

## **Written Reports:** for EENA Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018

### **EENA Social Report, Amanda Duesterbeck**

2/6: 15 people attended. Next social is March 6th.

### **Treasurer Report, Amanda Duesterbeck**

[in a separate PDF on the website, <https://emersoneast.wordpress.com/resources/minutes/>, or open directly at <https://emersoneast.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/eena-treas-report-2018-2.pdf>]

### **Pennsylvania Park, Diane Farsetta, Gail Piper, Terri Pepper**

On January 29, the public arts subcommittee of the Madison Arts Commission met to consider the three artist finalists for the Pennsylvania Park artwork (Ray Chi, Actual Size Artworks and Suikang Zhao). They considered neighborhood input, as well as comments and rankings by commission members and city staff.

While neighborhood residents favored "Flourish," a tall "radiant sphere" multi-colored piece proposed by Actual Size Artworks, the subcommittee favored "The People's Pronouns," by Ray Chi, two installations reading "WE" and "OUR," with nature imagery. The People's Pronouns had the second-highest level of neighborhood support. The subcommittee felt that the two-piece proposal fit better with the length and flow of Pennsylvania Park. Their recommendation will be considered by the entire commission and then City Council before being finalized and installed later this year, according to the original plan..

At present the landscaping discuss has focused on the immediate area surrounding the sculpture, rather than the park overall. The neighborhood will continue to engage the city around the landscaping upgrades for the entire park.

Also, Karin Wolf, Madison Arts Program Administrator, approached EENA members after the meeting and thanked us for attending the various meetings and for the neighborhood association for being involved.

### **Oscar Mayer, Chris Heaton**

I attended the Strategic Assessment Committee meeting on 2/13/2018. At present the minutes of that meeting have not been released. The meeting was filmed and can be viewed on the city website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/citychannel/Details.cfm?Id=6188>.

The major topics discussed were the neighborhood plans of the surrounding area, how data collected by Imagine Madison relates to the future of the Oscar Mayer site, public transportation and future bus transit and bike paths plans in the area. There was also a workshop dealing with Racial Equity and Social Justice.

It was discussed that the committee needs to figure their main area of focus: the Oscar Mayer site in isolation, or also including the surround block and/or other undeveloped areas nearby (such as the Shopko/Aberg area)? No decision was made on this issue.

The most interesting bit of news that came out of the meeting was when representatives of the owners (Reich/Rabin) said they have already had approximately ten interested parties inquiring about occupying portions of the site, with around three parties likely moving into the site by Summer 2018. The representatives also said they are in the process of removing the very large machinery from the building. To do this they will be creating a hole in the exterior wall and using a large crane.

The next meeting is on March 13 at 5:30pm, at the Goodman Center. Anticipated topics include: regional food systems, TIF process, environmental issues and possibly a bit about the site and neighborhood history. For more information go to the city's website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/oscar-mayer/2614/>.

### **Imagine Madison, Chris Heaton**

Early this week, one of our Emerson East residents expressed concern about the proposed Generalized Future Land Use (FLU) Map, over various forums. This is key component of the City of Madison's Comprehensive Plan Update that Imagine Madison released for public comment.

The concern was about an area on North St between Johnson and Dayton, being changed from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Mixed Use. After a talk with City planners the resident withdrew their objections.

The Future Land Use (FLU) map and Comprehensive Plan is a long term plan (lasting 10-20 years) and does not automatically change zoning. If someone wants to change the zoning of their property, even if it is in line with the Madison Comprehensive Plan, they will still have to go through the City's process and that includes a chance for public comment.

If you are interested, Imagine Madison is still asking for [comments](#) on the February 2018 version of the Future Land Use Map (deadline March 2, noon). They ask you to take a look at the side by side maps at <https://www.imaginemadisonwi.com/workbook-comparison-map>. They have also updated the [FLU Map FAQs](#) and are happy to talk if you still have questions. [Their contact page](#) is on the Imagine Madison website at <https://www.imaginemadisonwi.com>.