

GTNA Meeting Minutes - Draft

October 7, 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, Donna Miller

Guests: Stan White, Christian Albouras, Lance Hartung, Earl Gritton, Mayo Ewanowski, Jenn Lam, Matt Veldran

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Introductions of new people. Welcome!

It was noted that a stolen car crashed through the fencing on Schroeder Road, west of Chapel Hill.

September Minutes were approved for posting.

Alder Christian Albouras talked about a new development proposed by Commonwealth Development on a vacant lot on Raymond Road, next to Old National Bank. It will be a 3 story building with 11 units of affordable housing. A public comment meeting with Commonwealth Development is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 6 from 6:30pm-8pm. The proposed project will have surface level parking, mixed use commercial space on first floor, and 11 affordable housing residential units. This meeting will be confirmed at a later date.

Alder Henak and the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association update: There was a Southwest Neighborhood Plan created in 2008 that included Greentree but not Orchard Ridge. The City of Madison staff considers the 2008 neighborhood plan to be in effect and valid.

A Meeting with the Mayor took place last Saturday morning at Los Atlantes, the Mexican restaurant in the Meadowood Shopping Center. There was not much notice. About 30 people came by.

Theresa Terrace: There are 2 homes boarded up and vacant on Theresa Terrace. 2 options: The City prefers to demolish the homes and let a developer build a 4-family on each lot. Gloria Meyer, former Teresa Terrace Neighborhood Assoc President, would prefer to try to sell the homes to someone who will live in and remodel it. The City has this on their radar now. The problem with the existing structures is that as split-level homes, there has been flooding of the lower levels.

Mr. Albouras will set up office hours on Saturdays. He will advise us when and where once established.

Road construction on McKenna Road is part of the flood mitigation plan. It should be done by Spring 2020. It is being done now because rainfall is lower this time of year.

The Michaels property is up for sale. Can the city purchase Michaels? City Transportation Director Thomas Lynch looked the feasibility of the city purchasing the Michaels property. At a

cost of \$1,700,000, it may not be cost effective to buy the land to help make the Beltline Whitney Way/Schroeder Road exit better.

Mr. Veldran, Dane County Supervisor, reported on the County budget. There will be a public hearing on Oct. 22nd on the overall budget. The majority of work is done by the committees. Other topics Mr. Veldran noted were potentially dredging the Yahara River for flood mitigation to help get water out of Lake Mendota down to the Rock River. He reminded citizens to keep leaves out of the street. The leaves wash into the lakes and cause algae to grow. He also mentioned that grant money is available for mental health support and assistance for the elderly.

Ms. Ewanowski asked about retaining ponds at Exact Sciences. We were advised by Exact Sciences that they will install an aeration system in the ponds by next spring. This will help prevent algae growth, stagnant water, and mosquito breeding.

The Halloween Bonfire will be coordinated by Mr. Gritton. Mr. Gritton has wood and a way to transport it. Mr. Gritton will work with the supplier of stakes and ropes for safety. Hot cocoa will be provided along with cups. Bottled water is needed to cool off the cocoa. Mr. and Ms. Russell will provide water for cooling cocoa. Mr. and Ms. Russell will be the first shift servers starting at 6:50 – 8pm. Please contact Mr. Gritton to provide help. Mr. Gritton will make arrangements to get water to put out the fire. Ms. Sarafiny will get the fire permits.

There are 720 houses in the neighborhood. Only about 140 renewed their GTNA membership. Ms. Batha will put a notification in every Greentree Stump asking for people to join the neighborhood association. Mr. Albouras would like to receive a Greentree Stump.

Ms. Russell said that Orchard Ridge does not have a clear idea of what they want in a neighborhood plan and the city was not ready to meet so the proposed meeting was tabled.

Ms. Russell will send a link to the Southwest neighborhood plan.

Ms. Lam brought up NRTs (Neighborhood Resource Teams.) They have not contacted the GTNA that anybody can recall.

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