

TLNA Monthly Meeting, February 2026

Thursday, 12 February @ 7pm

Forward Club, Breese Stevens Field

917 E Mifflin, Gate 5

1. Welcome
2. Attendance
 1. Chris Hovel, Lauren Engelke, Sue Babcock, Keith Wessel, Patty Prime, Michael Donnelly, Autumn Custis, Rachel Yves, Matt Johnson (MPD) Jen Hannah (MPD) Joey Hoey, Mark, Monica Kane, Allie Vidales, Bob Klebba
 2. Guests: Matthew Rock, Tristan Straub (Breese Stevens), Stephen Cobb (Breese Stevens), Dina Martinez-Dutherford, Mike Monger (Trek), Gigi Melone
3. Approval of previous month's minutes
4. **Motion** Joey
 1. Second Rachel
 2. Approved by all
5. MPD, *if present*
 1. Matt Johnson, Central Resource Officer, new position for the central district. This position was newly approved by city council (correct?), and will focus on the unhoused population in Madison
 2. Matt wants to know what issues the community (people and businesses) are having. He/his role is aiming to be a central repository of information for the central district, and he'd like to compile a list of what services are available.
 3. Contact Matt at mjohnson@cityofmadison.com
 4. Q re recent Park Street Fatality: Traffic team is made up of only 5 people (throughout the city) but supplemented with DOT traffic grants (grant shared by county, on county and state roads). MPD planning to do a summer strategic plan re traffic. MPD reminded folks that we all need to do more (people need to slow down AND there needs to be more MPD traffic enforcement/presence)
 5. Q has a bus driver even been given a ticket? It was noted that city vehicles speed too, especially along Gorham. Suggestion was made for MPD to connect directly with "metro". Jen will relay the message that folks in the neighborhood have noticed busses speeding (Dina, on the traffic commission, will also relay this)

6. Mike Monger/Trek, 2026 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships
 1. Mike is the event manager at Trek. Last year Trek hosted a national collegiate criterium (lap bicycle race) in Tenney-Lapham and this year will be the second year they host this race (second year of a two year contract)
 2. Saturday May 9th 6pm (approx) closure of Paterson and Mifflin intersection, and 100 yards in each direction (to setup start/finish line area). FYI earlier that day, "Uncork me" wine festival at Breese Stevens.
 3. Sunday May 10th 5am closure of entire race course, at this time they will begin setup of barricades
 4. Races finished by 3/3:30pm
 5. Post-race, MYARTS corner will be the first one to open up (barricades removed), so students can safely enter/leave the area
 6. Trek aims to send out a mailer/reminder to all residents on the course more than once (last year only one mailer went out)
 - i. Mailer includes phone numbers and email addresses for who to contact at Trek with questions
 7. Q from guest - would love to hear more about disability/mobility will be accommodated, how to improve access to/from houses on the course (ex: if someone needs to get out/leave and they either can't move their car which is trapped or if they have difficulty walking to their car because it had to be moved far away)
 - i. Trek response: there is a plan for "close" parking for residents, whereas last year many of the close spots were occupied by racing team vehicles. This year their goal is to have more options available, and they're working with businesses in the neighborhood re parking. They also hope to have transport available should residents need help getting from their home to the parking area. More details forthcoming in the mailer.
7. Tristan Straub, Big Top Productions/Breese Stevens
 1. Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan
 - i. This plan addressed the ways Breese Stevens (BS) serves alcohol to the public, safely. No major changes since last year.
 2. Neighborhood Impact Plan
 - i. This plan addresses parking, noise, litter. No major changes since last year.

