



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved EMERSON EAST-EKEN PARK-YAHARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 28, 2015

6:30 PM

Bashford United Methodist Church  
329 North Street

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Arthur M. Hackett; Amy L. Klusmeier; Adrienne Sella; David A. Albino;  
Douglas J. Buege and Daniel S. Grubb

**Excused:** 1 - Aaron E. Onsrud

**City Alders and Staff:** Alder Larry Palm, District 12; Linda Horvath and Angela Puerta, City of Madison Planning & Community & Economic Development.

### APPROVAL OF November 19, 2014 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Grubb, to Approve the November 19, 2014 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anne Gassere from E. Mifflin St. and Co-Chair of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association attended the meeting. Gassere shared the community's interest in applying for the City's Neighborhood Grant Program for beautification at the greenspace triangle between E. Johnson St. and Pennsylvania Ave.
- Tim Cordon from North 6th St. and member of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association shared ideas for improving ped/bike circulation and safety including a pedestrian overpass from 6th St. over Pennsylvania Ave., industrial development and the rail yard to connect to Burrows Park; extension of the E. Mifflin St. bike boulevard through or over the new public market site to connect the Tenney-Lapham and Emerson East Neighborhoods. Cordon also commented on the need for a publicly accessible space in the public market area where everyone can access views of downtown and the lakes.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

#### 1. [32851](#) Plan Development

- Gateway enhancements
  - In addition to the Neighborhood Grant Program, the Emerson East Neighborhood could contact Karin Wolf, City Arts Administrator, to discuss public art grant opportunities for beautification project ideas.
  - Lunde Williams, LLC was hired by the City to develop detailed site plans and 3-D models for plan focus areas including: North Street Neighborhood Mixed-Use Node

and Commercial Corridor; Sherman/Yahara Neighborhood Site; Sherman/Fordem Gateway and Neighborhood Mixed-Use Node; and the Emerson Elementary School Playground and Neighborhood Gathering Area.

Committee Comments

- Palm asked how Milwaukee allows signs arced over public streets (e.g. Public Market sign in the Third Ward). He indicated that 1st St and East Washington Ave. is a potential site for installing such a sign.
- Transportation Safety and Efficiency
  - Evaluate the possibility of installing planters or other barriers on either end of Hoard St. to slow down traffic.
  - Traffic speeds along 4th and 5th Sts. along East High. Need traffic calming.
  - There is a high volume of ped/bike traffic at 2nd St./E. Washington Ave. Better crossing facilities are needed.
  - Keep traffic slow and orderly through the new public market by developing one ingress and one egress.
  - Maintain stoplight at Marquette St./E. Washington Ave. intersection rather than moving it to Oak St.; keep no u-turn signs.
  - Consider removing some parking spaces at 2nd through 7 Sts. and intersection with E. Washington Ave. to improve visibility for cars turning onto E. Washington Ave.
  - Consider adding a stop sign at E. Mifflin St./2nd St. to slow down traffic; Madison Development Corporation housing is nearby and there are residents with mobility impairments.
  - Visually differentiate bike paths that are on sidewalks by adding color to the concrete.
- Community Health and Wellness
  - Public market - coordinate the Public Market and Yahara River Master Plan processes with the neighborhood planning process.
  - Evaluate ideas for safely and efficiently bringing bikes and pedestrians to and through the new public market site: consider extending the Mifflin St. bike boulevard through, or over the public market.
  - Consider multi-story structure (s) with nay future redevelopment of shopping center and create a publicly accessible vista for views of downtown and the lakes.
- Other comments
  - Neighborhood Grant Program applications are due March 2nd. Access an application and additional information at:  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/grantprogram.htm>
  - It is anticipated that the Final Draft Neighborhood Plan will be completed by the end of April and a Public Open House will be one way to solicit public input.
  - Outreach for the Open House will include, but not be limited to, distributing postcards, posters, and submitting the information through neighborhood association listservs, newsletters, Facebook pages and other avenues.

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Next Meeting

- Guest speakers: Anna Andrzejewski, U.W. Professor and local historian and Amy Scanlon - City of Madison Historic Preservation Planner and Heather Stouder - Planner and. Topics for presentation and discussion to include:
  - History, architecture and neighborhood fabric and integrity in Eken Park and Emerson East Neighborhoods.
  - Establishing Historic Districts and Neighborhood Conservation Districts in the City of Madison.

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Buege, seconded by Grubb, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Funding for the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara Neighborhood Plan project is supported by the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.