

TLNA Meeting Minutes

7pm, 8/13, 2026

MYArts

1055 E. Mifflin St. Madison, WI 53703

Present: Allie Vidales, Bob Klebba, Chris Hovel, Davie Froeschner, Jacob Handel, Joe Lusson, Joey Hoey, Keith Wessel, Kevin Davies, Michael Donnelly, Monica Kane, Pat Kelly, Patty Prime, Ryan McCormick, Sue Babcock

Not Present: Autumn Custis, Hilary Stohs-Krause, Lauren Engelke, Mary Lang Sollinger, Peter Beeson, Rachel Yves

Guests: Davy Mayer, Heidi V. (traffic calming guest)

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of previous month's minutes

Joey H. moved to approve, Monica K. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Joe L. moved to approve previous month's minutes, Joey H. seconded.

3. Madison Police Department, *if present*

Absent

4. Conditional use permit @ 1032 Sherman for removal of detached garage and installation of new detached garage

Not discussed

5. Treasurer: Davie Froeschner

Davie F. suggests we vote on this budget next month, as it was distributed to council members as the meeting was starting.

Monica K. noted increase in Events and Parks line items. Events have \$6000 allotted: Party in the Park, Fall Fest are each \$2000, Popsicles on the Porch is \$1000, and the rest of the year's events allotted \$1000. These numbers are based on previous year's expenses for Events. MK noted there has been a mix of using donations/solicitations to help offset Events. She suggested separating everything and simply budgeting for it, then making sure we are getting other sources of revenue to cover those expenses.

MK noted Giving is a new line item. Grants and Giving used to be one category. Grants are now defined as funds distributed by application on website (e.g. floating islands at Tenney), and Giving is defined as (most often) a council motion to donate funds as a form of charitable giving (e.g. the mural, donations to Parent Teacher's Group and Operation Fresh Start).

Chris H. asked if there is a specific date that receipts are required for reimbursement, Davie F. said before January is ideal.

Bob K. asked to clarify the cost of the newsletter. He noted that the Events budget went up. Noted the Membership budget went up. Noted that if we have \$33,000 and we continue on this path of spending, we'll be out in about 6 years. Asked the council at large to consider our spending rate.

Davie F. said we usually end up with more donations and other forms of revenue and spend less than we project based on previous years.

Monica K. remarked on the opportunity for 2027 council to utilize a Business Liaison role to work on beefing up our income to help with Bob K's concerns. Davie. F explained that he has identified all the ways he supports the council, and has worked to create 3 distinct roles to replace him when he leaves: Social Media/Merchandise, Newsletter/Business Liaison, and Treasurer.

Patty P. added that MK and DF have done a lot of work in the Finance Committee, the management of advertisement, billing, etc. and heartily endorses the proposal of dedicated positions to distribute the work.

6. Membership: Patty Prime

Nothing to present.

7. Events: Lauren Engelke

From email: "A lot of events coming up, to include Fall Fest and rescheduled kickball tournament."

8. Newsletter: Joey Hoey

Joey H. said the newsletter will be late coming out (early September projected) due to lack of submissions for articles, etc.

Pat K. encouraged people to submit content for the newsletter.

9. Development: Bob Klebba

Bob K. noted that 702 E Washington is up to 5 stories. He brought up the downtown development plan which is Tenny-Lapham adjacent. The city says they're doing the downtown plan, but the business side is separate. From the Yahara to Regent street. They are supposed to be reaching out to Marquette and Tenney. It should be put out to alders in January.

Bob K. will reach out to Jason in Downtown Inc. regarding downtown plans and development. Alder Davy M. said he will help facilitate bringing the TLNA into the conversation.

Joey H. commented that development at 27 N Baldwin has seen new surveying.

10. Traffic Calming: Peter Beeson

Heidi, guest: dangerous crosswalk on Johnson @ Tenney Park

Heidi previously presented this issue to City Engineering and then-alder, Marsha Rummel. She witnessed a young adolescent woman nearly get hit by a car near Tenney Park, heading towards the Yahara bike path from Tenney side of bike path--crossing Johnson. She highlighted the fact that the woman did not know there was a walking path under the bridge. Heidi wants to eliminate that crosswalk. She wrote to Vision Zero, the police department, and filled out an online form. This issue has been put on the Safe Streets Agenda, but we are number 600 on the list. Given that she has taken this to the city years ago, and

we are so far down on the list, she wants council to work with the city to eliminate that crosswalk.

Bob K commented regarding other traffic calming measures we've taken in years past--it took 2 years to get speed humps put in on Mifflin, 3 years to get diverter done on Mifflin, and the one at Paterson has taken 4 years.

Heidi is unsure how she will collaborate with Peter B. further on this. She suggested eliminating the crosswalk, putting up signage redirecting pedestrians towards the underpass, signage directing pedestrians towards rental bikes, planting a hedge of native plants and shrubs to block off where the crosswalk used to be, putting up a banner to remind drivers that children are present and to watch for pedestrians.

Patty P. moved that Peter B. will write a letter on behalf of TLNA regarding the elimination of crosswalk in front of Yahara bridge at Tenney Park in coordination with the city. MD seconded. The motion passed with one opposed.

Chris H. said that there is more involved with removing the crosswalk due to the curb cutout. He thinks we should focus on getting assistance from Davy M's office. He thinks only removing the crosswalk paint will not help because of the presence of curb cutouts--it will make it less safe as people will still use it as a crosswalk even without the stripes.

