

GTNA Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025
6:31 pm - 7:55 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Jay Russell, Helen Sheahan, Alex Kocher, Trevor Olson, Raymond Neal, Terrah Clark, Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Kathy Batha, Kathe Powers, Gary Kobs

Absent: Dana Russell

Guests: Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney, Captain Daniel Nale, Lieutenant Alexander Berkovitz, Anne Pankratz, Bridgit Bowden Reisner, Melissa Bennett, Liz Sidor

Mr. Russell introduced Madison Police Officers Captain Nale and Lieutenant Berkovitz, Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney, Anne Pankratz, and Bridgit Reisner, neighbor on Strathmore Lane.

Lieutenant Berkovitz oversees operations and all personnel at the West District Police Station with 23 years in the Madison Police Department (MPD).

Captain Nale is head of the West District Police Station. He took over from Tim Patton 4 weeks ago. He has been with the MPD since 1998, opened up the West District in 2001, and last served downtown with the Violent Crime Unit under him.

They discussed and answered the questions that were submitted.

Has MPD contacted the landlord at 6204 Strathmore? Lt. Berkovitz has talked with the landlord.

If, so, does the landlord or MPD believe that any conditions of the resident's lease have been broken? The landlord is cooperating and no conditions of the lease have been broken. There is no cause for eviction. The tenant is also cooperating. The tenant is working on moving out. This is not an issue of guests/visitors to 6204 Strathmore Lane. Physical evidence has not revealed anything, but it could lead to something in the future. Police are also seeking to talk to several more people involved.

It does not qualify as an abatement case. Further explanation about abatement was given. Abatement for nuisance activities is a civil process conducted by the City of Madison. Nuisance activities include prostitution, drug dealing, gambling, theft, and other things. There are rules about how many incidents over what period of time that nuisance activities occur to qualify for abatement. The process is that the landlord/owner is notified and has the ability to respond and correct issues of the abatement charge.

What happens or is done or changes when a property is designated a "nuisance property"? There is extra monitoring of the address by police. Good police documentation is a high priority.

How are police patrols structured in the Greentree Neighborhood? Patrol officers mostly respond to calls with some proactive actions. One officer is assigned to Greentree and would be first to respond to any calls. More officers can be called in to assist.

Patrol services for the West District – shift times & minimum officers

- Shifts
 - 7 am to 3 pm – Four officers with one assigned to Greentree
 - noon to 8 pm – Two officers with one assigned to Greentree
 - 3 pm to 11 pm – Four officers
 - 8 pm to 4 am – Two officers
- All 4 shifts potentially have additional relief officers who may or may not be within the West District – dependent on overall staffing.
- Typically, patrol is supported during by various auxiliary/specialty units (e.g., CPT (Community Policing Team), GNCAT (Gang and Neighborhood Crime Abatement Team), NPOs/NROs, (Neighborhood Police Officers/ Neighborhood Resource Officers), MHOs (Mental Health Officers), TEST (Traffic Enforcement Safety Team), etc.)
 - Three Neighborhood Resource Officers work 12 – 8 pm, mainly assigned to apartment complexes.
 - The Community Policing Team that does investigations is proactive (rather than responding) and is shared with other districts.

The boundaries of the West District: Beltline/Whitney Way = northeast limit, City limits to the southwest from Whitney Way/Beltline, city limits to the northwest from Gammon/Beltline (Mall and Tree Lane is in the West District, Memorial HS and Odana Road is in the Midtown District).

Are there other resources for the 5900 block of Schroeder Road ? Kessel Court and Schroeder Road will have a Neighborhood Resource Officer starting in February 2026 - Seth Coyne. Neighborhood Resource Officers try to resolve community issues and are a conduit for resources. They can link and triage people to public health and mental health services, etc. This takes time and people can make choices about using offered resources. Goals are to decrease calls for service and for dangerous situations.

What preventive steps do you recommend residents take right now? When disturbances, behaviors, or crimes are observed, call the police right away. Be a good witness. This begins the documentation (police report) process. Do not delay reporting issues you observe.

Ring doorbell video can be very helpful for investigations yet do not always result in fully identifying suspects, which is required for an arrest. Often footage provides investigative leads.

What steps are being taken to prevent further incidents? The shots fired incidents at Strathmore Lane are open investigations. The same detective is assigned to both cases. There

are extra patrols on Schroeder Road. The Violent Crime Unit is involved. They are probably related to a single person. The tenant is cooperative and trying to mitigate the issue. There are several more people the police are trying to interview. Historically winter has fewer incidents.