- ii. Q re annual event coordinated with TLNA mentioned in plan. Suggestion to piggyback on existing event (with built in audience) and partner that way? BS is very interested in partnering!! Ongoing discussion re Bodega. More to come.
 - iii. Q - plan mentions the need/interest for a stop sign at Brearly and Mifflin. It is not a fourway stop, but some people think it is and it's a dangerous intersection. Perhaps this topic can be brought up and combined with the Mifflin traffic/diverter test the city did (which resulted in no changes or follow-ups from the city)
 - 1. Request to put stop sign at Brearly and Mifflin, and Mifflin traffic diverter topic, on the next agenda from Bob
- 3. Fan Access Plan
 - i. This plan addresses how people get to/from the stadium, including ADA accommodations in the stadium
- 4. Note, all these plans are on file with city of madison and parks (public record). No major changes, since no new major issues. Previous one-time issue where the sound system broke has since been resolved/fixd.
- 5. Q re last year's request for alcohol outside the stadium. This request was approved but was not implemented and there is no plan to implement it at this time. This was due to logistical constraints.
- 6. BS mentioned bike parking (within the stadium) to be expanded (inside the gate, but still outdoor)
 - i. There was a request for a true "valet" or different system. Right now the bike area is not actively monitored/scrutinized, and people still feel the need to lock their bike.
- 7. Q - does the BRT impact traffic? Bs said anecdotally, for concerts people definitely utilize the busses but it seems less so for Forward games
 - i. As of last summer, BRT has been monitoring BS events to better anticipate needs. BS since last year has been trying to get a "point of purchase" aka when buying a ticket or otherwise coming to an event at BS could get a bus pass to "park and ride", but no luck. Apparently the technology is not yet available?
- 8. Rachel Yves, TLNA 50th Anniversary logo, branding
 - 1. Shared with budget subcommittee (who is working on merch right now)
 - 2. Oak leaves and wave logo, based on Audifax's mural at Reynolds Park, with colors from older logos and the new mural presented
- 9. Autumn Custis, TLNA Retreat discussion

1. Thursday February 26th 6:30-8:30pm at Forward Club
 2. For council members, leg by Autumn
 3. BYO food and drink (popcorn and GF beer courtesy of Lauren, popsicles courtesy of Bob)
 4. Retreat will focus on TLNA goal setting, getting to know other council members, and building community. Action item: Autumn to send out agenda.
10. Monica Kane/Budget Cmte, TLNA 50th Anniversary merchandise
1. TLNA grant application on website was previously in PDF format, but we've been working with Keith on an exciting upgrade. Grant application soon to be a fillable form, that will be sent to treasurer email address and reviewed by Budget Subcommittee. General invitation to apply for TLNA grant to be included in next newsletter.
 2. Merch inquiry recently sent to listserv. Received 73 responses! Top items from merch inquiry were loose sweatshirt (TBD if zip up or not), loose short sleeve, stickers, mugs, flags (size TBD). Loose and fitted options were listed for adult clothing options, and loose was more popular. Planning to create merch, some with original TLNA logo from street signs and some with the new TLNA 50th anniversary logo.
 3. Is there any interest in a "bring your own clothing" mobile screen-printing or iron-on of TLNA logos event?
 4. Lots of interest for metal signs, similar to the ones previously atop street signs, to be brought back. This will require considerable effort, and likely will be done as a pre-order item sometime this year (more to come). If you are a metal fabricator or have a suggested manufacturer for this item, please email treasurer@tenneylapham.org
9. Treasurer: Davie Froeschner
- a. 2026 newsletter advertisers being contacted, existing outreach and new outreach ongoing!
 - b. Website updated to reflect new 2026 pricing
 - c. The past two years the newsletter has exceeded the budget (the existing budget doesn't account for the price increase for color printing)
 - d. **Motion by Michael to approve exceeding the budget for the newsletter by 1,500.** Second Patty
 - e. All in favor - All (minus opposed)
 - f. One opposed - Pat Kelly
10. Membership: Patty Prime

