

## **TLNA Council Meeting**

### **July 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**

**Present:** Tyler Lark, Pat Kelly, Michael Donnelly, Alejandra Perez, Rose Staden, Nick Crowley, Madeline Kasper, Meghan Conlin, Jonny Hunter

**Guests:** Jeremy Nash, Peter Beeson, Patrick Heck

Call to order: 7:04 pm

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Approval of June meeting minutes: 5 min**

Michael moves to approve.

Meghan seconds.

Motion passes.

#### **Ash Tree Treatments - Tyler**

Tyler and Pat met with people from Parks to talk about the ash trees we have been treating and reported the following:

"Pat Kelly and I did a walkthrough with the Parks department last week to assess which Ash trees are healthy and eligible for continued adoption in James Madison, Tenney, and Reynolds Parks. In total there's about 25 eligible trees across the 3 parks. Most are still in great shape and many are the only remaining mature trees in their area.

We were originally leaning towards re-treating only a few select trees but after the in-person evaluation and discussion amongst those of use there, we think it'd be worth further exploring neighbor interest and potentially retreating as many as folks are willing to support.

We're going to put together a rough plan to fundraise and see what the initial level of neighbor interest is, but to facilitate this, we're wondering if it would be OK to earmark all donations to TLNA during July and August to park tree adoption? We did a similar thing in 2015 through the TLN Corp's 501c3 paypal account, which TLNA has now merged with. It worked great as a simple way for neighbors to be able to make tax deductible donations specifically for the tree cause, and was easy to track.

The only possible issues I foresee are 1.) extra work for Nick to tally up the donations during those 2 months, and 2.) we accidentally include in the tree \$ pool some membership renewals and tshirt sales that occur during those 2 months. We could likely back-estimate the amount of donations that were memberships and t-shirts if needed. Though since all donations are going into the same single TLNA pool for neighborhood good, I don't see the intermingling as a problem, and it actually could be a feature. (e.g. we could announce that all tshirt sales and membership renewals during the months of July & August will go towards maintaining our Park's trees...could be a helpful way to encourage people to renew!)

We've treated for two rounds. Most are in good condition, though some have died for reasons unrelated to emerald ash borer. The city isn't allowing new enrollments, but they will let you continue to treat trees. Trees that we have been treating are some of the only ones that have been left standing. Looking at treating 25 total for \$6,0000. Pat says friends of James Madison is interested in being in charge of raising funding for treating those trees in particular. So TLNA efforts would likely target Tenney and Reynolds trees.

Jonny asks if we will be in the same position six years from now. Pat indicated that the city said that EAB actually seems to be subsiding a bit.

Tyler asks whether there is a way we could set up our donation form so that people could choose to adopt a specific tree. Meghan thinks this would be possible. Jonny will connect with Keith and try to figure out a system.

Nick, Tyler, Keith and Pat will get together to talk.

Pat makes a motion that the council agree that all funds donated to TLNA from mid-July to mid-September, unless otherwise specified, will go to tree treatment.

Michael seconds.

Motion passes in unanimous vote.

### **Twenty is Plenty - Jeremy Nash**

Jeremy Nash from TE gave a presentation on Twenty is Plenty, which is part of the Vision Zero Initiative (presentation attached).

After the presentation, Jonny asks how people should put in a request for traffic engineering. Jeremy said you can email him. Jonny and Patrick note they have both received many complaints. Patrick says that not all inquiries get funneled into formal requests.

Jeremy says that the plan for Twenty is Plenty in the neighborhood is only to switch out signs, not do pavement markings and see how effective it is. There will also be orange flags above the signs.

Jonny asks whether they've been able to see any success with the lowering of the speed limit on E. Washington. Jeremy is not aware. Patrick says that Tom Lynch had a graph showing before and after E. Wash speed limit change. The time period covered mid-covid to March or so. But because traffic conditions have changed so much over the last year and a half it is difficult to draw any conclusions.

### **East Washington Traffic Fatalities**

Jonny went to the town hall meeting that Mark Pocan and Francesca Hong hosted tonight. Jonny wanted to hear what they had to say about the fatality on E. Washington. Rep. Hong said she would work with the governor to see what he can do with DOT on this issue. Rep. Pocan didn't have much to say on the issue.

Pat says this raises her frustration that we aren't able to recruit a traffic chair. Need to fill this position. Jonny has an idea for a temporary and later a permanent person for this.

Alejandra said she wrote a short little article about the slow down signs in the newsletter and an announcement seeing if anyone wants to serve as transportation chair.

Jonny asks if bump outs are an option. Patrick says it is possible but they mess with the bike lane and/or the bus lane.

Pat notes that E. Wash changing the lights has been helpful as have the cones.

Patrick notes that this is a capacity issue. If we drive we are part of the problem. Progressive transportation solutions can be built into development plans. Hard to do retroactively but can be done moving forward.

### **Grant Application for Community Fridges**

Community fridge is moving from E. Gorham to Christ Presbyterian. They are asking for \$1,000 for the project. Grant application is attached. Thinks this will be a good long-term solution for the fridge.

