

Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting – February 11, 2020

Minutes

Board Officers: Kathy Soukup, President Fred Svensson, Vice President Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer Emily Mixon, Secretary	Board Directors: Patrick Soukup Amanda McKaig Kris Whitman Breanna Illéné	Alternates: Carrie Ezzell Collin Roland
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1. Call to order and call for changes to the agenda.

All the Board Directors/Officers were present, with the exceptions of Breanna Illéné, Emily Mixon, and Collin Roland, all of whom were excused; a quorum was established. Two items were added to the agenda, discussion of holding the monthly meetings at the new Pinney Library and discussion of the potential changes to the City Council (reduction), but were not addressed due to lack of time.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting

Mr. Svensson moved to approve the minutes “as is”. Mr. Woolsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation about Woodman’s Auto Re-development (Jim Arneson)

It was noted that the store on Milwaukee Street was the first Woodman’s to offer car washes and oil changes. Since that time, the standards for these services has changed. In order to meet the standards and provide better service to its customers, Woodman’s purchased the El Poblano restaurant building. Once pertinent city approvals are given, Woodman’s plans to tear down the restaurant building and reorient the oil change bays (and add one more bay) and convenience store to allow for better traffic flow. In addition, Woodman’s will improve bicycle access to the property, provide landscaping and maintenance of the landscaping to meet city requirements, and address storm water management requirements related to the changes. If the city approvals are given in a timely manner, work should begin in May 2020. Note: The gas station may not be available for approximately three months due to the demolition and construction.

4. Presentation on Milwaukee Street Area Plan (Sue Thering and others)

Ms. Thering reviewed aspects of the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan that began in CY 2005 and was formally detailed and adopted by the Common Council in December 2018 (see Attachment 1).

Amazon, through an intermediary, purchased the Swiss Colony property and some of the adjacent property that all is zoned for industrial purposes. Amazon wanted to put in a distribution center on this property to provide a hub for its one-day deliveries, with semi-trucks entering the property from Corporate Drive, 500 parking spaces for delivery vans, and 200 parking spaces for staff parking. Because of a prior agreement with the city for demolition of a building on the property, Amazon was required to obtain approval from the city Plan Commission; on a vote of 6 to 2, the Plan Commission denied Amazon’s plan. Amazon is appealing to the Common Council, which must have at least 2/3 majority voting to override the Plan Commission’s vote in order to succeed in their appeal.

If someone is interested in further details, updates in changes to these plans, and/or providing input to the Common Council when the appeal comes before the Council, then he/she should contact Ms. Thering at susan@designcoalition.org.

Alder Foster believes that this appeal will come before the Council in March. He indicated that he will try to garner support to change the zoning in the area to better reflect the details in the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan.

5. ECA winter party

An ECA sponsored winter party was going to be held on February 23rd as a community building event at the VFW Post on Cottage Grove Road. Plans were made to provide pizza and have games available. However, it was decided that due to the lack of publicity of the event, the event should be rescheduled for May 31st and combined with the annual membership meeting during which voting for Board Directors will occur.

6. Update of city commissions/committees

Alder Foster Grant provides a great deal of information about what is happening in Madison on his blog (see <https://www.cityofmadison.com/Council/district15/blog/>); there is a space to sign up for future updates via email on this webpage.

County Supervisor Kristin Audet provides pertinent updates at <https://kristenaudet.com/updates>):

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Zimmerman reported that he has received a letter from the IRS indicating that they received the § 510 (c) (4) application. A letter either approving the application or requesting additional information should be forthcoming in 90 to 180 days.

	Balance as of 2/11/2020
General fund	\$13,195.33
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$892.26
Total Checking/Savings	\$14,087.59
PayPal account – general	\$199.62
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$278.24
Accounts Overdue/due	\$520.60
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$150.00
Prepaid ads	\$1,165.38
Balance	\$13,770.67

Paid to Tree Health Management on 9/6/2018 for treatment of 33 ash trees in the neighborhood	\$6,311.23
currently donated	\$1,170.50
Left to raise	\$5,140.73

