

Minutes of Council Meeting Held October 22, 2002

PRESENT (9): Mike Barrett (Evergreen), Betty Chewing (At-Large), Michael Jacob (Yahara), Doug Johnson (Schenk's Corners), Steve Klafka (Circle Park), Mark McFadden (EINPC), Dan Melton (Hawthorne Park), John Steines (Starkweather), Becky Steinhoff (Atwood Community Center)

ABSENT (1): Alex Aulisi (At-Large)

UNFILLED SEATS (5): Business, East Washington, Olbrich, Wirth Court Park, Youth

ALSO PRESENT (5): Leigh Ellen Caro-Leverich, Angie Castillo, Sarah Davis, Jeff Leverich, Ald. Judy Olson

1. SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DAY CARE @ 525 ELMSIDE BLVD

Leigh Ellen Caro-Leverich operates a family day care, Elmside Children's School, for up to eight children 3-5, M-F, 8:30-12:30 @ 525 Elmside Blvd. If the house were her primary residence, she would not need a conditional use permit to operate a family day care. However, it is not her primary residence, so she must get a conditional use permit from the city. She and Jeff Leverich described the business and answered questions from Council members. A letter from SASYNA to the city supporting Caro-Leverich's application for a conditional use permit had been printed beforehand, and was shown to Council members after the vote to support. Council members agreed to send the letter to the city.

2. NEED TO DISTRIBUTE SASYNA MINUTES TO NEIGHBORS

Former SASYNA Council member and Wirth Court Park area resident Angie Castillo asked Council members to place a higher priority on consistently getting SASYNA Council Minutes out to neighbors, so neighbors can see what the Council is doing. "Neighbors ask me, 'What's going on?', he said, "and I don't know." He said he went to Hawthorne Library to read the Minutes there and "became quite frustrated" because there was nothing there. "I don't see how you can expect people to be interested in neighborhood developments if you don't tell people what you're doing." Castillo said it's too easy for Council members to be lulled into a feeling of 'Well, WE know what happened,' and move on to the next thing, without letting the rest of the neighborhood know what's going on. Council members agreed there should be a SASYNA Council Report in every issue of the East Side News. Members also suggested the job of preparing the Minutes should not necessarily fall on one person. John Steines said the Friends of Starkweather Group has a "rotating" notetaker position, so it's not always the same person. Doug Johnson said the Minutes "don't necessarily have to be a meeting transcript." Steines agreed; he said he would go for shorter Minutes if that would speed up the process. The Council agreed that the new process would be: rotating minute takers, shorter minutes, circulated immediately to the council for approval and then submission of the minutes to SASYNA list.

3. PROPOSED ADVANCE AUTO PARTS STORE 3003 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE

Advance Auto Parts, a national chain, is proposing to build a new store at the SE corner of East Washington Avenue and Oak Street - the site of the former CV Pros. It would be the company's first store in Madison. The company has stores in Rockford and the suburban Milwaukee area. Steines reported on a joint neighborhood meeting to discuss company plans. Worthington Park Neighborhood Association, Eken Park Neighborhood Association, Emerson East Neighborhood Association and SASYNA were at the meeting. "It's an OK-looking building," Steines said. "They have moved away from their standard look." The other 3 neighborhood associations chose to support the project; SASYNA chose to neither support nor oppose. Some issues surrounding the plans include: Demolition of former Saturn's Car Wash: under what conditions?; How the development would look from Hawk Street; Access from Hawk Street; Landscaping; Stormwater management; Lighting.

4. EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

McFadden said, "There is not consensus whether the city and HNTB (the project engineering firm) are doing a good job or not. Some of the objections we've had for more than a year have not been addressed."

"I think we've come to the end of the road, lobbying the city and HNTB," McFadden said.

Barrett said the neighborhood should not agree to what the city and HNTB want to do at the First Street - East Wash intersection. "The scale of this is out of proportion to this neighborhood." He said what the city is proposing to do at First Street would make it considerably more difficult than it already is now for a pedestrian to cross there.

5. SASYNA FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 2

Chewing discussed what issues might be discussed at the Fall General Membership Meeting Saturday November 2.

6. ALDER NOTES

Ald. Judy Olson brought Council members up-to-date on various neighborhood issues: Rayovac has no plan right now how to deal with possible future redevelopment at that site - she is watching this closely; Dean Clinic has received two offers to buy its former clinic property at First Street near the RR tracks - from the Nelson Group, and from Krupp Construction; Nelson Group is very interested in senior housing at the site; Krupp is very interested in expanding Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) from Atwood Av-Amoth Court over to the Dean site; Durline Scales owners are working on getting a long-term lease from the city to provide access to the property on Waubesa for future redevelopment - that is 'going ahead smoothly,' she said; a proposed brew pub on Fair Oaks Avenue?; new streetlights for Atwood Avenue; proposed Waubesa Street traffic-calming; proposal to turn Winnebago Avenue back to two-way as you cross the Yahara River eastbound, so you could choose to proceed straight into Schenk's Corners Business District, instead of taking Eastwood bypass; discussions continue re: Krupp Atwood Av redevelopment and United Way parking.

7. On the membership drive it should be noted that most of the NA was lit dropped and the rest is being taken care of. In response to any concerns/questions regarding MNA and SASYNA's overlapping borders, we agreed that Mike Jacob will review and edit Doug's note about the issue and we would have that available to send in response.

8. McFadden announced upcoming events of interest to SASYNA

Beginning October 21st - City is hosting meetings on its comprehensive plan for development
November 2 - SASYNA general membership meeting
November 2 - Neighborhood roundtable
November 7 - Airport noise committee meeting
February 18 - Environmental justice workshop for transportation issues

EINPC

Mark is organizing a workshop for developers, neighborhood associations and city planning staff to discuss the process for planning future development. The tentative date is December 4th.

EAST WASHINGTON

On November 7th the Environmental Assessment for the entire project will become available for public review at the Hawthorne Library. Engineering geometry plans for the entire project will become available in December. Since negotiations with the city and HNTB are no longer leading to project improvements, there is a need to contact public officials higher up the ladder of decision making.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

These are likely to be changed to one week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

AIRPORT

McFadden gave Klafka a copy of the SASYNA letter to County Executive Kathleen Falk asking for improvements in the airport noise control program. After comments were received by council members, a final letter was dated October 5th.

KIPP

McFadden gave Klafka a copy of the SASYNA letter to Christine Wittman, USEPA Administrator, asking for action on the May 4, 2001 petition on the Madison-Kipp Title V air quality permit. After comments were received by council members, a final letter was dated October 15th.

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