

GTNA Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019

**6:30 – 7:45 p.m. meeting at the Meadowridge Public Library Branch
Community Room A**

Attending: Chuck Kime, Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Kathy Batha, HJ Waukau, Allen Youngwood. Guests: Christian Albouras, Matt Veldran

December Minutes were approved for posting.

New GTNA Board Meeting Start Time is now permanently at 6:30pm

Ms. Kathy Batha was introduced and welcomed as the new Area 2 Rep replacing Mr. Micah LaDousa. Ms. Batha, who has spent 12 years in the neighborhood, will also be the new Greentree Stump editor. She is looking for articles for the Stump. The deadline for articles is Feb. 14.

Mr. Christian Albouras introduced himself as a candidate for Alder in the seat being vacated by Mr. Matt Phair. Mr. Albouras outlined his priorities: Public Safety; Child, Youth & Family Engagement; Job Creation and Economic Development; Access to City Services. More information is available at <https://www.christian4madison.com>. He can be reached at christian4madison@gmail.com.

Mr. Albouras asked about GTNA Board concerns. We discussed crime, police support, Neighborhood watch and traffic around the Exact Sciences development and how it might increase with a future expanded workforce population.

Mr. Matt Veldran updated the board:

- The Griffs Community Center project is progressing. It will open perhaps in late Spring as an education and mentoring center, not as a job placement center.
- The City Jail is being consolidated and the City Council is waiting for architect plans.
- The County is moving forward on plans to change the Alliant Energy Center complex but a source of funding is needed.
- The NIP (Neighborhood Intervention Program) has budgeted for 2 new staff members. They will be added soon.

The GTNA Annual meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the meeting has been well attended and provides valuable information for the neighborhood. Suggested topics:

- Appearance by the new Alder
- Report on Falk School from the PTA or the principal
- Appearance by a representative of the new West Side Police Station
- Possible update from the Stonehouse Development representatives

Mr. Jay and Ms. Dana Russell will check on when the large meeting room can be reserved for the Annual Meeting in April.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next GTNA Board meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room A of the Meadowridge Branch Library.