

GTNA Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

6:30-7:45p.m. Via Zoom

Attendees: Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Kathy Bathy, Serene Arena, Kathy Batha, David Ewanowski, Mayo Ewanowski Danielle Gale, Ruth Paulson, Helen Sheahan, **Guests:** Justin Rundle, Jeff Glazer (County Board Supervisor), Sheray Wallace (Meadowood Health Partnership), Gloria Reyes (Mayoral candidate)

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: The February 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Sheray Wallace (sheraywallace44@gmail.com 608-235-1027) is from the Meadowood Health Partnership (MPH). Ms. Wallace is a Community Activist, a Community Resource Educator at MPH, and a longtime Meadowood resident. Ms. Wallace stated that MPH received grant money from the City of Madison to address violence and prevention. MPH has community safety concerns. Issue: more lighting is needed on Schroeder Road. Suggested changing the yellow lights to white lights. There was a discussion of hit/run on Schroeder Road. There are concerns that by adding another apartment complex to Schroeder Road traffic issues will become more difficult. She recommended adding another streetlight near the Schroeder Road & Schroeder Court intersection near Tailor Place Apartments. Also add a light near Schroeder Road at Kessel Court. Ms. Wallace asked if the Board supported her asking Alder Phair to try to get additional lighting on Schroeder Road. GTNA will also reach out to Alder Phair with the same request.

There was a discussion about adding stop lights on Schroeder Road. No specific suggestions were proposed.

There was also discussion of how difficult it was for residents to exit Hampshire Place onto Schroeder Road. Mr. Rundle also talked about the possibility that if the Hampshire Place property (3 lots, 2 homes) is sold to a developer, it could be redeveloped into multiple lots including extending Hampshire Place all the way to Suffolk Road.

Lastly, Mr. Russell will contact Officer Scott Reitmeier (Police Department) re: the lighting and stop lights issue. He is scheduled to speak at the Annual meeting in April. He may be able to find someone to address this issue within the City for this meeting, or perhaps he can get input from the City about the issue.

Dane County Supervisor Jeff Glazer. Several projects at the County are taking a lot of his time. The biggest issue is the downtown jail project.

Downtown Jail: At issue is what type of jail will we eventually have. The County needs to determine what the community priorities are for the jail. Historically, the jail has held a lot of black men. There have been some reforms in pretrial handling of convictions so that the population is less unbalanced. How does the County implement policies to reduce the

number of people in the facility and reduce recidivism. The design is currently five floors with a 1st floor mezzanine. The construction budget for the project is expected by early April. The budget will likely get approved. By June, a more defined plan should be made public.

Landfill: The County now owns a golf course across from the landfill. The current landfill is full. The facility will need to be moved across the road by the golf course. Mr. Glazer recommends taking a tour of the landfill. Also, the landfill collects gas which is then sold. This is the only facility in the country that has a program like this.

Broadband: The Broadband Taskforce is working on Broadband expansion. Everyone needs access to the internet. The County is working on creating greater internet access. The Federal Government has funding available to subsidize greater broadband access.

Housing: The County is seeing an increased interest in housing – homeless, affordable housing, etc. Transportation is a hot topic, although the County has little control over transportation. Mr. Rundle commented that we seem to be squeezed as a result of density increases in the area. There is a need for more green space. Specifically, the land for sale on Hampshire Place should have a portion set aside for greenspace.

Public Market: The Public Market has encouraged entrepreneurship.

Gloria Reyes - Mayoral candidate (gloria@reyesformayor.com) with Aide Dante De LaRosa. Ms. Reyes is seeking input on issues affecting Greentree. Ms. Reyes has been attending neighborhood associations around the city, seeking their concerns. Significant challenges in the last four years with the pandemic. Ms. Reyes is a long time Madisonian, was Madison police officer with various assignments around the City, has worked closely with Paul Soglin while he was mayor. The issues she is hearing are transportation, traffic safety, schools, budget, housing, greenspace, affordable housing. Affordable housing has become a huge problem. There are lots of units being built, but none are affordable. Ms. Ewanowski asked what the vacancy rates are on the new housing projects. Ms. Reyes raised the issue that, separate from apartment and rental properties, the community needs more affordable housing available to purchase in order for residents to build generational wealth.

Stump Discussion

Home Based Business Advertising: A discussion regarding advertising home based businesses in the Stump concluded that it should be treated the same as any other business advertising with us.

Disclaimer: Currently there is no disclaimer in the Stump that GTNA makes no endorsements of any politicians, organizations.

Addresses: Ms. Batha needs an updated member address list from Ms. Ewanowski.

Annual GTNA Member's Meeting. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Meadowood Library Community Room

- Agenda:
- a. Police presentation – Scott Reitmeier
 - i. Community issues?
 - ii. Traffic on Schroeder?
 - iii. Additional lighting on Schroeder
 - iv. A traffic light on Schroeder
 - b. Anana Elementary Update from Principal Chelsea Prochnow
 - c. Tell Us! Is a community outreach program to help the library system develop a strategic plan for Madison's west side. This topic will take too much time (60 to 90 minutes). It will be mentioned to the attendees with encouragement to go to the library to learn more information and to get involved. Ms. Paulson post information on Facebook & Nextdoor Greentree. Mr. Russell will draft language to have posted on the GTNA social media sites, including a link.
 - d. GTNA Board Changes/By-Laws

Garage Sale. Ms. Sheahan sent an email summary to Board members. All is ready to go for Greentree. Ms. Sheahan is waiting for the Meadowood contact to provide their information. Information will be posted on the GTNA.org Website, in the Stump, via GTNA email blast, Nextdoor and Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, MailChimp, Craigslist. The interactive map will be created once neighbors have signed up to participate.

4th of July. A discussion of the 4th of July event was tabled until the April meeting.

GTNA Board Changes/By-Laws. Ms. Sheahan noted that a quorum was present and proposed the approval of the revised By-laws. The motion was approved.

Membership Update. Ms. Ewanowski advised that the timing of membership payments has become complex. It was decided that if someone pays early, their membership term will be effective as of the July 1 membership year. The membership year will now start in July and run through the end of June.

Treasurer Report. Mr. Ewanowski distributed the most current report via email. Expenses were \$479.04 for a Board Thank you and Stump printing. The current balance is \$2,957.90.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Next meeting- Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:30pm via Zoom