Joe L. suggested we may need to figure out how to make the crosswalk *more* visible instead of removing it.

Davie F. noted he is not young but has also almost been hit there.

~~Joe S., guest: Changing traffic flow @ Gorham and Washburn, to increase pedestrian safety (not present)~~ Sue B. notes that delivery drivers delivering to this area of Gorham are not familiar with dangers of the intersection like residents are, which is a point in favor of reversing traffic flow. Joe L. will connect with Peter B. and Joe S. to discuss more about this item.

11. Web/Newsletter Layout: Keith Wessel

Nothing to present.

12. Parks: Chris Hovel

Chris H. wrote an article for the newsletter regarding volunteer beach cleaning--notes their hard work. Please say thank you to our dedicated volunteers if you see them cleaning. James Madison beach has been cleaned and raked. Chris H. encouraged people to use both JM and Tenney to swim and enjoy. He is planning to talk with Parks to use their budget to help with beach cleaning.

Owl boxes will be installed this fall after nesting season.

Potential donation of "sport court" mats by a friend of Pat K's. Hoping to approach Parks with the material to get the court installed by water utility. Joey H. asked if they can be locked down so as to prevent loss. Pat K. suggested Joe L. take photos to show Parks the popularity of the current courts with the neighborhood.

Patty P. brought up new sculptures on the Northern end of the island at Tenney. The Three Sisters.

13. Secretary: Hilary Stohs-Krause

Absent.

14. Special Projects: Monica Kane

Monica K. said she will contact the sculpture artist to see if he would like to attend Fall Fest.

Pat K. suggested asking if the artist would like to write an article for the newsletter.

Monica K. also mentioned this will be one of her last meetings with TLNA as she has moved out of the neighborhood. :(

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

Sue B. proposed that we donate \$300 to MYArts Enduring Access Fund as a gift of gratitude for using their space. The Enduring Access fund helps organizations who can't afford to rent space by allowing MYArts to charge them reduced rates or not at all.

Sue B. motioned to donate \$300 to MYArts Enduring Access fund. Kevin D. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan M. suggested building space rental into the budget for the future.

Jacob H. said he had a chance to meet with organizers of Reynolds Community Garden and now has a contact to ask about water use expenses. More to come.

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

Davy Mayer, alder

Alder Ochowicz met with Alder Davy M. to discuss a proposed renaming of James Madison Park to Jerry Frautschi Park. The city has a parks renaming subcommittee, and Davy M. wants to involve TLNA in the process. Monica K. asked who is requesting the name change. Davy said it's because someone who worked with Jerry Frautschi suggested it. Davy said he thinks naming the park after something *other* than a person would be a good idea.

Davy opened the floor regarding his response to the police killing of Corey Ruiz. Patty P. said she wanted to thank Davy for his support and expressed satisfaction with his response. Joe L. said he is worried about small businesses and incidents in that area. Davy said he has introduced legislation to distribute a grant of \$5-10k per business depending on revenue loss due to this event.

Monica K. asked about interim director Aeiramique "Meeka" Glass's response to the incident. Davy expressed disappointment at the response of Independent Monitor. Chris H. asked who can people who are dissatisfied with Independent Monitor reach out to. Davy said to email all Alders (allalders@cityofmadison.com). Bob K. suggested reaching out to the Police Civilian Oversight Board (pcob@cityofmadison.com).

Davy M. suggested a radar speed indicator on E. Wash.

Kevin D. asks where the sculpture at the encampment was relocated to. Davy said it moved with the rest of the encampment to Reindahl Park, but he is unsure of where it went after that.

Joey H. brought up concerns about bus speeds, and said he recently saw one moving at approx. 50mph. Joe L. noted benefits of public transport, but wants more oversight on speeding. Davy M. said that speeding is likely due to drivers who are behind schedule, but that there are other ways to fix that problem than making streets less safe by speeding.

Heidi Wegleitner, Dane County supervisor

Absent

17.Pres/VP: Ryan McCormick/Pat Kelly

Ryan M. said that the Nominating Committee needs one more council member and 3 non-council members to form a committee. Peter B. and Joe L. have already volunteered. Ryan M. said he is looking for a third person to take his place tentatively. Patty P. volunteered as an alternate for Ryan M.

The Nominating Committee will meet for 2 hours at Joe L.'s house in September (before Sep. 27). Joey H. reminded the council that by-laws require the council to send out an email a week in advance (which will be Sep. 20) before electing new members.

Monica K. asked if the Finance Committee needs to outline the 3 new proposed positions before elections. Patty P. clarified that the Nominating Committee has the power to do so instead.

18.Action items recap

1. Peter Beeson will write a letter on behalf of TLNA regarding the elimination of crosswalk in front of Yahara bridge at Tenney Park in coordination with the city.
2. Bob K. will reach out to Jason in Downtown Inc. regarding development and planning. Alder Davey Meyer will help facilitate.
3. Joe Lusson to take pictures of residents using tennis courts on the water utility roof to send to the Parks Department and Chris H.

4. Monica K. to reach out to sculpture artist regarding Fall Fest attendance and possible Newsletter article in issue after September's.
5. Monica K. to follow up on Davie F.'s email regarding new roles in the Finance Committee.

19. Adjournment

Michael D. motioned, Bob K. seconded. It was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.