

# MINUTES

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*Date | time* 8/10/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Angela Jenkins

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## In Attendance

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Angela Jenkins (President), Bill Curtis (VP), Sara Strehlow (Secretary), Ashley Bergeron (Member at Large). Liz Dannenbaum, Romeo Castille, Jacky DaWalt, Tom Stoebig, Tim & Shirley Diedrich, Erica Beckman, Martin McNally,

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## Approval of Minutes

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July meeting minutes still in draft.

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## Neighborhood Watch

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No updates. Last e-mail sent about the Fireside Five-Oh, an intimate gathering of community to meet 8-10 neighbors. Linda indicated she was interested in hosting this event.

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## Invited Guests

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Jeff Pertl

Dane County/ Jail Update/Criminal Justice Reform- goal help keep non-violent offenders out of the traditional judicial system. Other assistance includes helping with bail and other issues due to poverty. Challenges with homelessness and mental illness. Studies have been done on 6-7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Jail that are immediate public safety issues, such as line of sight. Automatic release for fire tests have failed. Biggest Challenge jail built in the 1950's when a person has a mental issue they are put in solitary treatment. This is not the best system for someone with mental health issues. Reform options: first option was very expensive but cheaper options may be available but almost all of those close down the 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> floors. Long term what are we doing about the jail cost, infrastructure?

Alliant Energy center/Huber center? Should we build a large conference center? What about travel infrastructure? In the next few months think about what you want it to be and how much you are willing to pay? Low Agriculture facility or large entertainment center? Privatize, continue as is, entertainment district, or give it to the city? Group Comments included: it would be nice to have county wide bus system.

Christy Bachman

LENA introduction: Road reconstruction, curb & gutter and sidewalks. Some neighbors have voiced concerns about financial and environmental impacts. LENA would like to create more transparency on the process of road reconstruction selection.

Christy's Response: A road gets on the list due to: utility issues (sanitary sewer back-up/flooding) pavement conditions, ponding/standing water/icing issues. Utilities are always reviewed when a street is chosen, and then public announcements for the street residents occur. On radar: Maher. Buckeye scheduled for 2018 we received funds and it is a joint project due to federal funds.

The type written handout provided is a generalized report. As you can see road reconstruction is very expensive, paid by some taxes and sidewalks by the adjacent property owners. Ballpark \$10,000 per resident, to help off put the

cost they have a 15-year payback plan the interest rate is 3% currently which amounts to several hundred dollars per year. There is also a deferred loan with interest accruing for low income households. Overall road reconstruction is an investment in the neighborhood.

Q: Have costs gone up or down?

A: Costs actually have gone down. Property owners use to be responsible for half the street as well.

A map was handed out of the sidewalk plan.

This map was used years ago during the Turner sidewalk debate. This map was brought to show what streets they are proposing to put sidewalks in. The roads in yellow are important to have sidewalks put in because they may be near schools or a business district. The sidewalks are always part of the road reconstruction. Dean and Allis 2017. Buckeye. Other streets are not scheduled at this time and would at least be 5+ years out.

Q: What are the ratings for utilities breakdown?

A: Not exactly sure. They use cameras to see breaks and issues. If they have a few issues they will just repair the section. Where they find large sections of repairs below roads then they contact the engineering division to get the street on the list.

Q: Discussion North of Buckeye? Royster Reconstruction? Grant eligibility?

A: North of Buckeye will be being looked at soon and projects will occur. Madison Motion is a site you can visit for a generalized sidewalk/street plan. Grant is for neighborhoods related to pedestrian needs, schools & bus routes.

Comment: Rigid Sidewalk Policy for the diverse neighborhoods, mature trees, sidewalks change the character of the neighborhood.

Response: Effected streets will have their opportunity to express concerns. LENA is trying to organize another meeting for neighbors to address concerns. Look at Turner you can see the sidewalks curve, every attempt is made to save trees. If the street is not proposed as priority sidewalk the division may be open to not putting sidewalks in.

Q: Does sidewalk always go in on both of the street?

A: Yes there are only a few exceptions.

Q: Sidewalks on dead end roads or cul-de-saks?

A: No

Alder comment: some old trees get roots damaged to non-repairable measures when sidewalks/road are dug. Ash tree is another related factor.

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## Presidents Report

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### Past Events

**Food Carts Pilot**-seem to be going well. The first couple weeks for sure were nicely attended and the last two weeks have been much slower. Not sure if we will be a location next year.

**Garden tour**- Tom was one of the hosts for the garden tour. Megan Cain responded and said the tour was well attended, and they toured 5 gardens. May do again next year, perhaps spring to highlight shade and spring plants

**Sunset Music**-fundraising opportunity at East Side Club. Members of the board volunteer at the beer tent and keep the tips for the association. First attempt got rained out and we raised about \$170. However, this was very low compared to sunny nights. Unfortunately, the second attempt to fundraise was rainy again we raised \$166. Overall board members had fun and would be willing to volunteer next year.

**Board vacancy-** looking for volunteers. Tom made a motion to move elect Erica, Bill seconded. Erica was unanimously voted in.

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### Treasurer's Report

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Steve is out on vacation. We added \$166.50 from the Sunset Music volunteer opportunity.

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### Board Member's Report

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**Picnic Committee** (Ashley) this Sunday 4-8 pm, huge thanks to Tom, Bill and Sarah. Please show up a little early to sign up. The band is playing 4-6 and will need to set-up around 3:30. Bringing some lawn games, no bouce house but maybe boucemaina. Tom worked with Ken's meat on hot bug and burgers. Bill work on buns and condiments. Everyone bring a dish to pass. Culvers donated lemon ice for 100 people. Angela bring plates, utensils and raffle tickets. Steve and Ashley are bringing tables and will work recruiting new members (along with David Ahrens) and will have a donation box. Door Prizes and a small raffle. Grills-Tom, Bill, Steve, Tim is picking up/transporting the grills. Tom is putting deposit down and getting the key Thursday. Sara will bring LENA sign. Brenton, Bill, Alex and Ashley will be grilling, bring grilling tongs/spatulas. Bring Nescos or large aluminum pans. Bring bug spray, extra chairs if you have them. We have an alcohol permit so people can bring their own. Martin bringing home brewed beer. Bill bringing lemonade. Ashley bringing ice.

Set-up start at 2:45 p.m.

After the Picnic we need to do Thank you for our sponsors.

Angela-send out another reminder e-mail. Include: Ken's meat, raffle, prizes and bring a dish to share.

Bill made posters and Tom posted them.

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### Next Meeting

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9/14/2016 7:00 PM, Pinney Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. and was passed unanimously.