Pat asks specifically what the money would be used for. Jonny says the prefabricated top, the installation, and the shipping. Pat asks who submitted the application; Jonny says Madison Community Fridges.

Pat Kelly makes a motion to approve the grant.

Meghan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **Events Update**

Marta sent out an email soliciting ideas for what the annual meeting might look like. One idea would be to do a potluck. Jonny thinks restaurants are already feeling overwhelmed. Still need to figure out a plan for this.

Pat notes that she needs volunteers to sell shirts, take memberships, and wave slow down signs at the Linster memorial bike ride event. Folks signed up to do these tasks during the meeting.

### **Chair Reports**

- Alejandra (communication) - Plans to have the newsletter ready for Keith by Sunday afternoon. Jonny is excited about this issue.
- Meghan (development) - Preliminary meeting on the proposed youth symphony orchestra building on E. Washington.

## **Elected Official Reports**

Alder Patrick Heck

- Folks who live in James Madison Park area are concerned about the shooting that happened yesterday. The man was actually shot on Foredem but then drove his vehicle over to James Madison.
- Patrick asks Meghan if she wants to chair the committee on the symphony orchestra building. Jonny says he will chair the committee. Patrick says they are in the midst of a land swap where the car rental parcel will be swapped with the parcel closer to Few Street. Makes the development a little easier. Would like to host a formal neighborhood meeting on this development the first week of August.

## **Adjourn**

Alejandra makes a motion to adjourn.

Michael seconds.

## **Attachments**

- 20 is plenty PPT
- Grant application for community fridge

## **TLNA Neighborhood Grant Application**

TLNA Neighborhood Grants help sponsor neighborhood projects, events, and organizations that foster positive neighbor interaction. Please complete the application and mail to PO Box 703, Madison, WI 53701. You can also find the application on our website at [www.tenneylapham.org/web-data/pdfs/grantapplication.pdf](http://www.tenneylapham.org/web-data/pdfs/grantapplication.pdf) and email your application to [tlna.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tlna.newsletter@gmail.com). Attn: TLNA Neighborhood Grant. After review, you will be contacted by the budget committee about the status of your grant and may be asked to attend a TLNA meeting to provide further information.

Name: Madison Community Fridges

Address: 944 E. Gorham St., Madison, WI 53703

Are you a TLNA Member?  YES  NO

Please indicate whether funding is sought for a  Project,  Event, or  Donation.

Requested funding amount: \$1000

Please describe how your event, project, or organization benefits the neighborhood: **ATTACHED**

**If applying for event or project, please fill out the following:**

Title of Event: Madison Community Fridges ReHome

Please indicate how you will promote the event:

- TLNA Newsletter Article or Announcement (required)  
 TLNA Listserv Announcement (required)  
 Flyers to neighborhood/posted at neighborhood businesses  
 TLNA Facebook page  
 TLNA website  
 Other (provide details) : Madison Community Fridges social media (Facebook & Instagram)

Please include a summary budget for your event and indicate what the TLNA funding will cover. **ATTACHED**

**A few things to keep in mind:**

- All TLNA grant-sponsored events should be open to all TLNA residents.
- TLNA should be allowed to promote and collect memberships at your event.
- Requests for funding can be between \$50-\$1000; larger requests over \$1000 may be considered after consideration during the annual budget process.
- Events should comply with the TLNA purpose to improve the neighborhood through democratic citizen participation and involvement.
- Political campaign events will not be funded.
- If approved, all receipts for reimbursement must be submitted to the Treasurer within 60 days after your event.
- If approved, please include on promotional material: "This event is partially (or wholly) sponsored by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association."

## **ATTACHMENT**

TLNA Grant Application  
RE: Madison Community Fridges ReHome

**Please describe how your event, project, or organization benefits the neighborhood:**

The Madison Community Fridges project operates as an additive resource for food re-distribution efforts in the city that provides 24/7 access to those who need it. The simple and anonymous nature of the fridge and pantry make it a non-judgmental access point for food that complements staffed pantries. Currently there is a fridge on E. Johnson Street, in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood that has been available to anyone, anytime since August of 2020. The fridge is looking for a new home, and Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) has stepped up to care for the fridge in order for it to remain accessible to Tenney Lapham neighbors and other Madisonian patrons.

Food cycles through the fridge every 72 hours and there is a dedicated team of over 20 active neighbors who care for the fridge, as well as many community partners who help stock the fridge including: Wonka's Harvest, Troy Farm, River Food Pantry, and Batch Bakehouse. The Madison Community Fridge team is also assisted by Freedge, a national organization of community fridges that cover liability and help with logistics

The funding request would go towards purchasing a structurally sound shelter to protect a newly acquired outdoor rated fridge.

**BUDGET:**

Approximate estimates for funding include the option to pursue a prefabricated shed (\$649) or construction materials (\$1000+) and their shipping costs. Any residual funding would be expended towards aesthetics.