- a. A neighbor asked what would be appropriate, in the context of organizing, in light of the events in Minnesota. This item to be added to the next meeting agenda (led by guest, Gigi Melone)
11. Events: Lauren Engelke
- a. First TLNA event is in three weeks: craft supply and seed swap at Cargo Coffee Sunday March 8th 1-3:30pm
12. Newsletter: Joey Hoey
- a. Keith and Joey working on the next newsletter
 - b. Layout mostly complete, ideally to be delivered by end of February
 - c. Action Item: Pat to send Joey the Park Rangers phone number and Matt Johnson's email for inclusion in the newsletter
13. Development: Bob Klebba
- a. Auxiliary Dwelling Units ("granny cottage", ADUs) allowed by permit, there are a couple in the neighborhood, and as of 5-6 years ago no longer requires permission + permit (permit only).
 - b. Right now city zoning is trying to address how to increase housing, and increase affordable housing. Right now below 5% vacancy city-wide. It seems it's really only the expensive units that are vacant. Last week the city sent a housing survey.
 - c. Action Item: Bob to send out that survey to the listserv
14. Traffic Calming: Peter Beeson (not present)
- a. Draft letter sent out ahead of time.
 - b. **Motion:** by Michael, Keith to respond in the email thread, suggesting Peter cc the mayor, have it reflect that it's coming from TLNA, and perhaps adapt it for a press release. The press release could say that we are sending a letter to the city re traffic, and hopefully local news entities will distribute.
 - c. Second - Keith
 - d. All in favor, none opposed
15. Web/Newsletter Layout: Keith Wessel
- a. No additional remarks
16. Parks: Chris Hovel
- a. Chris would like to show appreciation to the crew that maintains the ice and the rink at Tenney. Chris will connect with them, and send Greenbush donuts and coffee to parks crew
 - b. **Motion** from Davie, for TLNA to spend \$100 in coffee and donuts
 - c. Second Joey

- d. All approved
- e. Council members met with Parks Department about activating Reynolds park this year, and general usage of the Park (see letter from Pat sent to council)
 - i. Usage agreement between Bike Polo and Parks expired, and that bike polo court has been neglected. Idea - create/re-establish tennis court
 - ii. Idea - MRSC uses some parks for events, can some of those clubs use Reynolds? Maybe existing programs like "Parks Alive" (shows movies) can come to Reynolds?
 - iii. The center field was a reservable space, and City no longer wants it to be reservable. TLNA supports this, since the area has been "closed" for years and unused
 - iv. Reynolds Park ranks in top 5 for number of ranger calls... over 100 calls (not including MPD calls)
 - v. Screen owl box completed! To be installed soon (pending permission) in Tenney-Lapham. Built with previously approved funds.

17. Special Projects: Monica Kane

- a. No further remarks.

18. Area Reps: ~~Joe Lussen~~, Michael Donnelly, Sue Babcock, ~~Mary Lang Sellinger~~, Autumn Custis, ~~Kevin Davies~~, ~~Jacob Handel~~, Allie Vidales, Rachel Yves

19. Invited guests, *if present*: Davy Mayer (not present), Heidi Wegleitner (present)

- a. Heidi (Dane County Supervisor District 2), relayed there have been lots of discussions about how the county can respond to ICE threats/attacks. They don't want to cause harm, by making people or groups vulnerable, but do want to create guidelines and standardize training if ICE agents show up (ex: how to identify a judicial warrant).
- b. County is in early discussions to address sheriff's office use of automatic license plate readings, flock technology, and how that data is used/shared. Goal is to better protect privacy (evidence of ICE using that technology in other states to target activists). Verona Mayor covered the cameras on Verona police vehicles, and it's currently under review.
- c. Recent announcement that MPD is/will use placards to identify marked and unmarked cards is timely.
- d. Recent ordinance amendment for country boards to hold annual ethics training committee for board members.

- e. County has allocated new funding for an overflow shelter for next winter, since the new shelter to open end of June (Q2) has only 250 beds. Zaier shelter (east towne mall) housed over 400. The Zaier site is city owned, seemingly will close, and county needs to find a new site and secure land use approvals to accommodate the increasing number of beds needed.

20. Pres/VP: ~~Ryan McCormick~~/Pat Kelly

21. Action items recap

22. Adjournment

23. **Motion: Michael moves to adjourn**

24. Autumn second

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