

TLNA Meeting Minutes

7pm, May 14, 2026

Madison Youth Arts
1055 E. Mifflin Street

Present: Davie Froeschner, Hilary Stohs-Krause, Joey Hoey, Kevin Davies, Michael Donnelly, Monica Kane, Pat Kelly, Rachel Yves, Ryan McCormick, Keith Wessel

Not Present: Allie Vidales, Autumn Custis, Bob Klebba, Chris Hovel, Jacob Handel, Joe Lusson, Lauren Engelke, Mary Lang Sollinger, Patty Prime, Peter Beeson, Sue Babcock

Guests: Davy Mayer, Kelsey Dodson

Called to order at 7p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of previous month's minutes

The council did not make quorum, so could not vote on last month's minutes.

3. Madison Police Department, *if present*

Not present.

4. Chris Hovel/Pat Kelly/Jacob Handel:

Chris and Jacob were not present.

5. Jacob Handel/Pat Kelly:

Given the planned updates to the edible food garden, Pat K. said she will likely be asking for a budget increase. Hilary S.K. said some council members had a meeting with our liaison with the water utility and they're very excited about expanding our offerings on their property at Reynolds Park; plan is to put forth a proposal for some kind of community gardens and go from there.

6. Monica Kane / Budget Committee:

Monica K. wants to plan ahead for the next budgeting session, as it's been a few years since we planned out a TLNA budget. Right now, most of this falls under the treasurer, but so do ads, and monthly bookkeeping, and also budget, grants and donations, as well as miscellaneous budget requests.

She said that's a lot for one person, and is wondering if we want to add a new role or form a budget or treasury subcommittee.

Ryan M. pointed out that a lot of the work she mentioned often falls to area reps, but by definition, they don't typically stay more than a year or two.

Davie F. agreed with Monica K. and said having an assistant treasurer or similar role would make things more efficient and make it much easier to get everything done.

Monica K. said we've also shifted away in sponsorship from asking for general funding, but instead have tailored donation requests for specific events or programs, so some of that is interacting more with the events committee.

7. Ryan M.:

Neighbor accident concern and MPD response

Ryan M. said this was taken care of; there was a neighbor who was hit by a vehicle and pretty badly injured. He had difficulty getting police reports, but was able to get help. He is now doing well.

2027 council recruiting, vacant positions

There's at least one area rep who will be leaving the council next year. Ryan M. is also planning to step down, so there will be an opening for council president; Pat K., current vice-president, has not made a decision yet regarding her role next year.

MPM tour

The council will be getting a behind-the-scenes tour in June of the Madison Public Market building.

Breese Stevens

Pat K. said Breese Stevens wants to host two World Cup matches outside on the field. Because they would start later in the evening, there's concern about noise issues affecting the neighborhood. Pat K. said even if they turn down the volume for the screen, there will still be noise from the crowd. They would need an exception from the city to host these, as they would go later than the current curfew for the field.

Ryan M. said his and Pat's initial reaction is that the ask is coming pretty late (less than a month away). Monica K. asked if the late request was because the World Cup schedule wasn't out yet, but Ryan M. said it's been out for a while.

He said they're meeting with Breese Stevens folks tomorrow to learn more about potential impact, but wanted to get feedback from the council to bring to the meeting.

Ryan M. said he thinks the volume will be significantly lower than an actual game, which attracts 3,000 people, but he also understands the concern. They could ask Breese to refuse to allow people to bring in noisemakers; he's not sure what the alcohol setup would be.

Rachel Y. asked if the buses will be running later that night, given the lateness of the event, but the consensus was probably not.

Monica K. asked if the Parks Department would grant the exception, and Alder Mayer confirmed.

Davie F. said he likes Breese and enjoys the events they host, but said there isn't enough time to plan, and he hears a lot of feedback from the neighborhood about noise issues. He said especially on a Thursday, Breese would need to get out in front of concerns.

Joey H. asked what Breese is looking for - approval? A letter of support? And Ryan M. said they were looking for our feedback, not our permission or approval. Alder Mayer said they asked for his support, and that's why he wanted the council feedback first.

Michael D. said the first game going til 10:30pm on a Friday is different from the second game going until 11:30pm on a Thursday.

Pat K. said her feeling is they could host a watch party in the Forward Club, which would be contained, or at Mallard's stadium, which doesn't have nearby neighbors. She said especially because alcohol would be involved, people wouldn't actually leave the neighborhood until midnight, and so she is opposed.

Joey H. said that, for the record, he is in favor of both nights.

Ryan M. said we could also potentially see how the first night goes, and how loud it is / how well sound is contained.

Davie F. said this is a common theme, unfortunately, where Breese comes to the council with ideas or information seemingly at the last-minute, without enough time to collect neighborhood input.

Alder Mayer asked if those matches are potentially not happening depending on tournament play, but Ryan M. said those are the games that are set in stone.

Ryan M. suggested asking them to cap attendance at 1,000 people. Rachel Y. said she would like to know more about what planning Breese has done.

Joey H. agreed that knowing if there would be buses available is also something he's concerned about.

Pat K. said they'll meet with them tomorrow and see what they want to say.

8. Treasurer: Davie Froeschner

Davie F. said Patty P. is killing the membership game. "We're getting a serious amount of \$15 and \$20 checks for membership renewals." He said membership is crushing it, newsletter advertisements are crushing it; he said several neighborhood businesses have reached out to advertise in the newsletter.