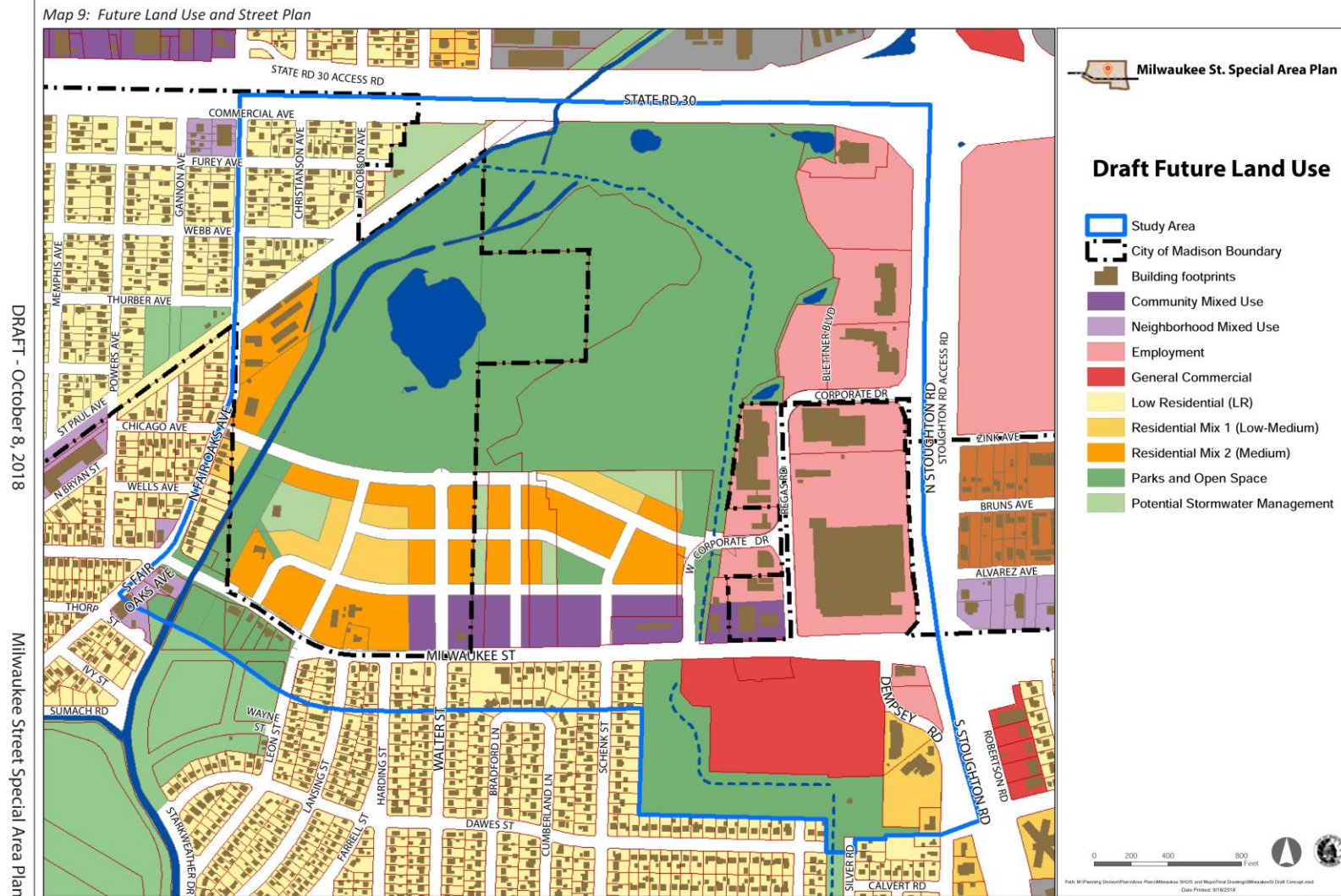
7. Call for agenda items for the March 10th meeting

In addition to the regular business agenda items (e.g., approval of the prior meeting's minutes), the following items were identified: 1) Discussion of holding the monthly meetings at the new Pinney Library; 2) Discussion of the potential changes to the City Council (reduction in the number of alders); and 3) Plan for the spring clean-up in the parks.

