

GTNA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

**6:30 – 7:35 p.m. meeting at the Meadowridge Public Library Branch
Community Room A**

Attending: Chuck Kime, Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Kathy Batha, Jane Sarafiny. Guests: Donna Miller, Stan White, Christian Albouras, Lance Hartung, Xiao Ming, Theresa Drinka, Mike Thomsen

June Minutes were approved for posting.

Mr. Christian Albouras provided an update on the Madison city budget process. Mass transit and affordable housing are the mayor's priorities. Along with District 19 Alder, Mr. Keith Furman, Mr. Albouras lobbied the Madison Traffic Engineering Department to review traffic on Schroeder Road. Due to their efforts, a pedestrian crossing light has been installed at Hathaway Drive and Schroeder Road. The Traffic Engineering department is open to study Schroeder Road traffic after Exact Sciences fully opens. There are other areas of concern: better traction on Whitney Way near Hammersley Road during the winter; Garbage cans at bus stops to reduce trash; What will happen with the Michaels property which is up for sale.

Mr. Mike Thomsen, President of the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Board and Ms. Theresa Drinka, Board Member, discussed changes they have seen in their neighborhood regarding developments. For example, a large, single family lot being converted to a multiple unit housing property. This prompted them to consider developing a neighborhood plan. If there is no neighborhood plan, the City of Madison decides what development will take place. Given the proximity of Orchard Ridge to Greentree, the two neighborhood boards could get together to develop a neighborhood plan to control development in both neighborhoods. The Midvale and Westmorland neighborhoods combined to develop a plan when the Sequoia Commons project was being developed. Orchard Ridge is bordered by the Beltline, Verona Road, Raymond Road and Whitney Way (although part of Orchard Ridge is West of Whitney Way. A recent survey of Orchard Ridge neighborhood residents indicated moderate to very high concern with safety issues (walking after dark, gunshots, home/auto burglary, dangerous driving and gang activity) and with maintaining residential zoning.

A vote was taken of the GTNA board members in attendance and the vote was in favor of working with the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association (ORNA) to develop a neighborhood plan. Ms. Dana Russell will be the GTNA liaison to ORNA and will work with Ms. Drinka on defining a neighborhood plan.

Ms. Donna Miller officially accepted the position of Area 6 representative.

The Halloween bonfire was discussed. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the Bonfire. Ms. Sarafiny has all of the information needed to coordinate the event.

Mr. Dave Bursack who works with Dane County Emergency Management as the Hazardous Materials Planner offered to visit and talk about hazardous materials in Dane County. He would discuss vulnerabilities, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from hazardous materials emergencies if they were to occur. This includes what it means to shelter in place, how citizens

informed of a hazardous material emergency, etc. It was determined that this would be a good presentation for the annual neighborhood association meeting in April. Ms. Sarafiny will respond to Mr. Bursack.

The 4th of July picnic was discussed. Ms. Sarafiny indicated that, although she has not analyzed the financials, she thought that there would be a slight shortfall between what revenue was brought in by the event vs. the cost. This is not a great concern. The important part is to keep the event affordable for families. It was a nice day and the picnic went well. Ms. Sarafiny will send information on the new members of GTNA.

Ms. Batha had eight new 4th of July signs made so there are now 12 signs available to promote next year's event.

There are still open positions on the GTNA Board for Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Halloween Coordinator, 4th of July Coordinator and some open Area Representative positions. We need to fill these positions to assist Ms. Sarafiny who has been temporarily handling them.

Madison College asked for some photographs of the neighborhood as part of the promotion for their new Goodman South Campus. Mr. and Ms. Russell took the photos and submitted them. Mr. Russell will follow up to confirm that the photos are what they needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Next GTNA Board meeting is Monday, October. 7, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room A of the Meadowridge Branch Library.