

Emerson East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Minutes

Present: Mary Anglim, Indira Ceylan, Tim Cordon (chair), Amanda Duesterbeck, Diane Farsetta, Chris Heaton, Barb Jenkin, John Koch (secretary), Erin Sommerfeld, Wes Webendorfer; Guests: Chris Petykowski (City of Madison Engineering), Becky Halpin-Beck (Bashford Liaison)

East Johnson St. Reconstruction: East Johnson St. is slated for reconstruction from Baldwin to First St. Chris Petykowski is working with Strand and Associates in developing a design. Pavement, underground utilities, and curb and gutter all need reconstruction. Reconstruction around First St. will be affected by plans for the Public Market. The current draft plan calls for the addition of bike lanes, but feedback so far (including at this meeting) indicates that most cyclists would prefer a single bi-directional path that is separate from the roadway, and a new proposal will probably include this. The First St. intersection will include additional lanes to improve traffic flow, but the way they are configured should also make it easier for pedestrians to cross. Further information and plans are available at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/johnson-st-east> and Chris can be contacted by phone or email to answer questions or take suggestions.

June Minutes: Indira moved and Chris seconded approval of minutes corrected to add missing “s.” on final word.

Treasurer's Report: We have 74 members. The Yard Sale Day flyer included an invitation to join, and this caused some confusion, with current members renewing early. Chris offered to add information on checking your membership status on the web site. We have \$1572.95 in the bank.

Sustainability Task Force: The STF is working on plans for Pennsylvania Park, and Diane has developed a flyer inviting people to the next STF meeting (5:30, Wednesday, Aug. 3, Bashford, immediately before the EENA meeting) to discuss possibilities. The July Sustainability Saturday Night dealt with immigration/Latino/Latina issues. The August SSN may deal with the Racial Justice Tipping Point project.

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. It is trying to gain new members from neighborhoods not yet represented.

Monthly Social: The June 21 social was marked by some missed connections, possibly because it coincided with Make Music Madison. Amanda will send out an email to publicize the July 19 social. It was suggested that we have a large distinctive object to mark the table at which Emerson East people should meet.

By-Laws Review: We will get an announcement out at least seven days before our August meeting, so that we can vote on the proposed amendments.

Newsletter: Deadline for the fall issue is August 15.

Ice Cream Social: Bashford is inviting people in its neighborhoods to an ice cream social (including BBQ and pie) 4:30 – 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 28.

Hawthorne Library: A newly-issued strategic plan for library services on the east side indicates that Hawthorne Library renovation and/or relocation is slated for sometime in the 5-10 year time frame. A new branch near Reindahl Park is proposed in the near (1-5 year) time frame.