He said he also received an update from the floating islands crew, and they have their funding secured. They have a view related events coming up:

- May 31st at 10am they're doing an island planting at Red Pine Co-op, 212 Merry Street
- June 7th at 10am they're doing anchor-making at the north end of Tenney Park near the launch sit
- June 14th at 10am is the island launch party at the Tenney lagoon

Davie F. said TLNA has just under \$38,000 in our primary account. "For clarity, we decided a couple of years ago that the \$24,000 mark is where we want to ride so that we can always cover our budget, but that means we have around \$10k or \$15k to make use of."

He also announced that he's stepping down as treasurer, but would love to train the next person before he leaves. Monica K. said she is also stepping down.

9. Membership: Patty Prime

Not present

10. Events: Lauren Engelke

Not present

11. Newsletter: Joey Hoey

The next newsletter is at the printer; Joey H. said he's still waiting on a delivery date. It'll be 24-pages this time, and an email will go out soon regarding neighborhood distribution. This edition will include letters from every Assembly candidate.

Joey H. said regarding the candidate forum we've discussed, some of the candidates expressed preference for doing that sooner or later. Alder Mayer said he thought the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara neighborhood (SASY) and Marquette neighborhood associations were also interested in hosting a candidate forum. Joey H. said he'd reach out and ask what their plans are.

Pat K. said speaking of SASY, they now want to participate in our kickball tournament. "Oooohs" from the crowd.

12. Development: Bob Klebba

Not present

13. Traffic Calming: Peter Beeson

Not present

14. Web/Newsletter Layout: Keith Wessel

Nothing to add.

15. Parks: Chris Hovel

Not present

16. Special Projects: Monica Kane

Nothing more to add, other than that the special projects position will also be available.

17. Area Reps: Joe Lusson, Michael Donnelly, Sue Babcock, Mary Lang Sollinger, Autumn Custis, Kevin Davies, Jacob Handel, Allie Vidales, Rachel Yves

Rachel will be sending out something about new merch probably tomorrow, but it will be ready for the Nifty Fifty event in June.

Davie F. brought back up the idea of doing a TLNA metal sign, because they were very popular in the past. His goal is to print two versions, one that looks antiquated and one that looks brand-new, and then find a producer to manufacture them on-demand.

18. Invited guests, *if present*: Davy Mayer, Heidi Wegleitner

Davy Mayer, alder

Davy M. said in addition to what was already discussed re: Breese, they are also looking to host fireworks on May 23rd and July 4th. Both scheduled for 9:15pm for a duration of 12 minutes and 18 minutes, respectively. He said Tristan and Connor are also in the early stages of exploring building a permanent stage on the field, because constantly building and tearing down a temporary stage for concerts is expensive. That would have to go through various subcommittees, so it would be a while yet before anything moved forward.

He said the budget planning is also coming up, and wants to know if there's anything in the neighborhood that folks want money to go toward, such as traffic safety or parks. He also said the temporary traffic diverter will be back at Paterson and Mifflin, with a permanent one going in probably the next year.

Alder Mayer also asked how reaction was to the collegiate bike race; council said generally favorable, though Alder Mayer said some folks who live on that street were annoyed by lack of access to their driveway. Joey H. said one person with mobility issues was frustrated by lack of access last year, but he saw that they had two golf carts this year to ferry people to their cars.

Pat K. said she heard one of the bikers say that they absolutely love the neighborhood.

Alder Mayer also brought up the four adjacent houses on Dayton for sale. He said he talked to the realtor for those properties, who said they're priced for development. But he said today, the price has been reduced by \$200,000 from the initial ask.

Monica K. said she found that surprising; her house isn't publicly listed but has a "for sale" sign, and said someone put in an aggressive offer (to the point of trespassing). She wondered if there was something else going on with those properties. Joey H. pointed out that they're selling all four properties together, which could be a factor. He said some council members were worried about the current properties being torn down and replaced by much denser housing units.

Pat K. said another concern is if they build 1-bedroom apartments, it drives out families with kids, which could eventually cause Lapham Elementary to close.

Keith W. said he thought it would be good to look at what a developer has to do to take down buildings in order to replace them; he said another concern is affordable housing. The house might not be super nice, but at least folks can afford to live there.

Rachel Y. asked if there were a committee for development, and Pat K. said that role is Bob K.'s. She said there has been a committee in the past, and if Rachel Y. was interested in participating, she was sure he'd be happy for that.

Joey H. said another topic discussed was the difficulty Chris H. had in getting data from Parks on what funds are held in reserve, and what money is spent on what. He asked if Alder Mayer could get a list of the parks in our neighborhood, what's in their reserve budgets, and the history of spending for the last ten years, that would be really helpful. Joey H. said Chris H. said his understanding is there's a reserve budget on a per-park basis. Alder Mayer said he would look into it.

Heidi Wegleitner, Dane County supervisor

Not present.

19. Pres/VP: Ryan McCormick/Pat Kelly

Nothing to report.

20. Action items recap

1. Joey H. send out email for newsletter distribution.
2. Rachel Y. send out new merch details.
3. Joey H. reach out to SASY and MNA re: candidate forum.
4. Ryan M. send floating islands update to the listserv.

21. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.