How many gun incidents in the Schroeder Road corridor have occurred in the last 3 years? It will take time to get specific statistics. A general observation by Lt. Berkovitz is that gun incidents are happening more often in the Schroeder Road corridor, 5900 block and east.

Ms. Reisner asked if there was any more information the police could share about the Strathmore Lane incidents. They could share that the tenant's relative that has a connection to the incident is no longer living at 6204 Strathmore Lane.

Mr. Russell mentioned that at the GTNA Annual meeting in April 2026 we would like to have someone from MPD speak. Seth Coyne, the Neighborhood Resource Officer, could be one of the speakers for the police. If there are further questions by the board, Mr. Russell will email them to Lt. Berkovitz. Mr. Russell thanked them for their time and information.

After this discussion was done, the two MPD officers, Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney, Anne Pankratz, and Ms. Reisner left the zoom meeting.

Conclusions and follow-up: The GTNA board can provide communication to GTNA members. GTNA is involved but the issues and geography are bigger than just GTNA. Sharay Wallace and Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney will need to drive any future meetings forward. Ms. Wallace is currently busy with holiday community needs. Ms. Wallace will need to connect with the new Neighborhood Resource Officer in 2026. Ms. Ewanowski will follow up with Ms. Wallace. Mr. Russell will follow up with Ms. Reisner.

Guests: Mr. Russell introduced Ms. Sidor and Ms. Bennett, both Greentree residents/members. Ms. Sidor lives on Hammersley Road and is a realtor for First Weber with experience in developing apartment buildings, marketing, social media, and communications. She moved to Greentree in March 2024.

Ms. Bennett is a past teacher, currently a stay-at-home mom. She assisted Katie Place with July 4 picnic food in 2025 and will again in 2026. She also organized the Madison Gluten Free Festival. She has lived on Valley Stream Drive for past 11 years.

Meeting Minutes: The November 2025 meeting minutes were approved. There is a discrepancy between the minutes and the GTNA Board Member Selection Process Guidelines regarding approval percentage needed for new board members, officers, and removal decisions. This will be discussed and clarified at the February 2026 board meeting.

Board Member Selection Process Update: Ms. Powers, Mr. Kobs, and Mr. Russell are moving the process forward for interested future board members, including Ms. Sidor and Ms. Bennett. GTNA Board member selection is a confidential process.

Holiday Lights Update: Mr. Olson and Mr. Neal reported that emails and Facebook postings went out. Ms. Batha has put out signs. The schedule is on track. Decorations need to be up by December 7. Voting starts December 12. Mr. Olson and Mr. Neal will meet this Wednesday (December 3). The top priority is to have the form set up online. Links to voting will be ready as scheduled. Pictures will be on the GTNA website. Ms. Paulson will need all Facebook postings no later than December 10, before she goes out of town. The next announcements will have a link to pictures and voting. Ms. Arena, GTNA website person, has been very prompt with website updates. One vote is allowed per email. Ms. Clark reminded the committee that contacting people for permission to post a photo of their house for the contest takes time. It was suggested that the committee could go out as a group, wear Christmas hats, and leave a note if the door is not answered asking people to contact the committee to give their permission to post a picture of their home. The Judges are Mr. Kocher, Mr. Neal, and Linda Kloss. The prizes are gift certificates to local businesses, Vintage Brewing, Nonno's, and Vitense/Babes. There is a \$50 gift certificate to use from Nonno's that was a sponsor donation for the Gallop T-shirts. Mr. Ewanowski has the gift certificate. Mr. Olson will follow up with Kathy King regarding taking pictures of the nominated houses.

GTNA "Stuff the Truck" Initiative: Ms. Batha reported that this event is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, from noon to 1 pm. Trucks will be at Sunridge Park with Ms. Batha and Norman Clayton Park with Mr. Russell and Mr. Kobs. Ms. Batha posted signs in the two parks. Social media announcements are going out. The GTNA Garden Club and Sunridge neighborhood group are on board. Food will be delivered to Meadowood Food Pantry at 1 pm.

Board Member Term Limits: This issue will be on the February agenda. Ms. Russell will update the draft with feedback she received.

