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Meeting Minutes - Approved TRIANGLE AND MONONA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

5:30 PM

Brittingham Apartments Cafeteria
755 Braxton Place

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Jared J. Pelski; Chad J. Ruppel; DeWayne T. Gray; Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson; Mike Brasser; Alexis London; Yvette Jones and Dia Xiong

Excused: 3 - Maria Espinoza; Curtis V. Brink and Sariah J. Daine

Also in attendance: 4 - District 13 Alder, Sara Eskrich; Planning Division staff: Linda Horvath, Ryan Jonely, and Angela Puerta.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF March 7, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made by Brasser, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the March 7, 2018 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two registrants who wished to speak. Their comments are highlighted bellow.

Dave Katz shared that the mix of pedestrians and bikes on sidewalks is dangerous. Some bikes are going 15 miles per hour. Installation of stoplights on both sides of Chandler/ S. Park St. could encourage bicyclists to use the street. Police enforcement of traffic regulations at random, unpredictable times could also help.

David E. Lance talked about the program he is trying to start. It is called GameNite Plus and it would take place at a shared space like Brittingham cafeteria, maybe on a Saturday night. It would include games, art, potluck and other activities for residents to enjoy. Many residents stay in their apartments and would appreciate this sort of regular recreational event. It could help make the neighborhood a better place. Tenants, nurses, and others in the neighborhood could participate. Many residents have already said they think it is a good idea, but looking for more support by fund raising, and talking with community organizations and businesses for potential support.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

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Issues and Opportunities

- Need commuter bike path to connect to Triangle; separate bike and pedestrian uses on paths and sidewalks; add landscape border rather than fence, trees and other greenery.
- Be careful that commuter-style bike path does not become a place where mopeds and skateboards race around.
- Bikes approaching area from the east also need better connection to Triangle; bike boulevard on W. Main St. brings bicyclists to Brittingham area, but still no good connection to Triangle (also, there is still no bike boulevard segment on W. Main between Proudfit and Brittingham Place).
- Need directional signage for the bike path indicating where to enter and exit.
- Need wheelchair accessibility on bike path; 60% of CDA residents have mobility limitations.
- Add more trees along bike paths and generally in the neighborhood area.
- Not many Bayview residents bike, more walk; provide better pedestrian accessibility and think about wheelchair accessibility.
- It is not safe to cross W. Washington Ave. between pedestrian bridge and Regent St. Create a safer route for kids to cross to Brittingham Park.
- A primary asset of this area is walkability for families. People enjoy walking as an activity. Similar to people who like to fish, it's a pastime to enjoy.
- The grid street pattern that the Triangle had over 60 years ago seemed to work better than the current layout of the Triangle; If we bring the street grid back, it could slow down traffic.
- Tradeoff with grid pattern is a potential loss of security, safety and stability that now exists for many who live there.
- At least bring back a cross street to help better distribute traffic.
- Hospitals need to do a better job of facing the neighborhood; people have hard time finding doors to enter both Meriter and St. Mary's Hospitals.
- Extend boulevards to provide more space for pedestrians to wait as they are crossing the street.
- Be careful that proposed Bus Rapid Transit route on Park Street does not further isolate the Triangle.
- There are 125 kids at Bayview who feel safe and secure on the Triangle.
- Greener areas with more adequate playgrounds - expand what there is now with potential skateboard park, climbing walls, basketball courts, etc.
- Need more organized sports for kids.
- Do not allow more boxes and rectangular designs in new buildings - make better choices for new architecture.
- Need more parking for residents.
- Need more affordable housing beyond the Triangle - diversify the larger area economically; should also be home ownership on the Triangle.

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Next Steps

Check-in:

- Display planning process schedule at each Steering Committee meeting w/deliverables and check off when completed.
- Facilitate structured drawing small group exercise.
- Present on housing scale, density with visuals that help committee better understand how to plan for new housing.
- Some frustration with where Committee and process is at, and where we are going; spend time talking with residents and want to provide concrete plan updates; schedule with deliverables and milestones will be helpful.

- Please provide data including but not limited to: numbers of cars, demographics, cars registered to planning area residents.
- Consider Madison Land Trust as a tool to provide ownership opportunities.
- Need detailed map of existing features to help Committee better understand what features of the area work, and what does not work.
- Need better understanding of what kind of flexibility there is in terms of existing buildings; could we get a map of which buildings may be redeveloped.
- Would like consideration of one-story ranch style houses - accessible for elderly.
- Please provide information on how many people are on CDA and Bayview housing wait lists, and how much public investment is currently being made in this area.
- Would like to bring back neighborhood schools; children have to travel a long way to get to school.
- Pests continue to be a huge problem; pest control must be improved.

The next meeting will take place on May 2, at 5:45 p.m. at Bayview Community Center, 601 Bayview.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Ruppel, seconded by London, to Adjourn at 7:15 p.m.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

All materials prepared for this Steering Committee will be available at the following link:
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/triangle-monona-bay-plan/2569/>