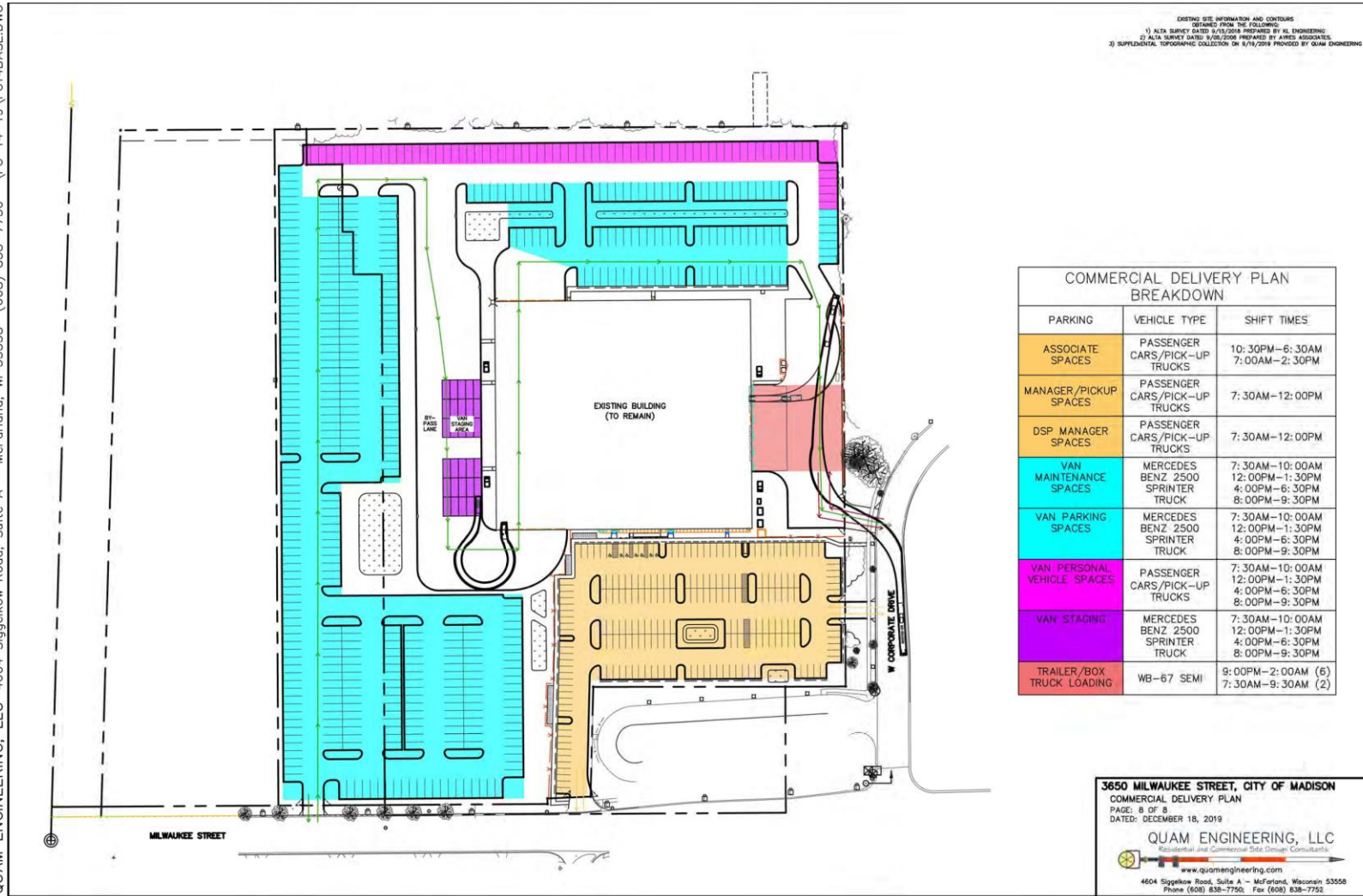
Adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Dan Zimmerman

Attachment 1



Page 12 of the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan adopted by the Common Council on December 4, 2018 (see the full report at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Milwaukee%20Street%20SAP%20121218%20web.pdf>)



Proposed Amazon plan for parking and building

Approved Land Use Plan with Proposed Amazon Parking Plan

Map 9: Future Land Use and Street Plan

