

GTNA Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023

6:30-7:58p.m. Via Zoom

Attendees: Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Jane Sarafiny, Kathy Batha, Serene Arena, David Ewanowski, Mayo Ewanowski, Danielle Gale, Ruth Paulson, Barbara Torrez, Justin Rundle, Sheray Wallace (Meadowood Health Partnership), Trevor Olson, Gary Kobs

The meeting started at 6:32 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: The April 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Interested GTNA Board members. Mr. Russell welcomed Mr. Olson and Mr. Kobs who expressed an interest in joining the GTNA Board. Ms. Kathe Powers and her husband, Jim also expressed an interest in being on the GTNA Board but were unable to attend.

Annual GTNA Member's Meeting. The Annual Meeting was on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Meadowood Library Community Room. 66+ attendees. Mr. Russell spoke briefly with Alder McKinney who said she has not seen such a strong turnout with other neighborhood organizations. Thanks to Ms. Ewanowski, Ms. Paulson, Ms. Arena, and Ms. Batha for the great signs and social media advertising. Mr. Russell sent a thank you to Anana Elementary Principal Prochnow, Detective Sergeant Reitmeier, and Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr.

Anana Elementary Principal Prochnow discussed the ESL program and school capacity. With new multi-family housing under construction, the school may exceed capacity.

The group agreed that Detective Reitmeier gave a good presentation. Ms. Arena noted that he offered free "Clubs" which he stated are a good car theft deterrent. She suggested notifying the neighborhood that the "Clubs" are available.

Mr. Mohr said he got great feedback from the audience, adding some of the neighborhood issues to the "Safe Streets Madison" program. Traffic mitigation decisions are based on accidents, not reports of speeding. Ms. Russell read the online explanation.

"Safe Streets Madison intends to fund improvements in a fair and equitable manner that focus on safety and filling gaps in the walking/biking network. The program aligns with the City's Vision Zero initiative and focuses on streets identified as being on the High Injury Network."

There was a speed bump discussion for Piping Rock Road and also Hathaway Drive. It was noted that, at this time, there are no longer any bus routes within the Greentree neighborhood. Ms. Wallace expressed concerns about Schroeder Road traffic safety issues. Ms. Wallace also noted that the promised lights on Schroeder Road have not yet

been installed. The Board discussed how to identify and present Greentree neighborhood traffic issues of concern to the city. It was recommended that we should express our concerns and request speed bumps through Alder McKinney rather than through Mr. Mohr.

Ms. Paulson suggested that we could request neighborhood feedback like the method used for holiday lighting to poll the neighborhood on traffic concerns. We can then send results to Alder McKinney and Dane County Supervisor Jeff Glazer. Ms. Paulson offered to create a polling form through Google, including “short response”. Ms. Wallace suggested a Good Neighbor form which is often used in Meadowood neighborhood.

The Board decided the first step is to define the questions/topics for residents to support or vote on. Mr. Olson will assemble a list of questions and the Board will resume this discussion in the June 5 meeting to determine how to publicize the project and how to collect the neighborhood feedback. We will publicize this issue during the 4th of July event.

Garage Sale. Although not in attendance, Ms. Sheahan had sent an email summary to Board members. All is ready to go for Greentree. There are 22 Greentree households participating – more than last year. The interactive Garage Sale website is up and running. The interactive map has been created and the QR Code will appear on the neighborhood signs. Ms. Paulson indicated that next year participants must submit photos and item descriptions at the same time as it became difficult to repeatedly amend the descriptions. There will be a Mailchimp blast on May 4. Website and Twitter reminders will go out May 2. Ms. Paulson and Ms. Sheahan have done an amazing job of managing and publicizing this event.

4th of July. There was a discussion of the 4th of July event. Ms. Sarafiny said that the clowns, Blinky and Daisy are not available this year. Pdice Entertainment can provide entertainment, but charges money so it was decided we will not use them. The parade, firetruck, tattoos, and sidewalk chalk are popular with the children. Ms. Wallace said the Police Department may possibly be able to bring a horse. The group also asked if they know someone who could do face painting. Ms. Wallace will reach out to her Meadowood contacts for suggestions.

The event timing will be the same as last year:

- 8am Neighborhood Run Registration (Norman Clayton Park)
- 8:30am Neighborhood Run
- 10:45am Parade Lineup (Anana Elementary School)
- 11am Parade Begins (Anana Elementary School to Norman Clayton Park)
- 11am-1pm Picnic (Norman Clayton Park)

Parade – Ms. Gale and Ms. Paulson volunteered to be Parade Coordinators. Ms. Paulson will confirm with the police and fire departments to confirm the parade start time of 11:00. Ms. Paulson has been in contact with Bernadette Galvez with the Fire Department. Ms. Paulson will also inquire about a horse from the police department. Ms. Paulson also suggested we purchase beaded necklaces (Dollar Store or Amazon) to toss to spectators along the parade route. Ms. Russell will order more flags, sidewalk chalk, and beads for handouts.

There was a general discussion about horse patrols – per Ms. Paulson, they are funded totally by donation.

Food Tent – Ms. Katie Place will coordinate the food tent.

Volunteers – Ms. Torrez will coordinate volunteers this year. Mr. Russell will provide his notes/spreadsheets from his work as the 2022 volunteer coordinator.

Gallop – It was decided that this year's Gallop will be non-competitive Fun Run. Ms. Ewanowski recommended there be no ranked awards. Entry fees will be donated to either Anana School or The Save the Trees Fund. We still need entrants to sign a waiver of liability. Ms. Ewanowski will provide an article for the Stump. Per Ms. Batha, the publishing deadline for the summer issue of the Stump is ASAP. We are actually past our deadline.

Ms. Wallace offered a \$100 donation for 4th of July expenses. The Board thanks her for her generous offer.

Mr. Russell will be the 4th of July Event Coordinator

Membership Update. Ms. Ewanowski advised that there are 3 new members for a total of 221 homes. Our social media presence has made a big difference.

Treasurer Report. Mr. Dave Ewanowski advised the group to reach out to him with any expenses. Mr. Ewanowski distributed the most current report via email and a summary of 2022 expenses. Expenses for 2022 were mostly 4th of July, printing the Stump, and printing the directory. April expenses were \$380 for GoDaddy website expenses (with added website security) and printing the Stump. The current account balance is **\$2,669.**

Other Matters.

Stump – Marsha Swenson requested we find a replacement to prepare the Stump layouts. She will train the replacement volunteer. Ms. Sara Hammes offered to help with the Stump layout. This was a result of the volunteer sign up list from the annual meeting.

Ms. Batha advised that the summer Stump needs the following articles:

1. 4th of July timetable
2. Volunteer request
3. Explanation of the Gallop changing to a Fun Run. Ms. Ewanowski will submit this to Ms. Batha.
4. Membership Form for 2024-2025
5. We need article about the 4th of July parade, line up time, route, etc. Ms. Gale and Ms. Paulson will provide an article (similar to last year). Parade lineup to start 10:45am.

Food Truck – Ms. Ewanowski suggested a food truck event some evening. We may be able to get multiple food trucks – an ice cream truck, snow cone truck, food, etc. Ms. Wallace will inquire if the Neighborhood Resource Team could offer some free tickets for

food purchases. Ms. Paulson suggested using a different park, either Sherwood or Sunridge Parks.

The meeting ended at 7:58pm

Next meeting- Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30pm via Zoom