

## Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting

### October 08, 2019 Agenda

<b>Board Officers:</b>	<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>Alternates:</b>
Kathy Soukup, President	Patrick Soukup	Carrie Ezzell
Fred Svensson, Vice President	Amanda McKaig	Collin Roland
Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer	Kris Whitman	
Emily Mixon, Secretary	Breanna Illéné	
7:00 Call to order and call for changes to the agenda		
7:05 Review and approval of minutes of the September 2019 meeting		
7:10 Update on bus costs from Carrie Ezzell		
7:30 Update on the potential winter party as a community building event		
8:10 Updates of city committees/commissions		
8:15 Updates from ECA committees (e.g., Facebook accounts, PayPal options, recommendations for By-Law changes, etc.)		
8:20 Treasurer's Report		
8:25 Call for agenda items for the October 8, 2019 meeting and adjourn		

#### 1) Call to Order & Review of previous minutes

Board Members Present: Patrick Soukup, Kathy Soukup, Breanne Illene, Amanda McKaig, Emily Mixon, Fred Svensson

Board Members Excused: Collin Roland, Kris Whitman, Dan Zimmerman

#### *Additions to the agenda:*

Announcement: Neighbors for Climate Justice Meeting (Angela & Erika), Saturday Oct 12, 2019 3-6 PM Eastmorland Park Playground (3801 Dawes Street)—what can our neighborhood do to help our footprint?

Leaf Raking Party: Poster. Kathy will call Emil and ask him if we can print the advertisement in Hi Neighbor. 9AM Saturday Nov. 9, 2019.

#### 2) Edit to meeting minutes: excused absences (double check September meeting minutes). Emily will re-send out the minutes, Kathy will get a copy to Carrie.

- 3) **Carrie Ezzell on Buses/Wheel Tax:** Thinks ECA should write a letter to the mayor against the new \$40 wheel tax on behalf of our more elderly/disabled neighbors. Why should we pay for the buses when the buses don't take us where we need to go? This is a large expense for some senior/single residents. Many neighbors cannot bike or walk long distances. Many rely on vehicles for doctor's appointments, groceries, etc.

Carrie moves to have ECA write a letter to get a waiver for elderly/disabled on wheel tax (motion tabled for further discussion from Alderman Foster)

4) **Winter Party**

First and third Sundays of the month: No VFW events.

Upper dining room vs. whole back space (whole back space would allow room for kids to play). January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Kathy will put a save the date announcement in the next Hi Neighbor and a reminder in February Hi Neighbor.

5) **City Commissions/Alderman Updates**

***Alderman Foster***

Grant is on Transportation Policy & Planning Board, Transportation Commission, Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, Economic Development, Solid Waste Advisory, Madison Metro Sewage District, Common Council Executive Committee. He is chairing a work group on council communications.

Subscribe to Grant's blog for weekly updates.

October 8, 2019: Voigt Farm walk—discussion of special area plan. This group was concerned about community involvement and wants to get people together to talk about ideas and community vision. Ideas so far: senior housing, maintain access to greenway and Starkweather Creek, etc. Add things to the metrics of the special area plan. Perhaps have this be a topic of the next or another ECA meeting? The more input there is, the better.

Dog Park Location: Public meeting in November/December (TBD). Two potential areas: OB Sherry and/or Eastmorland Park. Grant suggested that Parks bring options to the neighborhood for discussion.

City Budget:

Mayor's Office → Referred to Finance Committee, gets recommendations from every agency (second half of these meetings will happen on 10/10/2019 at 4:30 at Madison Municipal Building, Room 215, will discuss Wheel Tax then). Likely a vote or decision will happen at Finance Meeting (10/21 same time and location). This is when amendments get proposed. All of these meetings are open to the public.

### Wheel Tax:

Ordinance: two items, budget and ordinance (can't pass budget without ordinance and vice versa. Challenge in simply saying "no" is coming up with the \$8M).

Question: Where will the money go? New stuff, but bulk of it will replace general fund revenue (general fund revenue will go elsewhere to pay for HR increases, 3% raises for employees, for City Police and Fire, and equity with other city employees, higher numbers on health insurance and retirement).

### Grant's explainer on Transportation:

Need to improve bus service, there is finite math on motor vehicle capacity. We experience this with undersized/overcrowded areas (Washington Avenue, Fish Hatchery, University Avenue). Projection to have increase in number of people in Dane County. Still almost 50% of people drive. We would need to add two more lanes in each direction to have same bad traffic at 8AM. We cannot do nothing.

Opportunity to get \$79 million from Federal Government but need to show some match. City has been hamstrung by government (State, Federal, regional tax authority. We don't have a regional tax authority because it is outlawed by state. That would be more equitable.). We will need support from County—inter-municipal agreements.

This budget includes: Free cost passes to kids in the summer, possibly discount or free for elderly in future. Expanding weekend and night service in south park area is in this budget. Grant is working with Metro to improve bus service to new Pinney once it opens. Dempsey and Milwaukee no left-turn is a hamstring. Grant is focused on this. Future Idea: tax rebate if you use the bus.

Traffic impact fees for developers—not just residents chipping in, but large businesses.

Encourage employers to give bus passes (UW Hospital gives them for free, other aspects of UW Health, \$48 for year).

BRT: high capacity, fast transit. IF we start a system, we can get \$80 million investment from government. This will allow us to get more money moved over to our local bus system, improve density of bus stops, frequency (weekend service, etc).

No update on Golf Task Force: Meeting not scheduled yet; Grant will keep us apprised. Grant can get us list of people on the committee, has golfer representation from District 15.

Chief of Police: Commission will do hire (appointed by mayor, one appointee per year). This committee is non-partisan and is required by state statute.

***Kristen Audet. Dane County Supervisor***

County Budget: different timeline, information on Kristen's website. Kristen will email to Emily.

Budget in review with standing committees and departments—week of 10/21 is when amendments will be due. Then further time for consideration. Final vote at county level is end of November. Also has 3% cost of living increase for employees. Tax levy increase as put forward by executive (not final) is about 2.58% (about \$21/household).

Public Hearing: 10/16/2019 7PM, Room 201 of City/County Building  
Kristen will ask about where county wheel tax is going and get back to us.

**6) ECA Committees: no updates**

**7) Treasurer Report: no notes from Dan, see below for state of the treasury as of 10/08/2019**

General fund	\$14,358.81
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$598.63
Total Checking/Savings	\$14,957.44
PayPal account - general	\$94.02
Paypal account (ash trees)	278.24
Accounts Overdue/due	\$884.20
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$0.00
Prepaid ads	\$2,459.80
Balance	\$13,754.10
Paid to Tree Health Management on 9/6/2018 for treatment of 33 ash trees in the neighborhood	\$6,311.23
currently donated	\$876.87
Left to raise	\$5,434.36

**8) Agenda Items for Future:**

Approve Aug and Sept meeting minutes

Treasurer's report

VFW update about party

Leaf Raking Party

Invite group to discuss Voigt Farm ideas/plans (spring, maybe January or February)

Discuss F35 issue

**Adjourned 8:15**