Membership Update: Ms. Ewanowski reported that membership is now 220 households. Three still need to pay. Fifty members registered through the online form and the data automatically flowed into the spreadsheet. 23 responses were received from the postcards that were mailed. The postcard paper and printing were donated. The only expense was the stamps.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Ewanowski reported that as of November 30, 2025, the GTNA account balance was \$5338.20. We had November expenses of \$498.02 (\$369.56 Stump expenses, \$128.46 Halloween expenses) and income of \$625.00 (new/renewal memberships). We have a year-to-date income of \$8708.50, expenses of \$5871.57. Finances should be good through this membership cycle of 2027-2028. A copy of the November 30, 2025 Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

Directory and Stump Update: Ms. Clark reported that the Directory formatting is going well and will be ready by mid-December. She will get bids for printing and mailing the Directory and Stump to be sent to 150 addresses. Mr. Kocher will check with Ms. Woodruff about another print shop to get a bid from and email information to Ms. Clark. 99 households want the Directory electronically and others want both printed and electronic. Next Stump is the Dec-Jan issue. Articles include tool lending by Aedan Gardill and Holiday light winners. Ms. Batha will inquire

about the delay in mailing the previous Stump when she works with the printer on the Dec-Jan Stump. 25 extra Stumps are printed.

We Are GreenTree Inflatable Trees: The inflatable green tree idea seems to be well accepted by the neighborhood. Many board members have one. Trees are seen throughout the neighborhood. Shoreham has many trees. Everyone can let Mr. Russell know where you see them.

Forward Madison Neighborhood Outing/Fundraiser: This topic has been moved to a future agenda for discussion.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026, via Zoom

Attachments: November 30, 2025, GTNA Treasurer's Report

Minutes respectfully submitted by Helen Sheahan

2025 Year to Date (Through November 30, 2025)

	Income	Expense	Net	Remarks
Administration + Misc.				
Printing - Stump	\$ -	\$ 2,011	\$ (2,011)	Stump Printing (x4 Issues)
Printing - Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Advertising	\$ 305	\$ -	\$ 305	
Website	\$ -	\$ 326	\$ (326)	Website - Go Daddy, Etc.
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
T-Shirts	\$ 501	\$ 642	\$ (141)	T-Shirt Sales + Purchase (Madison Top)
T-Shirt Sponsorship	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 625	Paid Sponsors
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership				
Dues	\$ 5,588	\$ -	\$ 5,588	Membership
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Postcards	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ (329)	Postage (membership solicitation postcards)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Events				
July 4th - Food/Setup	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,240	\$ (550)	Food, Tent, Tables, PortaPotties, etc.
July 4th - Other	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ (39)	
Gallop Run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Garage Sale	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ (46)	Garage Sale Supplies
Halloween	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ (128)	Bonfire Permits
Holiday Lights	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ (110)	Gift Cards
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 8,709	\$ 5,872	\$ 2,837	

November 2025 Bank Transactions

		Opening Balance (11/01/25)				
					\$ 5,211.22	
	<u>Check/Deposit</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>		
11/1	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,236.22	Membership-Anderson	
11/2	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,261.22	Membership-Timothy	
11/2	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,286.22	Membership-Eldridge	
11/3	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,311.22	Membership-Phair	
11/4	Deposit	\$ 150.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,461.22	Membership-Lorenz, Bruns, Daniel, Rogers, Johnson, Jablonski	
11/5	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,486.22	Membership-Woodruff (via Russell)	
11/5	Check # 1073	\$ - .00	\$ 128.46	\$ 5,357.76	Halloween Bonfire (G. Kobs)	
11/6	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,382.76	Membership-Payne	
11/7	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,407.76	Membership-Schwarz	
11/7	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,432.76	Membership-Fritsch	
11/11	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,457.76	Membership-Olsen	
11/11	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,482.76	Membership-Kosloske	
11/11	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,507.76	Membership-Tomczak	
11/11	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,532.76	Membership-Abegglen	
11/11	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,557.76	Membership-Ricken	
11/19	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,582.76	Membership-Fried	
11/19	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,607.76	Membership-Oleson	
11/19	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,632.76	Membership-Ravensteijn	
11/19	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,657.76	Membership-Day	
11/19	Check # 1075	\$ - .00	\$ 369.56	\$ 5,288.20	Fall Stump - Printing + Postage	
11/25	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,313.20	Membership-Jensen	
11/25	Mobile	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,338.20	Membership-Duncan	
		Ending Balance (11/30/2025)			\$ 5,338.20	

Summary	\$ 625.00	\$ (498.02)	\$ 126.98
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Check Last Month	\$ 8,083.50	\$ 5,373.55	\$ 2,709.95
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