

TLNA General Meeting - April 2023

7pm, April 13th, via [zoom](#)

Present: Angela Vellardita, Bob Klebba, Davie Froeschner, Joe Lusson, Joey Hoey, Keith Wessel, Lia Vellardita, Michael Donnelly, Molly Schuman, Olivia Plunkett, Pat Kelly, Peter Beeson, Ryan McCormick, Tyler Lark, Will Ochowicz

Not present:

Guests: Patrick Heck (D2 alder), Jen Plants (president of Marquette Neighborhood Assn.), Joe Lee (JLA Architects), Carole Schaeffer (Willow Partners), Chris Houden, Jr (Willow Partners), Troy Jacoby (Willow Partners), Josh Swentzel (Dark Star Art Bar), Tristan Straub (Breese Stevens), Vern Stenman (Breese Stevens), Curt Brink, Jackie Lee, Jean E, Jeff Reinke, Karen B, Karen S, Lauren

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Agenda; March minutes

Minutes from March 2023 were approved by unanimous consent

3. 700 E Wash redevelopment initial concept (Chris Houden and Willow partners including [Carole J. Schaeffer](#))

No action

4. Liquor license for Dark Star Art Bar at 756 East Wash ([Josh Swentzel](#))

Joey moved that TLNA send a letter to the Alcohol License Review Committee in support of this application; Davie seconded. The motion passed with 12 ayes and 1 nay.

5. Summer 2023 events at Breese Stevens ([Vern Stenman](#) and [Tristan Straub](#))

No action

6. Review [draft budget](#) (Davie)
 - a. Review proposed budget, if ready
- 6b. Reconsider Lapham PTG donation request based on budget progress (Molly)

Referred to the Budget Committee by acclimation

7. AARP [Small Dollars Big Impact Grant](#). (Will)
 - a. It looks like they give out \$1000 a month
 - b. Also larger [Community Challenge grant](#). That [one has a long list of recipients](#).
8. Review proposed changes to the bylaws(Joey)

Joey moved that we recommend to the general membership that TLNA make 3 changes to our bylaws; Pat seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent. We will send notice to the general membership at least 1 week prior to the Spring 2023 meeting.

Proposed Changes to TLNA Bylaws

1. Add a clause to end of Article III - GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The general area to be served by the organization will be bounded by the Yahara River on the east, Blair Street on the west, Lake Mendota on the north, and East Washington Avenue on the south, with the addition of area west of Sherman Avenue north of the Yahara River to the southern border of Maple Bluff.

2. Add two words to the first sentence of Section 3 of Article IV – MEMBERSHIP

Voting at all General Membership meetings shall be limited to those regular members who have paid their dues.

3. Modify the first sentence of Section 4 of Article VII - PROCEDURES

A vote of a simple majority of the eligible members voting shall be required for action at meetings of the general membership, and a vote of a simple majority of the elected or appointed members of the Neighborhood Council, Executive Committee, and special and standing committees shall be required for action, unless otherwise specified in the BY-LAWS.

9. Newsletter Committee (Ryan/all)

No action

10. Spring Picnic and General Membership Meeting

Four p.m. on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) at the James Madison Park Shelter

11. Other Council updates

- a. Chair reports/updates
- b. Follow-up on our theme of “engagement”

No action

12. Checkout & President’s remarks

No action

12a. Task review

- Tyler: send a letter to ALRC in support of Dark Star Art Bar’s application
- Joey: send out proposed changes to bylaws to the listserve
- All: contact Ryan with story ideas for the newsletter
- All: contact Lia if you’ve available to help with the Spring Picnic

12b. Adjournment

Pat moved to adjourn, Michael seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

References:

- [Promoting Affordable Housing: Neighborhood Guidelines for Affordability of New Rental Construction](#)