

TLNA Council Meeting

August 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Jonny Hunter, Nick Crowley, Pat Kelly, Patty Prime, Meghan Conlin, Michael Donnelly, Bob Klebba, Ann Sullivan, Evelyn Atkinson, Tyler Lark, Madeline Kasper

Guests: Alder Patrick Heck

Call to order: 7:04

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of July meeting [minutes](#)

Pat made a motion to approve.

Ann seconds.

Motion passes.

President notes that the business chair has stepped down, Andrew has resigned, and Wes has missed three meetings in a row so is no longer a member of the council.

Newsletter Update - Patty Prime

Sent an email to the council about the newsletter. Primary thing to discuss is the deadline. Previously said August 15 but she hasn't made any announcements yet because the main purpose of a fall newsletter is to announce the annual meeting. Obviously there won't be a gathering this year but the newsletter will need to advertise whatever we will have in place of the gathering. Need a deadline of mid-September or so; by then we need to know when we are going to meet and how.

Nick asks how many people can participate in Zoom. Jonny said 100.

Pat Kelly wonders if we should delay the bylaw changes and council member changes until the beginning of next year. Patty thinks there are too many unknowns to know when we are going to be able to meet in person again.

Evelyn suggested we could get restaurants to donate curbside food to those who participate. Jonny thinks we shouldn't ask restaurants for free food right now but we could encourage people to support businesses.

Jonny worried we are going to lose contact with the neighborhood if we don't keep sending out the newsletter via mail. Our email list is too small, our Facebook group is not controlled by us. Thinks we need to maintain contact with the neighborhood.

Michael agrees. Thinks we should send out fall newsletter and let people opt out in the future.

Patty says we've used a process where you can choose a mailing route so they can't really let people opt out. It is pretty expensive.

Meghan says we did mailing in the beginning because we were apprehensive about delivery. She wonders if we are still concerned about that. Evelyn said she thinks we shouldn't do anything that involves interaction. Patty and Ann agree with Meghan that delivery may not be such a big issue.

Council decided that we will print the next newsletter and then determine whether to mail or hand deliver then.

Patrick looked at the bylaws and it says the annual meeting must be in the fall. The only thing impacting the newsletter is that any bylaw changes need to be proposed one week before the meeting.

Michael thinks we should budget more time for delivery than we normally do so that people can take precautions to dodge other people. Patty thinks we want newsletters in people's hands by Halloween. Patty says historically, before Taste of Tenney, if we got 60-80 people it was a great success. So if it is a low turnout it is not a big deal.

Public Market Support

Jonny got an email from the public market asking for support of the public market. Jonny says he has been on the leadership of the market. He is interested in Patrick's thoughts.

Patrick says it is complex. Last year the mayor agreed to put \$7 million in TIF money into infrastructure of the public market. The public market foundation was raising the majority of the money. Next year the city is anticipating a \$25 million budget hole on the operating side. The money for the market comes from TIF, which is different. Not so straightforward what you can do with that money. It would mostly need to be spent on infrastructure or affordable housing. Can also be donated to other TIF districts. For example, the south side of Madison needs more infrastructure and also will be taking in parts of the Town of Madison. Not convinced that the public market will be successful or will not pay for itself.

Jonny asks why it became such an issue so quickly. Patrick thinks this is a conversation worth having. Not against it, but skeptical.

Pat wonders if it is premature for the neighborhood council to weigh in. Are we doing it because we want to influence budget decisions? Jonny says the public market board of directors asked us to write a letter of support to Patrick Heck. Jonny thinks it is a little premature but he knows the people involved in the market are very proactive.

Patrick thinks now is a great time to weigh in on budgetary matters as the mayor is putting the capital budget together. Pat feels uncomfortable writing a letter of support for this without knowing the other options for the money, such as affordable housing projects.

Patrick said the capital budget will be submitted on September 1 and then it is all finalized in early to mid-November.

Pat suggests we wait until after the mayor's budget comes out, once we know what the competing interests are.

Tyler makes a motion to write a letter of support for the market based on the email sent to Jonny from the public market board. Bob seconded.

Bob says that one of the responsibilities of the neighborhood is that we look out for the neighborhood. So he thinks we should support it.

