



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**COMMISSION**

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Wednesday, April 13, 2005

5:35 PM

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**Bridge/ Lake Point/ Waunona Neighborhood Center**  
**1917 Lake Point Drive**

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Czyszczak-Lyne. A quorum of members was present.*

II. Roll Call

*Staff Present: Dorothy Conniff, Bruce Newton, Leslie McAlister, Mary O'Donnell, Lorri Wendorf*

*Others Present: Ald. Greg Markle, Jolenta Coleman, Shawn Eisele, Alexandra Fayen, Simona Perales, Cora White, Tom Solyst*

**Present:** Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Jean M. MacCubbin, Mary Stamstad, Joanne E. Brown, Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, Erica M. Laughlin and Stephen A. Small

**Absent:** Richard C. Berling, Diana L. Shinall and David Wandel

III. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2005

*The Commission moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2005. Motion by Van Rooy/Small passed unanimously.*

IV. Introduction of and welcome to the Commission, Tracey Caradine, appointed to the position of Community (Minority) Representative, succeeding Robert Howard, and Erica Laughlin, appointed to the position of Community Representative

*The Commission moved to approve the appointments of Joanne Brown, Erica Laughlin, and Stephen Small to serve on the Weed and Seed Program Review Subcommittee. Motion by Van Rooy/Brown passed unanimously. The Commission moved to extend to Ald. Jean MacCubbin its utmost appreciation for her lengthy service, commitment and dedication to the mission and work of the Community Services Commission. Motion by unanimous acclamation.*

V. Public Comment

A. Bridge/ Lake Point/ Waunona Neighborhood Center

*Simona Perales, Shawn Eisele, Jolenta Coleman, Alexandra Fayen, Cora White, Staff and Tom Solyst, Executive Director*

*Sixty percent (60%) of neighborhood rental residents are Latino, making the neighborhood diverse, both ethnically and economically. The center needs to be a focal point for the neighborhood for resources, education, recreation and socializing. A handout was provided, giving a summary of center programs, upcoming community events, the computer lab, and the Advisory Committee. The computer lab, food pantry,*

*MSCR Safe Haven, Girl Neighborhood Program and Latino Resource Center are key center programs. Tom credits the strong, energetic staff as the key to successful programs and acceptance in the neighborhood.*

B. Other Public Comment

VI. Weed and Seed Program - Appointment of Subcommittee for review of Year Three Seed Applications in response to Request for Proposals.

*Community Services will be issuing a Request for Proposals on or about April 20 with proposals due by May 13. There will be about \$25,000 for children and youth services and \$20,000 for leadership development. Based on the delay in spending Year I and II leadership development monies, some of the Year III money may be reallocated to additional children and youth programming or employment support.*

VII. Allied and Emerging Neighborhoods Funds and Summary of 2005 allocations approved by the Common Council, per Legislative File No. 00810.

*Bruce summarized the funding allocations approved by the Mayor and Common Council for 2005.*

VIII. Correspondence

A. City Attorney Opinion #05-003 regarding conflicts of interest of members of boards, committees and commissions.

*The Commission reviewed the City Attorney's opinion regarding conflict of interests under City ordinance and State law.*

IX. Draft Resolution on Project Safe Neighborhoods

*Mary O'Donnell summarized the grant program which will be coordinated with Dane County, Madison Metropolitan School District and the Urban League of Greater Madison . A Resolution to allocate funding to the Urban League will be introduced on April 19.*

X. Referrals from the Common Council

Accepting the Vision Document for the Allied Community as presented by the Mayor.

*The Commission moved to accept the Vision Document for the Allied Community as presented by the Mayor, and to forward the Commission's final report to the Board of Estimates and Allied Area Task Force. Motion by MacCubbin/Brown passed unanimously.*

**Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES**

Final review and approval

XI. Item #00413 - The Affordable Housing Demand Reduction Plan.

*Ald. Greg Markle addressed the Commission about the Resolution he authored on Affordable Housing Demand Reduction Plan. Ald. Markle talked about the basic economics of linking supply and demand in the area of affordable housing. The Section 8 program is full and the waiting list is closed. How do we move people from a subsidized program to market housing? We lack data to show progress in improving*

*family economic conditions to move them up the housing ladder. In the Allied neighborhood, it appeared that residents were asking more for improved education, jobs and child care than they were asking for the housing development at the Super Saver property. How can we as a City help people achieve the income levels needed to afford market rate housing? We should take a look at re-aligning City resources and see how we could help people to improve their wealth and opportunities to afford market rate housing. We need to coordinate revitalization of families as well as physical facilities and housing. He hopes the Commission and CDBG Commission will produce some workable ideas on this issue.*

*Staff circulated information about income sustainability standards and displacement issues.*

Discussion of work plan and timeline

## XII. Status Reports and Updates

### A. Weed and Seed Program

*A written summary was circulated to the Commission.*

*All Commissioners joined in thanking Ald. Jean MacCubbin for her service as Alderperson, and especially for her dedication to the Commission and all of the difficult programmatic and fiscal issues dealt with during her tenure. She will be greatly missed by all.*

### B. Neighborhoods and Programs

## XIII. Committee Reports

### A. Early Childhood Care and Education Board (Brown)

### B. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (Stamstad)

## XIV. Announcements

*The Commission moved to refer all committee reports to the May meeting. Action by consensus.*

## XV. Adjournment

*The Commission moved to adjourn. Motion by Van Rooy/MacCubbin passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005.*

*Note: These minutes are notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting.*