
DMNA Council Meeting Minutes for 04/03/2024

6:45 pm, Zoom remote call

IN ATTENDANCE

Diego Saenz, Catherine Jagoe, Dennis Trest, Shawn Schey, Shawn Shy, Carole Kantor, Dave Leeper, Daryl Sherman, Tom Huber, Lisa Grueneberg, Marie Trest, Jake Dean, Anne Balch, Sandy Stark, Rick Stoner, Laura Checovich, Brad Boyce

PROCEDURAL

- Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the agenda with two additions.
- There was a unanimous vote to approve the March meeting minutes with one correction.

ALDER'S REPORT

- Tag and another alder have introduced a proposed amendment to City ordinance regarding aggressive dogs. Recently, a dog under investigation for aggressive behavior jumped its electronic barrier and nearly killed another dog. Tag's amendment would allow Board of Health staff to impose certain needed interim restrictions on dogs that have harmed a person or pet, while the investigation into the incident is under way. The process is lengthy because it can result in anything from an official warning to euthanasia and owners do not always cooperate. Meanwhile pedestrians and their dogs remain unprotected. The ordinance change would mean that owners can no longer use an electronic shock collar for a dog on their property after an incident has been reported, and the dog may no longer be left unattended on the owners' property unless fenced in or in a structured kennel. When off the property, they must be muzzled.
- ADUs update: The ADU ordinance change passed unanimously at the Housing Strategy Committee. It now goes to Plan Commission next Monday April 10 and Common Council on April 16. Most ADU properties are operated by local mom and pop residents. Only 32 have been constructed since 2012. There are three on Keyes Ave but they are not visible from the street. The ordinance change allows ADUS for properties with up to 8 units and abolishes the need for owner-occupancy. Tag does not think this will lead to an explosion of ADUs. Madison will have an estimated 100,000 new residents by 2050 and it would be foolish not to plan for that increase responsibly.

Discussion: Dave asked if we could refer this to DMNA Zoning Committee to review and issue a statement of support. Tag said they have already reviewed it. Shawn is only the member of Zoning Committee present tonight. She has had a lot of correspondence with

Tag about this. The Zoning Committee was not able to reach consensus due to the short notice.

- The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Circuit's decision to deny Edgewood High School's federal religious discrimination lawsuit. The appeal was turned down by a 3-judge panel, again in unequivocal terms. EW now has two remaining options if they wish to pursue an appeal: (1) file for an "en banc" review, which would mean that all the judges of the 7th Circuit Court would have to agree to rehear the case. This is unlikely because unanimous 3-judge opinions are rarely reheard. (2) Request a hearing by the US Supreme Court. But given there is no equivocation in the judge's decision, there is not much basis for the Supreme Court to agree to take this case. They hear only 100 out of 1,000 cases a year, and only ones that have national, constitutional implications. The Boardman and Clark attorney thought this would not qualify. EW has not communicated with Tag in a while. He has only met with the new president of the College, Andrew Manion. Maybe now would be a good time to re-engage and see if EW would like to pursue meeting with the Liaison Committee?

Discussion: Diego asked if there is a time frame within which Edgewood must appeal. Dave Leeper thinks there is, but it would be so expensive and wasteful that he can't see why they would do it. Diego is hopeful that now the lawsuit is behind us, we can re-engage. Tag pointed out that Edgewood might choose to go back to the Plan Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our March income was \$63.91. Expenses were \$195.00. The total membership is 779 now. Dennis hopes to get a storage locker later this week or next. The report was accepted by all present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Covered in agenda items 2 and 3.

AGENDA ITEMS

Request from Rick Stoner, the owner of Strictly Discs since 2023. This year's Record Store Day will be held on Saturday April 20. The line of customers typically starts at the door and goes back to Edgewood College. Some of them camp out the night before until the event begins at noon. This year Rick would like to improve the experience for customers by serving free beer from 8 am to 2 pm as they wait in line. SD has always given out beer on Record Store Day instore, but to do so outside, they need a temporary alcohol license. Rick has applied to the City for a Street Use Permit to close down half a block of Harrison St, from Monroe St to the Trader Joe's entry. The City will close that section of Harrison at 4 am and re-open it by 4pm.

Rick seeks Council approval to list DMNA as the sponsor for the event on the Temporary B license application, since such licenses can only be granted to "bona

fide clubs” among other organizations. He says DMNA would be covered under City liability policy.

Discussion: Diego said the City has an FAQ on this. As a sponsor we would need at least one person to be there during the time beer is being served. Dennis wants to verify with the City that DMNA constitutes a “bona fide club.” Rick did check and the City defines a club as “a non-profit whose main purpose is to meet.” Dave Leeper would like City Attorney to specify DMNA is indeed eligible to sponsor and he would like DMNA to be named on the City policy as “named insured.” Dave volunteered to run the booth and distribute DMNA materials. Rick will work with Travelers Insurance to get DMNA added to the policy certificate. He will contact Kelly Post at the City to verify with City legal counsel whether they believe DMNA is a “bona fide club.” Tom asked if there will be any non-alcoholic beverages and/or coffee. Rick says they will have bottled water and food and Barriques often provides coffee. Alcohol will be served 8-2 at the Boston Beer tent by a licensed bartender.

Dave moved that we cosponsor this event and provide a person to participate from 8 am to 2 pm, assuming we are named as insured under the insurance policy. Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Diego will coordinate with Rick about signing the form. Dave and Diego volunteered to be the DMNA representatives present at the event, and invited others to help out if they are available.

- Turkish Kitchen reached out to Diego about their Alcohol License. They held a public meeting at short notice a couple of days ago. Diego invited them to the Council meeting tonight, but they were not able to send anyone. They are requesting a Class B Beer license and a Class C wine license. Their request will go before the Alcohol License Review Committee on April 17 at 5:30pm.
- 2024 Annual Meeting Reminder – Diego Saenz. It will be held at Friends’ Meeting House on Saturday, April 13th from 2:00-4:00. The room will be set up a little in advance and DMNA will purchase pies to serve. Marie met with the Friends this week and they are excited to host us. Their leader Jeremiah is planning to attend and give tours of their facility and their geothermal and solar features.
- Dave Leeper – DMNA has one side of the bulletin board at Wingra Park by the Boat House. It’s not good quality—hard to see or read. Debi Leeper replaced the scratched plexiglass cover with a polycarbonate sheet from Menards that should scratch less, for \$86. Dave made a motion that DMNA reimburse him for the \$86 replacement. Lisa seconded. She said it will need some silicon caulk. Lisa will help with that. Sandy said that City Parks Dept owns those boards. Sandy requested a replacement for the one on the bike path 5 years ago and the City agreed, but then did nothing. Dave will check with Parks Dept that it is ok to replace the bulletin board cover so that Tyler doesn’t get into trouble. The other side of both boards belongs to Friends of Lake Wingra. Lisa asked if we should update the material displayed. Debi Leeper has been updating it. There was a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Tom moved to adjourn. Daryl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Catherine Jagoe.