

TLNA 7/10/2025 Meeting Notes. Meeting @ Gebhardt Building
MHK

1. Welcome
 - a. David Panofsky, Pete B (good style shop), JR (public Park), Chad Vogel (mint mark)
 - b. Davey Mayer,
 - c. Peter, Bob K, Pat K, Lauren, Joey, Davie, Keith, Chris, Hilary, joe, Sue, patty prime,
 - d. Missing = Mary,
2. Previous minutes
3. MPD n/a
4. David Panofsky - Beavers. Previously they were trapped and killed (outside of madison). Ask = letter sent to city parks 1 - temp moratorium of lethal and non lethal trapping of beavers until beaver co-existence plan can be approved 2- one or two TLNA members to be present on a parks committee to develop said plan
 - a. Discussion- last summer beavers seen, and in May. Why? Their damns help with fish spawning, native plants, health environment, beavers are selective when picking trees for damns (willow and aspen, only the trees that are healthy), help keep water levels constant (we already have a damn so this isn't necessary for us)... TL park has never had issues with beavers (if trees need to be protected fencing is sufficient), there is a lot of "science" that these animals are necessary.
 - b. There is evidence that beavers can disrupt non-wild parks (i.e. TL) and are most beneficial to native/wild/non-regulated parks. Suggest we hold off (Joey)
 - i. People have worked around this by putting pipes under beaver damns. We don't anticipate this being an issue, especially not at TL (lauren)
 - ii. Beavers do burrow, big holes, and that could be a hazard (Bob)
 - c. We need to give parks a kick in the right direction to take action? Yes there are some parks where Beavers wouldn't have much value, but there are parks that would. Live trapping is not often done (David)
 - d. ~~Motion (Bob) for David to write his own letter supporting his own cause, Chris to write a letter to form a group to understand better how to address beaver co-existence in TL, (not the moratorium)~~
 - i. ~~Second - Lauren~~
 - ii. ~~Motion cancelled~~
 - e. Motion (Joe) - submit a letter to parks, that we are interested, request a moratorium and want to study
 - i. Second - Pat
 - ii. Discussion - is this a request or a demand? Request
 - iii. Voting yes = Chris, pat, davie, Lauren, Hilary', peter, Keith, joe. Voting no = No - Joey, Monica, Sue.
 - iv. Motion passed
 - f. suggest David to create a letter for the newsletter about beavers
5. (JR) Hippie Christmas - just an FYI Sunday August 17th

- a. Welcome to the neighborhood/hippie Christmas. 12-4 at public parking with sausages. Has outdoor space, and more easily accommodate a table for merch.
 - b. 4-8 at robin room (with molten monkey), slushies and Good Style Shop sponsoring too
 - c. \$1 of every item we sell will go to TLNA
 - d. JPH might join
 - e. They have flyers, with help from other breweries, and promoting on social media
 - f. Option for us to sell TLNA merch, get new/renew memberships, etc....Suggest they connect with Lauren re signage
6. Peter - Peter spoke with Ian Brown, the city forester (formal title) , they can come to September TLNA meeting, beforehand he can do tree canopy walking tour (what areas need more trees, talk about types of trees)
- a. Days and times for walking tours? Weekdays, Tu, W, Th? Limiting to groups of 15
 - b. Map, forthcoming - Bob and Sue to help. "CNI" may join, TBD
 - c. For people who want to learn more about trees, some areas of our neighborhood have a good canopy, some don't, can help identify areas for improving the canopy (this aides traffic calming)
 - d. Tree inventory? City maintains one. Might be helpful resource
7. Parks - Chris
- a. It's still shocking there are no lifeguards, not sufficient beach clean-up, inadequate bouy(s) - also still missing 3 at James madison, since no lifeguards picking up goose poop (and cleaners just raking it into the sand) it's getting into the sand and into the water and increasing the bacteria levels (to date not a single city employee picking up goose poop), inaccurate green algae visual test by volunteers so website sometimes shows that beach is unsafe even if it is,
 - b. Budget 30,000 for beach maintenance (is it going to parks?)
 - c. Coyote at giddings and tenney (not James Madison)
 - d. Chris has spoken with the city risk manager, over the phone, and "he agrees" but "there's no one left that knows what to do" since they went away with the lifeguards
 - e. From Davy -parks doesn't have a department chief temporarily, Davy to meet with parks folks in the next two weeks, there is a "geese harassment program" so you can get certified to harass geese (lol),
 - f. How do we tap in to the volunteers in the neighborhood? A great option, and there are folks who have taken this on but but not a good long term solution. Clean lakes alliance is more "big picture focused"
 - g. Ask - safety is an issue (no buoys at James madison), geese poop is an issue for water safety, the lamps along the lake do not turn on at night at James madison
8. Ryan - volunteer recognition, form to be opened up to the neighborhood and announced at the fall festival. Trinket? Cool brass coin from davie? What is the criteria? If lots - paper certificate, if few then maybe cool coin
- a. Nominating committee - recruitment committee, establish who's staying, what positions do we need, and anyone that's nominated gets reviewed
 - i. Joe, Hillary volunteered

