

**TLNA Meeting Minutes**  
**7pm, July 11, 2024**  
WYSO, 1118 E. Washington Ave.

**Present:** Davie Froeschner, Hilary Stohs-Krause, Joey Hoey, Keith Wessel, Lauren Engelke, Pat Kelly, Patty Prime, Ryan McCormick, Will Ochowicz, Will Stedden, Bob Klebba, Lia Vellardita

**Not present:** Peter Beeson, Michael Donnelly, Angela Vellardita, Mary Lang Sollinger, Molly Schuman

**Guests:** Otto from Molten Monkey, Eloise (Lia's daughter) and Davie's daughter, Heidi Wegleitner from Dane County Board of Supervisors, David (neighborhood resident)

**Called to order at 7:31 p.m.**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. June Minutes: Michael D ([TLNA June 2024 Minutes](#))

**Pat moved to approve the June minutes, Joey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Molten Monkey (former Salvatore's Pizza space), 912 E. Johnson

**Otto is a long-time resident since the mid-90's, went to UW, looking to serve Detroit-style pizza. Applying for a class B liquor license (beer and wine only). Open Wednesday through Sunday, from 4pm to 10pm/11pm. Applying for patio out front. Planning to do light construction in the space. Similar footprint as existing. Looking to open in September. Not applying for an entertainment license.**

**Joey moved that the Council provide a letter of support for Molten Monkey to ALRC, Will O. seconded. Approved unanimously. (Let the record show that Joey is super pumped for Detroit-style pizza.)**

4. MPD: Didn't show
5. Membership: Patty P

**Went to an event at the Galaxie, sent four people to the listserv. Planting seeds! She's thinking of also talking to the Lyric and other buildings.**

6. Events: Lia V

**No action**

7. Newsletter: Joey H

**Newsletter is coming along - printing in color this time! Looking to distribute in mid-August. He reiterated that newsletter dates are now uniform and not tied to events.**

8. Parks: Pat K

**Working to clear shoreline between new beach house and second beach and put in native plantings. It's a long shoreline, so plan to take it in small chunks. Multiple people messaged about desserts they made from cherries from Reynolds Park.**

9. Development: Bob K

**521 E. Washington (Porchlight project) did pass the commission. 700 block of East Johnson street (Jackknife-related bar/restaurant) asked for a referral until September.**

**Ryan said to put in the minutes that Detroit-style pizza is better than Chicago pizza. Davie countered that St. Louis pizza is the best.**

10. Traffic Calming: Peter B

**No action**

11. Special Projects: Lauren E

**A bit of gossip: Spruce Tree Music has been sold! But new owner, Nicholas, plans to keep the same business running.**

12. Housing/Web: Keith W

**No action**

13. Area Reps: Joe L, Will S, Molly S, Angela V, Mary LS, Hilary S-K

**No action**

14. Treasurer: Davie

**Passed out ledger, tipped hat to Lia / Will / Pat for great work on event sponsorship. Also refiled for Wisconsin tax exemption (it had expired). Doesn't anticipate issues with renewal. Pat asked if purchasing items is ok with federal number, and Davie said it depends (some people want the Wisconsin number), but apparently we've been non-tax-exempt in Wisconsin for a long time. 😊**

**Looking at getting new merch - considering getting stickers with sponsorship money? Otherwise could sell them. Davie is intending to have new merch for Taste of Tenney.**

**Lauren tried out drop shipping for her husband's birthday, and said it was a pretty simple process, but some of the colors were different than she expected. However, she could do a lot of different colors, versus just one. She said the prices were pretty good, but main disadvantage is shipping cost.**

**Idea for a merch committee?**

15. Guest: David

**Asked what next step is for Porchlight. Bob said apart from pro forma council approval, it'll be demolition and construction. Basically a done deal. Corner of East Washington Ave and Blair Street. (Across the street from our neighborhood). Heidi mentioned this is a 30-unit loss.**

16. Guest: Heidi

**Significant turnover on board. She's been elected to health and human needs committee. There's a new county executive, Jamie Kuhn, who worked for Planned Parenthood,**

Medicaid division in state Department of Health and Human Services, and more. Heidi said Jamie brings lots of experience, focused on communicating with the board (which hasn't always been the case). Heidi is excited, said she's really trying to set the tone for communication and collaboration. A number of county executive forums coming up for the county executive election.

Had a larger study a couple of years ago about county crisis continuum; now on the health and human services website. There are four or five now in Dane County - Journey's, CARES with the fire department, another set embedded with MPD - and concern is that spending a lot of money, but spread all over the place. So not much in way of data or efficiency. A lot of the calls that units are responding to aren't actually mental health crises, so if don't need a cop or paramedic, no need to send them. So if have pure mobile response unit, can just send them by default, and then THEY can call for a cop or paramedic, etc., as needed. But will be a long conversation, because lots of agencies involved. And, contract RFP goes out next spring, so there is a sense of urgency. Hopefully any changes will result in better services. But main thing first is to collect data.

Board recently approved a settlement with Kroger re: opioid epidemic - less money, over more years. Want to be thoughtful in how they use it. About \$800,000 in 2024 - proposal was to create a harm reduction center on the north/northeast side, where it's been determined there's the most need. Working on a resolution to do that.

Confirmed new person for head of criminal justice reform. Staffed community justice council, does a lot of grant writing, has been working in the space a long time. Process was slow, but they were able to confirm her last month. So now have to add staff.

Next month, there's a meeting between committees to talk about work release program. Past resolution said needs to be done by spring of 2025, but not much work has been done yet, so hoping to make progress on that.

Boardwalk near Lake Kegonsa is completed (though still a gap where there's private property and highway).

Budget is coming up; departments are working on proposals. Unfortunately, increased insurance costs will eat up most of the new funds that have come in from the county.

Question from Bob: What are you doing about lowering lake levels?

Answer: We have to get a lot of sediment out there so we can move more water through.

17. Pres/VP: Ryan/Will

**Nominating committee plan:**

- Lia will NOT be staying on as events chair next year. (Ryan said he would love if she stayed on in that position, but also understands people have different capacities, and he's hoping she'll stay on as an area rep.)
- Molly will not be able to be an area rep next year.

If anyone knows anyone who would be a good fit, let Ryan know!

Joey volunteered to be the third council member on the nominating committee.

Ryan: Is it ok for first meeting to be via email? And then meet in-person later? (He read bylaws and didn't see anything that said he couldn't.)

**Patty: Sounds good. Is a bylaw review part of the nomination committee? Because any bylaw changes needed have to be proposed at a membership meeting, and there will be one in September.**

**Joey: I have a list of changes we didn't make that we might want to, he'll send them around. "There's some weird, archaic language."**

*Adjournment*

Patty announced that at 9:23pm, the space station will be passing over. You can see it with the naked eye. Visible for 7 minutes. 10 degrees above southwest and leaves in the northeast. (A debate about which direction was southwest ensued.)

**Will O. moved to adjourn the meeting; Pat seconded. Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**