

TLNA Council Meeting

November 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

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

Guests: Anthony Brylski

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of agenda

Bob makes a motion to approve.
Meghan seconds.
Motion passed in unanimous vote.

Approval of October meeting [minutes](#)

Bob makes a motion to approve.
Patty seconds.
Motion passed in a unanimous vote.

Newsletter - Patty

Patty sent out an email in advance of the meeting regarding the plan for delivering the fall newsletter. Notes that Evelyn is opposed to hand-delivering and would like to mail. Patty thinks someone else could step up and deliver for Evelyn. Patty asks Ann if she is still willing to deliver. Ann says that she does feel comfortable but notes that cases are increasing so the sooner the better. Patty asks Michael if he okay with doing his area and he says yes, he is looking forward to having that exercise. Patty is wondering if Meghan would still be willing to fill in with Wes's section. Pat Kelly volunteered to take that area. Patty asks if anyone would be willing to deliver in the yellow section (Evelyn section). Maddie volunteered and Marta said she would be willing to do about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the area; Patty also volunteered. Patty asked if someone would be willing to take the large buildings from Andrew's area. Ann volunteered. Patty will check with Bob Shaw to see how many extra to order for delivering at shops and providing to alders.

Legacy Information - Keith

Keith notes that he has worked to make sure all TLNA legacy documents are available. Asks people to let him know if they notice that any documents are missing. Patrick says that there are some missing documents from the city; he will work on trying to track them down and will send to Keith.

TLNA Communications - Bob Klebba

Hoping to see more direct communication to the council about what is happening in the neighborhood. For example, the 421 N. Paterson ADU and the ADU on Sherman Ave and there have been a few other letters. Bob wonders if the council might want to see the letters that are sent from the council. Also notes that Maddie made a letterhead; thinks we should use it, notes that he always uses it. Wants to talk about it, doesn't know if others might be concerned about it. Another example is that we don't include the agenda in the email that goes out to the listserv and Bob would like the communication to be more direct. Doesn't know if we should break out into committee to discuss this or discuss as a whole group.

Michael thinks it is a good idea we have access. Also thinks that the marginal cost of cc'ing the council would be low. Pat Kelly agrees that she would like to see the letters that go out and would also like to have the agenda be in an email rather than in a Google Doc.

Patty notes that she always sent a PDF as an email attachment. Bob wonders if we might want to have that be our policy going forward. Will be policy moving forward.

Bob notes that the council needs to be notified 30 days before a CUP or a zoning change, is wondering if we might want more notice ahead of time. Keith asks where this information is generated. Patrick says that the association usually learns about these things via email.

Bob wants to know from the council how much information it wants about what is going on.

Retreat and Board Focus - Bob Klebba

Notes that we haven't met as a council separate from the regular meeting to set the agenda in two years.

Johnny said this year is a year of transition, something he talked to Patty about. Says pandemic has made everything different. It has been difficult and hard to do. Reluctant to push something when we are still looking at 6-8 months of pandemic still ahead of us.

Pat Kelly doesn't really want to do anything via Zoom. Wants to put off until we can meet in person, maybe next spring or summer. Tyler wonders if maybe we could put together a list of sentences about what we are looking forward to doing next year. We can follow up as necessary after that.

Bob says that every year until 2019 we had a retreat. Larger concern is that we have spent the last year being reactive and thinks there are things that can be done in a proactive way. Doesn't think the pandemic limits us in many things we could be working on. Doesn't know that the Zoom meetings and email have prevented him from getting things done. Wants more creativity from the council of what can be done.

Patty understands concern and does believe the retreats were productive. Thinks there were a few accomplishments this year even in spite of what an atypical year it has been. But if the goal is to help the new council get to know each other. Suggests a meeting where the new council can get together and talk about ideas for the council.

Bob's goal was to set a meeting date now. Patty thinks we should wait for the new council members before setting a date. Bob asks the council if it agrees to have a meeting outside of our regularly scheduled meetings.

Pat says she would be interested. Others agreed.

New Member Orientation - Bob Klebba

Notes that we haven't done orientation since 2018. Thinks it would be useful to do a degree of orientation for the new members where we set up people on the council. Wants to go through procedures. Doesn't like that there are so many abstentions and also wonders what the requirements for attendance would be. We have not covered these things regularly, thinks we could combine this with the other proposed meeting.

Marta notes that these issues often come up during the nomination committee process. She's always advocated more for an orientation but does think a lot of this does come through the nomination committee. Jonny says that this year in the nominating committee he has talked through what it means to be on the board. Jonny asks whether the attendance rule is in the bylaws or whether that is standard. Patty says it is in the bylaws. Michael thinks it is good to have it that way because it is automatic rather than a single individual's opinion.

