printing by \$1,000 to \$7,000. MGE had offered to make a donation. Patty will request a grant. However, for now we will just budget as though we aren't going to get the grant.

Patty moves to approve the budget.

Marta seconds.

Motion passes in a unanimous vote.

7. Newsletter and Website - Patty Prime

Patty sent an email to the council with three options for how we can distribute the newsletter. We have a lot of content for the newsletter, much of it COVID-related. Options:

1. Mail out newsletter \$1,000 (verify) reaches every resident except a few streets that Bob Shaw had to deliver to.
2. Send electronic version to every email that we have. We don't have everyone's email addresses. Could supply some of the businesses with some hard copies.
3. Mail it this time but tell the neighborhood that we may be moving to electronic soon.

Marta asks how much time we would need to move to an electronic newsletter? Patty thinks it could be done in a couple of weeks. Marta likes the idea of mailing the spring newsletter. Thinks in the future we should move to a more electronic version. Likes the equitability but does not like the waste.

Pat agrees that we should mail this one but likes that the hard copy notifies news neighbors about it.

Bob likes the idea that we go electronic but thinks we should do it over the course of a year.

Patty said that newsletter did include a banner telling people to sign up. Got about 10 new emails last time. Cherrie building in a mechanism as well.

Jonny suggests that we give the option for people to give money to receive a mailed newsletter, perhaps on their membership form.

Marta makes a motion (with a friendly amendment from Pat) to mail the summer newsletter and explore phasing into a predominantly electronic newsletter after that. Michael seconds Pat's friendly amendment and Marta's motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Patty: For the website Cherrie has broken this up into a few phases. The ability to join and renew online is now available. Patty gave an update of where things are with the website and all of the work Cherrie has done.

Discussion about process for welcoming new members and what that system will look like. Area reps may be in charge of connecting with the new members. Patty said she can provide a list prior to the next meeting with suggestions for how we should interact with these new members. Anthony suggested adding a checkbox for if you want to receive a paper newsletter.

Jonny expressed his thanks to Cherrie. Patty echoes Jonny's thanks.

Tyler recommends an option to not make people pay. Pat agrees. Patty says she would like help developing language for those. Tyler said he would send a draft of the language. Also draft language telling people they can give more.

Tyler asked whether we want to add more information about events and things going on.

8. Modifications to the traffic calming priorities - Bob Klebba

Bob send out changes to the traffic calming priorities(attached). Specifically, item #4. Blair and E. Washington intersection. If they redid it the way we requested it they would lose state funding. Based on this would like to amend #4.

Michael makes a motion to amend.

Patty seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Bob also reports that TE is going forward with their evaluation of installing speed humps on the 1000 block of E Mifflin without the requirement of a neighborhood survey. They will be waiting until construction calms down in order to do their traffic surveys.

Bob also notes that the RRFB at Blount on Gorham is on TE's list of beacons to install. They have also put an RRFB at Hancock and Gorham as a function of the JMP master plan.

9. Chair reports

Pat (parks chair) wonders why the Mifflin closed signs don't explain why they are closed the way other closed streets do. Bob says he will talk to traffic engineering about adding the signs. Michael says he notices people move them out of the road and he will often fix them. Jonny says he talked to a neighbor about it who indicated the city is not following best practices with the program. Thinks the barriers are not being respected.

Marta (events chair) notes that all events are currently on hold. Reluctant to postpone Party in the Park to the fall since Taste of Tenney takes place in the fall.

10. Elected Official Reports

Alder Patrick Heck:

- Traffic: Thanks Bob for developing a relationship with traffic engineering. Takes some of the burden off of him. Willing to advocate for any of the changes. Regarding partial closure of Mifflin and Sherman, thinks we should temper our expectations about what they might be able to do. Thinks we should work on a single email to send to Mark Winter and Jeremey Nash.
- Salvation Army: Didn't get WHEDA tax credits. A lot of talk now of housing homeless people in shelters like the SA is not going to work in the future. Thinks there is a possibility they are going to have to rethink the shelter. Designed to have bunk beds very close together. It may feed into a community conversation about homeless people and shelter design and who needs what where. SA can still apply for the tax credits next year.
- COVID-19: City expects a rough budget, going to be some tough choices. Possibly \$30 million off budget. In a better place than other cities because we have high property taxes, not as reliant on a sales tax.
- Homeless encampment by Burr Jones: City working on a new policy to provide certain services to encampments. City does not want to disturb homeless encampments at this time. This particular encampment does not meet the specific criteria for an encampment under this new policy but the city is going to provide some services anyway.
- ADU at 1020 Sherman Avenue: Turned down by the Plan Commission in a unanimous vote. The homeowner is going to resubmit plans with a garage only, no ADU.

- Metro Transit: Has a new director from Indianapolis that ran their BRT system. Indianapolis has the second largest fleet of electric busses.
- MGE explosion: Some work will need to be done on Johnson street following the explosion. Will result in some street closures.
- Gorham St. construction: beginning mid-July (sewer replacement). There may be a lane closure on Gorham. Will take out parking lane, have not been nice about guaranteeing the bike lane will be open. Patrick recommends we send a neighborhood letter on the issue. Bob says he would be willing to draft something and Bob will send.
- Dayton St. reconstruction (between Blair and Livingston): Going to start in August.
- Ingersoll and Elizabeth construction: Complaints about noise and fumes from generators. Jonny asks if the timeline moved up at all? Patrick said they seem to be moving faster but they won't say so; still have to deal with weather. Thinks they may finish a few weeks early but isn't sure.