Jonny says one of the points the market has made is that they have invested a lot of money into preparing vendors and that it is an equity issue.

Pat asks what if the money were to go to some affordable housing in our neighborhood and we have already put our support behind the public market.

Nick says we could write the letter to emphasize that we support the market generally but not specifically this funding.

Jonny called the vote.

6 voted in support, 3 voted against; motion passed.

Chair reports

- Patty (communications) - Black Books Matter project. Distributed the books and plan to have an update on the project the newsletter.
- Pat Kelly (parks chair) - Operation Fresh Start finished the work in Tenney Park. Jonny thanked Pat for her work on the Black Lives Matter signs, showed how the neighborhood could do something. Patty says it would be good to have an article about the project in the newsletter.
- Tyler (vice president) -
 - Mural: ami found someone who will paint a mural at Reynolds: a teacher at Tenney Nursery. Going to use \$400 to pay them, which we already approved. Going to give \$200 in advance and \$200 after the fact. Thinks they might also do two garbage cans in the park.
 - EAB: Still waiting to hear more information on which trees are still eligible to adopt. Can send out an email to the neighborhood to discuss what our longer term strategy will be. Maybe we can discuss at the next meeting
- Bob (transportation)
 - Meeting with TE: Alder Heck and Bob met with TE to discuss how we want to address restricting motorized traffic on the boulevard. Patrick's idea was to install some Jersey barriers.
 - In my discussions with MYAC and Stonehouse, they would like to have buses and cars pick up and drop off on E Mifflin St. Their traffic circulation plan has all pick up and drop off inside the building, in the parking structure with access off Ingersoll. Using E Mifflin is a new request and has not been evaluated by the neighborhood yet. In the past, the neighborhood has vigorously defended the bike boulevard from new activity due to development, so the proposed use on E

Mifflin would be a conflict. The result of my conversation so far with MYAC and Stonehouse is that Stonehouse is not in favor of restricting motorized vehicles on E Mifflin.

- Jonny (president) wants people to be aware of “10 Actions for Equity in Pandemic Schooling” that a neighbor, Erica Turnere, wrote. Came about as a result of the equity and action group at Lapham. See here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LOHkNdhM3esun_9RBacACY8QfQQnTYgb/view.

Elected Official Reports

Patrick Heck

- Salvation Army didn't get WHEDA tax credits but is going to try again. Project not likely to go forward until 2021 at the earliest. Have a little bit of funding from elsewhere but doesn't think they have really tried because COVID has delayed the project. Patrick suggested they write an article about what they are up to and include it in the TLNA newsletter. Ann asks what happens to people in the meantime. Patrick said right now it is open 24 hours and only to women. Families are spread out in hotels. Men at a different shelter. Unclear what is going to happen. Until the end of December there is enough funding to keep families in hotel rooms. Not clear what is going to happen with the mens' shelter but likely women will be in the Salvation Army. Patrick doesn't think they will bring the funding back any time soon but it is unclear what can happen.
- Reynolds Park: Blink Art grant proposal. Going to paint a mural on the Art In building of a Black woman blowing dandelion seeds.
- Art In: Interested in changing the space into a vintage video arcade. Will probably be coming to the council for approval.
- August 26 virtual meeting for the East Isthmus and Yahara Watershed study. Study of rain events on Isthmus and Atwood. The study is already underway and is going to take a couple of years.
- Police budget: Receives thousands of emails to abolish the police. Not an abolitionist; but thinks there are many things that can be done. Doesn't think we have a program built up yet to take the place of the police and doesn't think we have the capacity to do that in the upcoming budget. Patrick thinks there will be some baby steps in September, October, and November. Needs to be a huge effort. Jonny saw something about the mayor talking about CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon. Patrick said there is a joint effort with the county to start some sort of pilot program similar to CAHOOTS. Ann asked about traffic. Patrick said that MPD thinks that a lot of these drivers are from a lot of small towns outside of Madison. They are going to stop blocking left turn lanes on the weekend; willing to think outside of the box. Ann says on E. Mifflin says there are people who come to the stop sign and they just go. Happy they are doing some sort of barricade because it is getting pretty hairy.

Adjourn

Pat moved to adjourn.

Michael seconded.

Motion passes.