

GTNA Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020
6:30 – 7:35 p.m. meeting via Zoom Meeting

Attending: Jay Russell, Jane Sarafiny, Chuck Kime, Donna Miller, Dana Russell, Mayo Ewanowski, HJ Waukau, Kathy and Joel Batha, Christian Albouras, Judi Duncan

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

June Minutes were approved.

Mr. Albouras has been focused on public safety issues. He has been in contact with Captain Patton of the Police Department regarding the increase in shootings. There was a West District meeting regarding the state of affairs where Lt. Patterson of the police department presented. There were community questions answered during that session.

People are encouraged to attend the Zoom meetings with West side neighborhoods. Mr. Albouras is working with the City so that it can be more than 100 participants as there was a lot of interest in the West side meeting. Also, interested people can go to the city website and sign up to receive emails on topics of interest.

Mr. Albouras was close to the Balsam Road shooting in June. He has shared with the City his concern that there is no message from the City about what they are doing to address the shootings. He requested that the city announce something – new initiatives, etc.

Traffic was an additional topic. Raymond Road and Prairie Road has new stop lights which should slow traffic. This was an initiative that Mr. Albouras pushed.

He has also pushed for better lighting on Schroeder Road between Whitney Way and Forward Drive. Will try to fit it into the budget ASAP.

Ms. Ewanowski brought up the Memorial on Schroeder Road near Hampshire. Is it safe? It is an ongoing memorial. There are meetings there on Friday nights. There is concern that the people that attend are safe. Ms. Russell suggested putting out a traffic cone? The people involved in the memorial are keeping the area tidy.

There is also an issue with speeding on Schroeder Road. The consensus was there is no need to lower the speed limit below 30. A suggestion was made to put speed bumps on Schroeder Road. Currently there are pedestrian crossing lights at Schroeder and Hathaway that can help with pedestrians crossing the road.

Mr. Albouras asked for people to share their experiences and he will ask Traffic engineering to study it. He also recommended board members email the Traffic Engineer. Email: traffic@cityofmadison.com

Other topics:

- The Babes development project on Schroeder is still on schedule
- Mr. Albouras talked with Police Chief Wahl about shootings and crimes of opportunity. We need to be mindful of open garage doors, unlocked cars, etc. We need to reduce the

crimes of opportunity. It is recommended that neighbors leave exterior lights on as a crime deterrent.

- He has asked traffic engineering about lighting around Sunridge Park Between Piping Rock and Hempstead

Mr. Batha sent an email to Mr. Albouras in early September regarding speed bumps on East side of Piping Rock between Minton and Whitney Way. The email was forwarded to Mr. Yang Tao, City of Madison Traffic Engineer. To add speed bumps is a 6-step process. Neighbors collect signatures of support. Then the City evaluates the selected traffic calming projects. If Piping Rock is selected, a survey will be sent to the residents affected. Going through this process means that the Summer of 2021 will be the earliest it could happen. It was noted that both Mr. Albouras and Mr. Tao responded quickly.

Speeding is also occurring by Piping Rock near Brookwood. Ms. Miller indicated that there should be a stop sign at Piping Rock and Frisch as that is a busy intersection.

The GTNA Board welcomed Ms. Duncan from White Oaks. She volunteered to be the Rep for Area 4. She is interested in the Neighborhood Watch program and Mr. Kime offered to mentor her. The Neighborhood Watch for Greentree is pretty small, and has more legacy residents involved. Ms. Duncan participates in the Coffee with a Cop program.

Ms. Miller will set up the October Zoom meeting so there will be no time limitation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next GTNA Board meeting is Monday October, 5 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be held via a Zoom meeting session if not in person.