

MINUTES

LENA

Date | time 9/14/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Angela Jenkins

In Attendance

Angela Jenkins (President), Bill Curtis (VP), Sara Strehlow (Secretary), Steve McCarthy (Treasurer) Ashley Bergeron (Member at Large) Erica Beckman (Member at Large). Fud H Kane, Roberta Kane, Sarah Sturgeon, Sandi Russel, Sue Ela, Jay Mimier, Marth Coughlin, Jacqueline Houerson, Kathy Trudell, Lorne Hiilia, Norma Mildred Dullune, Dar McDuffee, Susanne Harp, Jeri Parrott, Steve Wessel, Kay Drew, Sally Borden, David Gotzion, Alex Gagnon, Chris Dannals.

Approval of Minutes

July meeting minutes were lost when a computer broke down. August meeting minutes approved.

Neighborhood Watch

No updates. MPD is starting Watch Wednesday to help revitalize Neighborhood Watch. The first session is Sept 21 at 7 pm. At Training facility on Femrite Dr.

Invited Guests

Linda Horvath & Angela, City of Madison Planning Division

Neighborhood Plan

A team of 3 work on Neighborhood plans, some neighborhoods have plans and other don't. They typically do one plan per year. Usually have a steering committee which is approved by the Mayor who works on the plan. Plans are comprehensive cover parks, open space, economic development, utilities, and land use to name a few. Plans are tied to budget which will help develop the neighborhood over a 10-year period. One goal and outcome is to help residents grow and become leaders in your neighborhood and city. The process include phase one: issues and opportunities, phase 2 goals and envisioning and finally into development.

Q& A

Q: Does our neighborhood have a plan

A: No- we have queue of neighborhoods; first step is to write a letter to our director with why your neighborhood needs a plan. Limited resources, some neighborhoods fund and hire individuals to help. The queue is quite long currently.

Q: Absent of plan we still have issues... if there is no plan what resource do we have to speak out?

A: You have an active large group of people who you can get involved. The city of Madison has lots of people who can come and speak to your groups.

Q: How do neighborhoods get a say in a comprehensive plan?

A: Work with your neighborhood association. Other outreach opportunities.

Q: Can you give an example of how having a neighborhood plan impacts a neighborhood?

A: Leopold Neighborhood/Fitchburg plan ~7800 people, outcomes include: stronger neighborhood network, improvements continue building, neighborhood park and garden allowing them to grow fruits and veggies, mural fence, cleared brush, flag football, Fitchburg has started funding more events.

Royster commons was a mini neighborhood plan which was developed by several neighboring communities. Which included attracting small businesses.

Q: Are there certain priorities or fund which have a higher priority?

A: This is up to the neighborhood to develop recommendations and prioritizing. The city uses these recommendations. If the city already has a plan, then something we list as lower may happen sooner.

Q: What does the city typically fund?

A: If it is outside of what the city typically funds then the neighborhood plan will help find other funding sources.

Q: Typically, timeline is 1 year, how many members would be needed in a committee and what is their time commitment.

A: It is based on number of residents and businesses. Since this neighborhood is only 1500, it is a smaller neighborhood, it may be combined with another neighborhood. For example, around 3000 residents we wanted 11 committee members, your neighborhood may only need 6. Remember you want your committee to be diverse. Typically, the committee meets once a month for 2 hours and work on outreach opportunities. About 10-12 hours per month per committee member.

Q: How many plans do they work on per year?

A: Usually only one, last year was 3. Remember another piece is updating the plans and following through.

Q: Who manages the implantation?

A: Madison Planning Division- until the project is off and running then engineering.

Q: Is it up to the Neighborhood to combine neighborhoods? Would this be beneficial to combine?

A: Yes- we have limited time and resources, combining would be better.

Finally, Neighborhood Plans are wonderful, you can put emphasis, become better networked, see real results from City Investments.

Mayor's Neighborhood Conference October 8th Monona Terrace. 8-5 pm. 4-5 pm Networking.