Adjourn

Michael makes a motion to adjourn.

Bob seconds.

Motion passes in a voice vote.

Attachments

- 2020 budget draft from Nick
- Amended traffic calming priorities

Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Budget, 2020

	2019 Actual	2020 proposed	Notes
REVENUE			
Membership Dues	\$4,034	\$4,000	
Newsletter Ads	\$4,630	\$4,630	
Event Income		\$1,100	*ToT Admission
Donations Received	\$3,134	\$3,500	*Includes Festival Gift Card
City Grants	\$5,000	\$0	
Interest/Dividends	\$254	\$250	
misc. income	\$5,762	\$1,000	*square, other deposits
TOTAL REVENUE	\$22,814	\$14,480	
EXPENSES			
Event Expenses			
Bike to work	\$51	\$100	
Party in the Park	\$1,543	\$2,000	
Winter Event		\$500	
Taste of Tenney	\$1,189	\$1,500	
100 Year Party	\$1,558	\$0	
TLNA Sign Contest		\$0	
Tidy up Tenney		\$0	
Total Event Expenses	\$4,341	\$4,100	
Donations Given			
Lapham/Marquette PTG	\$1,000	\$2,000	
Lapham SchoolPITP		\$700	
East High	\$500	\$500	
Marquette Elementary		\$200	

O'Keefe Middle School		\$400
Fresh Start		\$50
Ash tree trmt	\$0	\$0
Reyolds PITP Park Improvements	\$0	\$1,750
Fruit Trees	\$132	\$500
Planters on E. Johnson		\$500
Total Donations	\$1,632	\$6,600

Operating Expenses

Insurance-State Farm	\$325	\$325
Newsletter Printing	\$5,788	\$7,000 *ask Patty about not printing
PO Box	\$92	\$92
Copies/Office Supplies/Postage	\$159	\$200
Annual Report Fee	\$10	\$10
Website/Domain	\$234	\$300
Marketing/Communication (New)	\$3,011	\$500
Groups.io	\$220	\$50
Total Operating Expenses	\$9,839	\$8,477

Other Expenses

TLC Merger	\$180	
State Tax	\$20	\$20
Total Other Expenses	\$8,748	\$20 *includes Grants

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,928	\$19,197
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Expected Budget		-\$4,717
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December 2019 Balance

Old Checking Account	\$958.79
Current Checking Account	\$4,536.22
Money Market Account	\$29,228.45
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,163.79
Total	\$39,887.25

Spending Ideas

Area Dinner

Scholarship

No/lower membership dues

Transportation ideas

make a savings account for the reserve money

TLNA Traffic Calming Priorities for 2020

9 March 2020

1. Speed humps and lighting on 1000 block E Mifflin

This concern has been a long-standing one, however it has gained greater importance with the development of the Breeze. There are many young children who cross mid-block to access the playground at Lapham School, and they are well hidden by parked cars. Speed humps will slow all vehicular traffic and better lighting will make this block safer for this group of people. (E Mifflin Bike Boulevard, Lapham School)

2. Stop signs on Ingersoll at Dayton

There is neighborhood-wide interest in traffic calming at Lapham School. This has been one of the more popular concerns in our polling of the neighborhood. A long-term goal might be speed humps on Ingersoll or a raised intersection, but stop signs are very cost effective. The stop signs will also slow motorized vehicles crossing between E Washington and Johnson/Gorham. (Lapham School, Safe and Livable Streets, Low Hanging Fruit)

3. Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon at Blount on Gorham

Blount is halfway on a 4-block stretch of Gorham without a controlled intersection. During the morning commute, neighbors must cross Gorham to take the bus westbound and children taking the bus cross Gorham to return home. It is often difficult to find a break in traffic to be able to cross Gorham. Furthermore, the James Madison Park Master Plan designates a RRFB at this intersection to promote better pedestrian access to this community park. (Safe and Livable Streets)

4. Pedestrian crosswalk on Blount St at E Washington Ave

The RRFB installed at Blount St needs to be enhanced with better signage, crosswalk painting and some other indicator that promotes safety and usage. Education of the guests at the Beacon and Salvation Army will help with getting pedestrians safely across E Washington. (E Washington, Safe and Livable Streets)

5. Reduce speed limit on E Mifflin to 20 mph

Motorized vehicular speeding is still a perceived issue on E Mifflin. Given the intense development on E Mifflin, Reynolds Park, Breese Stevens, the bike boulevard, and Lapham School, it makes sense to use a reduced speed limit as a traffic calming measure here. (E Mifflin Bike Boulevard, Safe and Livable Streets, Lapham School, Low Hanging Fruit)

6. Run all traffic lights on E Wash 24/7

With the intense development of both sides of E Washington, there is now a steady stream of after-hours pedestrian and cycle traffic later at night and after bar time. Many people taking their regular routes have to dodge motorized vehicular traffic on E Washington when the traffic lights go to flashing yellow. Operating this traffic lights 24/7

is a simple and cost-effective way to provide safer crossings between Tenney-Lapham and Marquette. (E Washington, Safe and Livable Streets, Low Hanging Fruit)

7. No right turn onto west bound Mifflin from south bound Baldwin during morning rush hour

Many motorized vehicles cut through the neighborhood to avoid the traffic light at E Washington and Baldwin during the morning rush hour. This traffic signage would encourage traffic to stay on Baldwin, reducing the volume on the E Mifflin Bike Boulevard. (E Mifflin Bike Boulevard, Safe and Livable Streets, Low Hanging Fruit)