

Emerson East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Minutes

Present: Indira Ceylan, Tim Cordon, Amanda Duesterbeck, Diane Farsetta, Joel Gratz (chair), Chris Heaton, Barb Jenkin, John Koch (secretary), Derek McRoberts, Colleen O'Hara, Gail Piper, Erin Sommerfeld, Wes Webendorfer; Guests: Officer David Dexheimer, Becky Halpin-Beck (Bashford Liaison), Alder Larry Palm

April and May Minutes: Chris moved and Gail seconded approval. Minutes approved.

Public Safety Issues: 1) Animal control has been aware of the aggressive dogs at Fifth and Upham; the owner has been cooperative and has improved the fence. 2) Police are working with landlord and tenants at problem house in the 2300 block of Hoard. 3) Police are informed of amplification permits for Demetral Park. If you suspect that park users might not have a permit to play amplified music, you can contact the police. Shelter users must have a permit for beer, though no permit is necessary elsewhere in the park. This seems to be unique among Madison parks. 4) Police and other agencies are working on the causes of recent gun deaths in Madison. Our neighborhood is relatively quiet. 5) Wes reported seeing evidence of low-level drug dealing from cars while out walking on Mifflin St.

Crosswalk Flags: Gail has contacted Safe Communities Madison – Dane County about the pedestrian flags for crosswalks program and has filed an application with Traffic Engineering to set up a pair of flag boxes at First and E. Dayton. She and another neighbor will be the two households needed to monitor the flags. She moved and Derek seconded that EENA sponsor the program. Motion passed. Larry and Officer Dexheimer support. The program includes a small grant for flags and flag boxes. EENA would be responsible for replacing stolen or worn-out flags. It was moved that we spend up to \$25 for flyers explaining the program to be distributed within Area 1. Motion passed.

Alder's Report: 1) Larry has invited Tim and Joel to a June 6 meeting of neighborhood association chairs in his district. 2) Demetral bike path construction is now out to bid. 3) No further word on demolition of house in the way of the bike path. 4) The bar in the former bagel shop has been approved and is already open.

Treasurer's Report: We have 72 members. We took in \$90 for Yard Sale Day, but will lose money on it. Our last newsletter should show a slight profit, if everyone pays. We have \$1660.70 in the bank.

Sustainability Task Force: Gail has checked, and the city will not put a drinking fountain in Pennsylvania Park unless we have an endowment that could provide \$1000/year for upkeep. Larry will follow up on maintaining the water line for some possible future use. It may be that demolishing the house could provide enough sunlight to make community gardens feasible. There were suggestions that the park might be suitable for fruit cultivation. The STF will consider that idea when making a grant proposal. June 25 Sustainable Saturday Night will focus on immigrant rights.

Eastside Planning Council: The EPC has moved its meeting place and time to the third Wednesday of the month at the Salvation Army at Darbo, and is working with the Darbo-Worthington and Greater Sandburg neighborhoods.

Monthly Social: The May 18 social was not publicized and probably did not happen. Do we need a Social Committee? Amanda will make sure the June 21 social at Dexter's gets publicity. In the past, we have made our July meeting more social, but we have a serious agenda for July 6. Perhaps we could eliminate the routine reports, end early, and head to Dexter's.

By-Laws Review: The By-Laws Review Committee had four additional proposals: 1) to change Article II to say that we work to further our neighborhood's "social and environmental sustainability," rather than "interests," 2) to change the minimum membership age from 18 to 16, 3) to broaden the equal opportunities list to include all of the city's protected categories, plus legal status, if that is not included, and 4) to eliminate proxy voting at meetings. We will discuss amendments further in July, planning to get an announcement out seven days before our August meeting.

Make Music Madison: Joel has tried to get information about venues in our neighborhood, but hasn't gotten a response. Since the solstice is a Tuesday, the event may be low-key.

Website: Chris has volunteered to update our website, and include PDFs of the newsletter and copies of meeting minutes.