- ii. Let Ryan know if you're interested in joining
- b. Minutes - re-review from last meeting because Ryan was not there. Not ideal when the minutes don't reflect a 30 min discussion.
 - i. Past Recap = Michael only records actions, lots of ideas were passed around (ie. recordings),
 - ii. If the minutes have too much info, yes it can open us up to emails from people who did not attend, but unclear if there is a liability (as said at previous meetings). We want consistent notes, we want to be transparent, sure we may not want to quote people, but we do want to give details of points said, or decisions, etc. (said Hillary). Quoting folks will cause issues, not a fan (said Joey). Transparency... but our meeting tonight had locked doors (said Heidi). Capital neighborhood secretary has great notes if we want to see a good example (said Bob).
 - iii. We do have the opportunity to review minutes before released, so things that are incorrect or too specific can be edited at the following meeting, and having detailed minutes could garner more attention and help with continuity
 - iv. Motion (bob)- that we have detailed minutes
 - 1. Second - joe
 - 2. Discussion - details can be iterated on, and decided upon by next secretary.
 - 3. Voting - yes - all minus one. Voting - no - joey
 - 4. Motion passed
- 9. Treasurer- financially on track, approximate \$1,500 accessible in checking, Davie is stepping down??
- 10. Membership - Patty working with Lauren and Monica on membership flyer. "Proud neighborhood association member sign" idea
- 11. Events - summary of the 3 (types) events in June,
 - a. both popsicles on the porch were epic, neighbors (new and existing) came, it was a great time, kids loved it
 - b. Madison Forward Game - We sold 55 tickets and we got \$5 each
 - c. Tenney Tots was great, hot, and more to come
- 12. Newsletter - deadline is June 18, photos and/or writings can be sent, if you hosted or went to a recent TLNA please send photos!
 - a. Need better pics of shirts and sweatshirts for merch on website - send to Davie
- 13. Mural Update - Pat Kelly
 - a. Pivot from original plan. Working with water utility folks on mural, meeting next week, and more involved in September (summer is busy for water utility), artists still interested. Great donations
 - b. Motion (Pat Kelly)- \$167.20 new sign at Reynolds's Park and need new mulch
 - i. Second - Joey and Joe
 - ii. Discussion -
 - iii. Voting - all in favor
 - iv. Motion passes

14. Development - bob
 - a. Nothing is happening, some approved plans, interest rates still high so likely stagnant, Salvation Army plot still no updates.
 - b. Mayor introduced new initiative to promote housing, called "housing forward", likely one of three indicatives, similar to the "missing middle" proposal. May not directly affect the development of TL but will hopefully affect things city-wide
 - c. Bob + Davy to meet and discussion the new resolution and how it will affect us
15. Traffic - spoke already
16. Website - gearing up for newsletter
17. Special Projects - no update
18. Parks - spoke already
19. Area Reps
 - a. Sue - meeting locations. Request for new meeting places, especially on the east side
 - b. Joe - blinky lights coming at Gorham and Blount (push buttons needed on both sides - joe emailed), folks on Blount turning left often only look right at incoming traffic and miss people walking
20. Davy Mayer, Alder
 - a. Ongoing MNA traffic and safety discussion (mainly Willy and Jennifer), and there are similarities with Gorham and Johnson.
 - b. CJ Ryan from Streets about big top/breese want to add liquor for all events (right now only allowed for VIP or private events) - it would be canned and mixed drinks. FYI they don't need a change to their liquor license just need to update the conditions of their agreement with parks (it would increase what they pay the city).
 - i. Likely won't change consumption patterns, will just change the types of things that folks consume. and more inclusive for people who can't drink beer
 - ii. There is some concern about increasing competition with other business that do serve liquor. Also concern about the stigma around liquor, and the concerts getting louder
 - iii. Is there a reason/precedent for why parks originally excluded it? Likely that they put restrictions at first because there were concerns of the neighbors about putting a business in a park, and it was restricted to appease the neighborhood, with the intention that with time things would get looser
21. Heidi Wegleitner
 - a. Attended recent meeting re alliant energy redevelopment plan, never voted on or budget made because stalled with covid, new interest in renovating the colosseum for future events. Upcoming RFP - looking for private public partnership project to renovate it. Unclear how this relates to the larger redevelopment plan for the campus. Lack of community benefit? County has been subsidizing events at alliant because it's losing money. Is the colosseum the main goal of the redevelopment master plan? Lots of businesses want to

develop on Olin drive, but unclear if housing or just businesses and concert venues the focus. Suggestion to give attention to traffic patterns (car, bus, bike) if this campus gets increased traffic for events

- b. New permanent/elected health and human services director - John, lots of previous experience
 - c. New county executive
 - d. Airport director, comes from Duluth, community want more communication and responsiveness - especially re increased military flights
 - e. County working with a deficit, committees asked to reduced budgets, but looking at a challenging budget year ahead
 - f. Need to spend excess federal funds for emergency rental assistance before it runs out. If you are currently/actively in eviction court, applied before March 31st, may be eligible. Subject to change. Casey Becker, housing access and affordability. No application but it's good for her to hear that people want the money
22. President - Need someone to take over Ryan's role for next meeting
23. Motion (Pat Kelly) - Move to adjourn
- a. Second - Hillary
 - b. Meeting adjourned