

Sunset Village Community Association
Madison, WI 53705
Meeting Minutes – final
Minutes distributed 7/3/15

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2015

Meeting Location:
Madison Sequoya Branch Library
4340 Tokay Blvd
Madison, WI 53711

Attendees:
Ken Raffa, President
Josh Arnold, Secretary
Liz Vowles, Newsletter Co-Editor
Anne Badey Raffa
Ulrike Dieterle
Vaughan James
Tim Gruber
Christine Einerson
Ron Schell
Jean MacCubbin
Bev Flanigan
Carl Baumann
Barb Anderegg
Tom Martinelli
Kit Becker

Guests:
Chris Schmidt, City of Madison District 11 Alder
Marla Eddy, City of Madison Forester
Aaron Williams, Assistant Planner, UW Madison Facilities Planning & Management

Meeting Opening:

- Meeting brought to order 6:33 p.m.
- Introductions
- Call for Adjustments to Agenda: Alder Report (Chris Schmidt)
- Approval of Minutes: revised minutes from the March meeting approved, no comments

Alder Report (Chris Schmidt)

- Midtown Police Station – may be pushed back due to budget concerns.
- Update on Intersection of Mineral Point Rd & Midvale construction project – construction will happen this summer, but it start may not start as early as once expected.
- Hilldale – stores opening tomorrow, future expansion possible, but not right away.
- Hill Farms DOT – updates about Joint Finance Committee – City and neighborhood is in a wait and see mode.
- Bluff Street – request for an update about closing Bluff Street, request to update neighbors and website.

New Business: City of Madison Emerald Ash Borer Plan

Marla Eddy, City Forester, Guest

City of Madison Forestry Section

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Information from the City of Madison website:

As of April 2015, EAB has been found in 5 areas of the city of Madison:

1. Warner/ Berkley Park area
2. High Crossing Blvd/ East Towne area
3. Femrite Dr / Dutch Mill Rd area
4. Doncaster Park/ Mohawk Dr area
5. Middleton. N Gammon Rd/ Teideman's Pond area

Forestry Staff is systematically inspecting all ash terrace trees within the City of Madison. They are placing yellow dots on ash trees that do not meet the [EAB treatment criteria](#) (Tree Removal FAQ).

If you think your private tree is infested with EAB, please contact a private tree care company or certified arborist to verify the infestation at your own expense. City of Madison Forestry Section will be concentrating its efforts on city street trees.

If you have an ash tree on your private property, you will need to make a decision to treat or remove the tree. If you do not make a decision, it will be made for you. All untreated ash trees will die, EAB is 100% fatal to untreated ash trees. To help you in your decision, we created a [homeowner's decision guide](#).

Information is available online at:

www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/

Handouts (Please see handouts for additional details):

- EAB Tree Replacement FAQ's
- EAB Tree Removal FAQ's
- EAB Treatment FAQ's
- Decision Guide to Managing EAB on Private Trees

What about trees in Parks? Treatment does not extend to park trees, only terrace trees.

Adopt a Park Tree

Approximately 5000 ash trees in parks (no current inventory of trees in parks). Park trees can be adopted, however, as long as they meet the same criteria as street trees. A neighbor (or group of neighbors) can select a tree (or trees) that they may be interested in adopting. Before taking action, people must notify the City of Madison Forestry department via a form through the following website:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/AdoptaParkTree.cfm>

You may also donate to the Madison Parks Foundation to support tree replacement.

Private inventory initiative occurring this summer – state DNR and U.S. Forest Service to inventory urban canopy.

New Business: UW Madison Campus Master Plan – 2015 Update

Aaron Williams, PLA, ASLA (Guest), Assistant Planner Campus Planning & Landscape Architecture, UW Madison Facilities Planning & Management

The Master Plan Update will serve as a tool to help establish a continuing framework to guide the orderly growth and development of the campus while protecting and enhancing important open spaces as well as historic and cultural landscapes. The Campus Master Plan will be consistent with and support the university's current mission, vision and strategic plan.

For more information, please visit: masterplan.wisc.edu

Email: masterplan@fpm.wisc.edu

Please see newsletter handouts for additional information.

Continuing Business:

- Midtown Police District: architect Engberg Anderson/Moyer Associates selected.

Announcements & Reports:

Sunset Park (Ken Raffa)

- City Engineering reported a possible discussion of safety concerns related to Sunset Court open channel near Sunset Park. Ken and Jason Valerius discussed with Eric Dundee.

New Rain Gardens (Ken Raffa)

- Nine new rain gardens along Owen Drive. Thanks to Liz McBride for organizing this effort for the neighborhood!

Friends of Hoyt Park (Anne Raffa)

- Saturday July 18 (noon to 3 pm) potluck Royce Shelter
- Celebration of 20th anniversary of Friends of Hoyt Park
- New park ranger is Jessica Bauer (if you see her or have questions, say hi!)

Upcoming Social Events (Josh Arnold)

- Make Music Madison – June 21, Lucia Crest Park (Tim Gruber)
- Ice cream social – July 11, Lucia Crest Park (Brian Andersen)
- Neighborhood garage sale – July 24, 25 (Amanda Moss Struckmeyer)
- Hillside Terrace Block Party – dates TBD (Josh Arnold)

Treasurer's Report (Josh Arnold for Brian Andersen)

- No new updates. At the last meeting, Brian reported that the SVCA bank account balance was \$6,375.33.

Newsletter (Liz Vowles)

- The next deadline for submitting to the SVCA newsletter is July 12.

SVCA electronic communications (Ken Raffa)

- Ken asked Josh Arnold to coordinate looking into potential upgrades for the SVCA website. Vaughan James volunteered to help.

Special Recognition for Jean MacCubbin (Ulrike Dieterlie)

Jean MacCubbin has lived in her Cape Cod on Heather Crest since 1985. In these 30 years, she has been a major contributor to Sunset Village activities and organizations. She has generously given of her time and talents to our community in multiple ways whether in

city politics, neighborhood leadership, district initiatives and projects, always with a smile, a positive approach and an open mind.

Please see attachment for complete narrative from Ulrike's acknowledgement of Jean.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

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