

Emerson East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
Minutes

Present: Indira Ceylan, Tim Cordon, Amanda Duesterbeck, Joel Gratz (chair), John Koch (secretary), Derek McRoberts, Kayne Neigherbauer, Gail Piper, Robert Schubert, Adrienne Sella: Guests: Alder Larry Palm; Jen Rubin, Green Madison; Becky Halpin-Beck, Bashford United Methodist Church

Green Madison: Green Madison is offering free energy audits to people willing to host an “energy house party” in which guests from 5 to 10 other households are shown the results of the audit and places in the house where improvements could be made. Green Madison is also offering energy audits at a reduced rate for those who don't want to host a house party. Anyone interested can contact Jen Rubin at rubinjen@gmail.com. She will provide Tim with information to be sent out via our Yahoogroup and an article in our newsletter.

December Minutes: Tim moved and Indira seconded approval of minutes with correct of typo in second last item on by-laws review - “nest month's agenda” instead of “next month's agenda.” Approved with no objection.

Treasurer's Report: We have about 60 members for 2016 so far, and about \$1400 in the bank.

Communications: Some of the information about EENA on our and the city's web sites is outdated, and meeting agendas have not been sent out ahead of time. Tim and Joel will work on our WordPress site, John will update the information with the city, and Adrienne will post agendas on Facebook and NextDoor.

Sustainability Task Force: Next meeting is a potluck breakfast 8 am, Saturday, January 23, at 2550 Hoard St. The Sustainability Saturday Night that evening will focus on Green Madison. February's SSN will be a Peace, Justice and Sustainability Fair at which organizations will be given tabling space and a brief opportunity to introduce themselves.

Eastside Planning Council: First meeting of the year will be January 23. EPC is still trying to re-group.

Alder's Report: 1) The EEPY Plan was approved by the City Council on January 5, with one change involving height restrictions in the Sherman-North Sherman-Fordem triangle. The next step is getting the money spent. 2) Larry will hold a meeting on the public market and its impact on the neighbors on January 27. 3) The city now owns the house at E. Johnson and First, and plans to demolish it in spring for bike path improvements and green space. 4) The city has a plan for extending the bike path from East Johnson to Demetral behind OM Village and PDQ. This may take some space from the OM Village property. 5) Larry is planning a meeting about the future of the Oscar Mayer property in late February or early March. 6) The city has asked the developer to go back to the drawing boards on its proposal for the Marling Lumber property.

Meeting Place: We have not been able to get a firm commitment from SuperCharge! that we would have a consistent meeting place there. By consensus, we decided to continue meeting at Bashford, and seeing if we could have some special events at SuperCharge!

By-Laws Review: John, Indira, and Gail are interested in being on a by-laws review committee. We will set a meeting time at the next EENA meeting, and other members are welcome.

Newsletter: Deadline is February 15 for the spring issue.

Neighborhood Grant: An informational meeting on the 2016 grants will be held on January 14.

Emerson East Social: Mondays and Tuesdays are the slowest nights at Dexter's. Adrienne will send out an invitation to the first social for 5-7, Tuesday, January 19.

Street Lighting: Larry has forwarded Steve Vincent's request for more lighting near Third and E. Johnson to Traffic Engineering for assessment.