4 tours during the morning, workshops and the mayor will do an Introduction.

Great opportunity to talk to city leaders and learn about city programs. Hope you register! \$15

Go to the website for a full list of workshops.

Presidents Report

Past Events

LENA PICNIC Cheers to Ashley for leading the Picnic Planning Committee. Thanks Ashley and Bill for the pictures.

St. Luke's Drama and Storytelling Workshop offered a Drama and Storytelling Workshop to LENA Kids. 10 kids participated in 3 performances. Great Feedback from those families that participated.

LENA Fall Newsletter This is a paper newsletter. Target time period Mid October. Last time we had 3 main articles, which filled the 2 pages nicely. Recommendation that Ahrens include an update article. We should also include information for Rake Fest. Include information to get them to our social media/website. Include a list of upcoming events.

Annual Meeting-Where should we hold it? Last year we held in the East Side Club which seemed to go over well.

Pizza Party we have had some feedback that we should serve something other than pizza. What about a chili cook-off where neighbors bring in their chili and compete? What is everyone's opinion? Cons for Pizza: only Glass Nickel can accommodate this size, we don't have RSVP so we guess how many pizzas to order. Cons for Chili: we need volunteers to cook chili. Put out a survey to get more opinions. Date-January 29th.

Rain Garden Grant/Project plants targeting water quality and educational. We apply for this grant, if selected we get free native plants to help with erosion and water quality issues. For public and school areas. We are thinking about the Lake Edge Park. Concerns who is going to maintain the plants? If it is not maintained the city may take out the plants. Where are there drainage issues-this should be functional not just for beautification. Due to lack of maintenance plans we will hold off on this opportunity this year.

Treasurer's Report

Membership report 124 households, 4 renewed and 6 new memberships in August

Sponsorship report Made just over \$300 from Sunset Series at East Side Club.

Board Member's Report

Website

Can funds from the Sunset Series be used to upgrade our Website?

Roughly around \$100/year if you go with a 3-year plan or \$200/year if you pay yearly.

Movement for funds from Sunset Series to be used for Website over the next 3 years passed unanimously.

Dean a group of people got together about sidewalks. A survey 2/3 of people who responded were opposed to sidewalks. David will meet with those folks and city engineers to discuss why this street is opposed to Sidewalks. David and the group will challenge the idea of "Complete Streets" due to the neighborhood having many large trees that would be lost.

Q: How creative is the city with the designs?

A: Sidewalks are a certain width and must be on both sides. The street has to be a certain width. Parking may only be a one side.

Q: What is the neighborhood association doing now?

A: Last month LENA invited a speaker who spoke about the "Complete Street" criteria which can be found in August meeting minutes.

We will have another meeting solely to discuss "Complete Streets" look for details on social media/newsletter/website.

Buckeye postponed due to county and city disagreements.

Cottage Grove rd October 31st, Ribbon cutting Nov 1st

Pinney Library looks like we are about to reach an agreement to finish planning and build in 2017. More develop will follow along. It will have a play lab for kids 0-4 to interest them in reading and learning environment.

Q: Could we set up a discussion about the Monona Golf Course

A: David has tried to contact the Parks Department and has not heard much back. Golf courses are enterprise funds and must fund themselves. As a result, golf courses fall into disrepair. So the idea that was proposed was to sell part of the land and see what can be done. The city is looking for enough capital to keep the rest of the major golf courses alive. Monona Golf Course is the least used which is why it is being targeted.

Angela will reach out and see if someone is able to come and talk to LENA.

Rake Fest group shows up to elderly and/or disabled neighbor homes and rake leaves for them. October 23rd. Have coffee, donuts, rakes, and maps. Meet at 10 a.m.

Halloween Fall Fest bonfire, costumes, casual get together geared towards kids. Teal Pumpkin idea: allergy free, candy alternative such as stickers, pencils. Keep on the list to discuss at next meeting, Try to get volunteers together.

Next Meeting

10/12/2016 12:00 AM, Pinney Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m. and was passed unanimously.