

Subject: Summary of Thursday, January 14th SASYNA Monthly Meeting

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Here is a summary of last night's SASY Neighborhood Association monthly meeting:

Madison City Channel - Brad Clark from Madison City Channel gave an overview of the service the channel provides broadcasting live and taped city meetings on TV (Charter and AT&T U-Verse) and the web - www.madisoncitychannel.com. We discuss potential improvements like adding only audio to the internet or adding capacity to the web site so more people can watch meetings. The recent common council meetings on the Edgewater project overloaded the web site so not everyone could watch. Currently, half the \$500,000 funding for city channel comes from the city's general budget and half from a public access fee on Charter monthly bills. A total of \$2.9 million is paid to the city by Charter and AT&T into the general budget. Changes in state legislation may eliminate the public access fee on Charter monthly bills so there may be a need to consider alternative funding of city channel.

Revolution Cycles - Jeff Fitzgerald, owner of Revolution Cycles (next to Zoma), discussed his plans to apply for a city beer license in order to sell beer during public events at the bike shop. We discussed other bike shops in Wisconsin, U.S. and elsewhere that make beer available to their patrons. Jeff discussed the problems of slow business in the winter and the benefits of keeping people coming to the shop for music and gatherings. An informal survey of his customers showed lots of interest. Jeff lives above the shop and is not aware of any opposition to his plans. When considering whether or not to support the application for a license, Alder Marsha Rummel thought the neighborhood needed to have a consistent plan for dealing with alcohol sales, especially with opposition to packaged beer sales at the BP gas station at Atwood and Miller.

Sustainable Atwood - Sarah Williams provided an update on the Sustainable Atwood project. Everyone is invited to The Big Picture Meeting, Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the United Way Building, 2059 Atwood Avenue.

City Cost Overruns on Transportation - Michael Barrett gave presentation on the history of city capital budgets related to transportation spending. He compared approved budgets versus the actual amount spent. In some years, the actual amount spent was six times higher than the amount approved. He pointed out that the extra money spent on road construction resulted in a reduction in other city services. He thought more oversight was needed. Alder Rummel said it was difficult to fight other alders over projects in their neighborhoods.

SASYNA Newsletter - Tim Wong suggested that the neighborhood association consider preparing a newsletter similar to the [gazette](http://www.marquette.org/gazette) published by the Marquette Neighborhood Association which focused on issues of concern to the SASY neighborhood. The benefits of a newsletter and the effort to prepare one were discussed. If anyone is interested in working on preparation of neighborhood newsletter, please contact Dan Melton at neighbors@sasy.org

6th District Alder Report - Alder Marsha Rummel provided an update on city issues. There was a well attended meeting concerning problems outside of the Africana restaurant on Atwood Avenue when it turns into a nightclub in the evening with DJ-hosted music. People hanging outside unable to get inside the restaurant has resulted in fights, noise and cars parked in neighbor's driveways. A change in the city nightclub ordinance will occur in April when a license will be needed for capacities greater than 50 people. If the restaurant cannot receive a license, the evening nightclub may end. Marsha discussed her involvement in developing the city cultural plan. According to the city's web site: *A cultural plan is a community decision-*

making process that seeks ways to better support and utilize creative work. Cultural plans explore resident's preferences, the adequacy of public and private structures that support creativity and innovation, and identify specific action steps that can make the community's creative portfolio stronger, more accessible, more sustainable and more diverse. You can read more about the cultural plan and how to get involved here: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/culturalPlan/index.cfm>

SASYNA Council Elections - The neighborhood association by-laws require council elections to be held each year. There are 15 positions on the council. At Thursday's meeting, seven people were elected to represent the neighborhood. Elections for the other positions will be held in a year. If you have any interest in serving on the council or getting involved in neighborhood improvements, please contact the current chair, Dan Melton at neighbors@sasyna.org. If you have any ideas, concerns or questions, don't hesitate to talk with or contact council members. Here is summary of the current members and their contact information:

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If you have any corrections, additions or comments on this summary of the meeting, don't hesitate to post a response.

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