Patty thinks it is good for the new members to understand all these things. Patty thinks maybe a half an hour could be spent at a meeting discussing all the things that the neighborhood council does.

Bob notes we have a lot of discussion before a motion is made and then a motion and then very little discussion before the vote is called. Wonders to what degree we follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. Michael notes that one of the main principles of *Robert's Rules of Order* is that you should adapt the rules to adapt to your particular organization.

Jonny notes that approval of the minutes is not usually contentious, doesn't think we need long discussions. Michael's impression of *Robert's* is that it is a good system and that nobody gets steamrolled and people can talk but that it also allows for things to move forward.

Bob thinks we should send the agenda out for the combined meeting in the middle of December.

Marta wonders how much we want to explode the neighborhood council into city business. Thinks we should discuss this at that meeting.

Patty does feel our role as a council is outlined in the "purpose" in the bylaws. Thinks our real purpose is to help the neighborhood and thinks different things have happened that have changed our neighborhood and things have shifted.

Social Hour - Bob Klebba

Given the hesitation that he has seen to doing a council retreat he thinks maybe the social hour won't really be possible.

Patty mentions that we used to have about 10 minutes at the end of the meeting to share information.

Michael notes that he misses getting drinks in the Mez after the meeting, wonders if we might stay on the Zoom call after meetings to hang out and have a drink.

Chair reports - 10 min

Marta (events) - Wants to be able to send information about the meeting out. Could include a profile of the new and existing members. Jonny thinks it could be a celebration of things that TLNA has accomplished. Tyler asks if we are going to have a meeting in December in addition to the neighborhood meeting. Jonny says no.

Pat (parks) - Gives a report on projects at the parks. Removed wild parsnips. Found volunteers to work on maintenance at Tenney Park, Operation Fresh Start did some projects at Tenney as well. Operation Fresh Start took plants around the building where Marston meets Sherman. They are going to plant some new plants in the spring. Would love to refurbish the building. Working with the subcommittee on making changes and one thing they are talking about is planting bigger trees. Pat has \$200 to still spend on Tenney. Would love to do more with that building. Jonny asks Pat what the plan is for ice skating this year; Pat said she would check into it. Patrick said given how unpredictable things are, he imagines things are pretty fluid.

Meghan (development) - 12 N. Few St. Had a meeting about 15 people attended. Eight of them asked to be on the steering committee. We'll see what happens.

Bob (transportation) - East Gorham is done for now but it is going to be resurfaced again in 2021. Put in a request for beacons at Blount and Hamilton and Hancock. Has been working on bump outs at Franklin and Hamilton and Hancock. Part of the James Madison Park master plan. Real issue with resurfacing Gorham is evaluating whether to remove the parking spaces. If you have not taken the survey for the shared streets program a reminder to do so.

Elected Official Reports

Alder Patrick Heck

- Updated schedule from Salvation Army (WHEDA tax credits and money raised) - new hope is to start both projects in September of 2022 with an opening in December 2023 for the apartment building and 2024 for the shelter.
- 12 N. Few St proposal - Going to be somewhat controversial, even though it will be small. Lack of parking is going to be a concern. No requirement to have parking in that zoning, won't need any CUP. Addressing neighbors' concerns will be a unique process.
- ADU on 429 N. Paterson was approved unanimously by the plan commission. Neighbors have filed an appeal that is set to be heard on December 1. Neighbors will argue that they did not follow the approval process.
- Gorham St. repaving meeting and a BRT meeting. Center-running BRT rather than on both sides. Eliminating ability to turn left in many places along E. Washington. Would eliminate turns on Paterson and Baldwin when you are heading away from downtown. Also considering removing parking between Few and Brearly and putting in a bike lane. One compromise would be removing some parking but not all.
- Madison Food Mart is adding wine sales, going to be in front of the city. Shouldn't be a problem.
- 2021 city budget - grueling process because money is tight and there are a lot of demands being made on both sides of policing issues.
 - Pumping station at Tenney Beach moving forward.
 - Path and court paving, increasing vegetation around the lagoon following 2018 flooding.

- Acoustic tiles project just starting at Tenney.
- Fixing up Gates of Heaven.
- Most discussion has been about funding for programs.
- \$350 million in operating budget
- Marta asks if the James Madison plan was in there. Patrick says no. Thinks that is something that is not going to happen for a few more years but he is going to push for it. Big expensive project.

Adjourn

Pat moves to adjourn.

Marta seconds.

Passed unanimously.

December 3 is the annual meeting.

Attachments