

**Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2020
Agenda**

Meeting will be hosted on Zoom at 7 PM

<https://iliff-edu.zoom.us/j/94918595577>

Board Officers: Kathy Soukup, President Fred Svensson, Vice President Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer Emily Mixon, Secretary	Board Members: Patrick Soukup Amanda McKaig Kris Whitman Breanna Illéné Emily Sprengelmeyer	Alternates: Carrie Ezzell Collin Roland
7:00 Call to order and call for changes to the agenda		
7:05 Review and approval of minutes of the July, 2020 meeting (no meeting held in August)		
7:10 Presentation/Discussion with Madison Metro representative(s) about neighborhood bus routes		
7:30 Discuss upcoming Plan Commission items (Kathy)		
7:40 Updates of city committees/commissions (Grant Foster, Alderperson, and Kristen Audet, County Supervisor, if present)		
7:40 Updates from ECA committees (e.g., Facebook accounts, PayPal options, recommendations for By-Law changes, etc.) *Discuss Ash Tree Fundraising*		
7:55 Treasurer's Report		
8:00 Call for agenda items for the October 2020 meeting		
8:05 Adjourn		

Call to order.

Attendance:

Board: Fred Svensson, Kathy Soukup, Patrick Soukup, Breanna Illene, Dan Zimmerman, Collin Roland, Emily Mixon, Emily Sprengelmeyer, Amanda McKaig, Kris Whitman, Grant Foster

Ed Woolsey, Mark Thompson, Heather Daniels, Sheila Guilfoyle

Minutes reflect that August 2020 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

Approval of the July 2020 minutes: Dan moves to approve minutes, Amanda seconds, minutes are approved.

Madison Metro Routes (Mick Rusch)

1. Regarding COVID routes and routes brought back/not brought back in August (the 38 and 3 are still not running). Virtual hearing on October 14 (sign up to speak or write your comments)
https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/public-hearing-scheduled?fbclid=IwAR2wIJYm9JqJzgcs0AXs2eLh8XgbEq6_4Rki2BMmkikffLqupXM5wyFSkHs
 - Reduced service to modified Saturday schedule until August 23
 - Reduced passenger capacity, 15, then 25, now 20
 - All wear masks (passengers and drivers)

- Started charging fares again September 1 (had been boarding at back, now have shields for drivers, can charge fares again)
 - Now office is open 7:30-3:30 and appointments for people to buy fare items
 - Drivers were redeployed to garage to clean buses during summer (bleach + fogging)
 - Now clean bus every 8 hours, clean at hand off
 - UW Madison starting again: increased service on August 23
 - Now about 85% service level pre-COVID (budget limitations, have been extending past driver need, this now reflects number of drivers on staff, new cleaning etc)
 - 15 or so routes have not come back
 - Public hearing will happen on Oct 14 (see link above) to get public feedback on service increase or decrease, e.g. requests from hospital workers for earlier rides.
 - All emails, feedback etc since beginning of pandemic will be compiled and considered
2. Network redesign is coming—a public process will begin in 2021.
- Major review of all of service will last all through 2021 (consultant will study)
 - Incorporate BRT
 - Goal: 15-minute service during peak hours on weekdays and increased on weekends and holidays.
 - Timeline: 2021 = planning, 2022 = some system changes, 2023-2024: construction and open
 - Make system operate more quickly and feed into BRT
 - Federal new starts grant (planning stages for BRT) with outreach coming in 2021, meetings and public hearing opportunities will come in 2021. Phase I: E-W corridor, now looking at EW and NS corridors. Think changes will make us more competitive for the federal grant.
 - Philosophy: neighborhood routes will be valued in BRT system
 - Heather: Been taking the bus for 20 years, disservice to lower income residents in the local apartments.
 - Sheila: Been taking the 38 every day since 2004, no options otherwise. Wonders what consultant will consider: COVID vs without COVID. Mick: we will not be looking at just COVID.

Plan Commission Items

1. July 8, 2020, a Demolition permit requested and request for rezoning from CC-T to Neighborhood Mixed Use: 109-209 Cottage Grove Road and 3900 Monona Drive to demolish and rezone the above 3 commercial bldgs. and construct a 4 story mixed use bldg. with 2,500 sq. ft. of commercial space and 78 apartments and a 4-story apt. bldg. with 110 units.

Kathy: Old Ace Hardware and gas station property, and Hawke's Bar. Informational meeting has been held. Lake Edge NA was not in favor, have not heard an update since the informational meeting.

Grant: Two phases: 1) Monona Drive corner (2500 commercial and 78 apartments, market rate, no affordable housing) 2) All 110 apartments (no affordable units). Feedback at informational

meeting: mixed, concerns about traffic, concerns from adjacent neighbors about view obstruction, loss of commercial space. Community center/corridor goals from a few years ago. Grant is concerned about loss of affordable commercial space. Getting rid of 26,000 sq ft, replacing with 1/10 of that (2500 sq ft).

Ed: One of the concerns he heard at the meeting was lack of privacy with new building.

Collin: what are criteria for 'meeting with criteria' (?) Grant responds 'support and increase community center goals' and support more dense development. Trading commercial space for housing is not explicitly in plan—Grant thinks it should be more of an add on. Affordable commercial is very different than vacant commercial near library (\$40/sq ft, for comparison probably ~\$10/sq ft at old Ace).

Fred: Concern about greenspace. Grant guesses Parks will say the area is well served. We are not on the list for being underserved.

2. A neighbor at 4026 Rockwell wants to construct an accessory bldg. exceeding 10% of lot area in TR-C1 Area

3.

Kathy: Can look at the plans online, 608-266-4635 for more information.

Grant: Resident at the location wants to construct a shed in their backyard but they already have a garage and covered patio area, so need permit to exceed the standard of 10% of lot area. Conditional use request has been put in. (Garden shed for riding lawnmower)

Plan commission Sep. 14 for each (5:45 PM: link here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/meeting-schedule/plan-commission-102>)

Elected Official Updates

- Both Grant and Kristen signed letter of concern to Public Health Madison Dane County (PHMDC) 2 weeks ago regarding UW Madison's plans to reopen
- First Municipal Budget meeting at Finance Committee: Grant is in attendance there
- Refer to newsletters from both for further updates

ECA Committees

Ed will send screen caps to Emily for posting on Eastmorland from recent Parks meeting

Kris will re-post the Hi Neighbor advertisement

Amanda met with Kathy in early August: 33 trees at OB Sherry + Olbrich need to be supported, trees near Starkweather Creek, money needed by June of 2021.

- Tree numbers:
 - Dan: 3 in Eastmorland, 23 in Olbrich, 7 in OB Sherry
 - Could request that city re-marks them (have photos taken)

- Ideas: city can dedicate trees to people, could offer to the community
- Partner with SASY for Olbrich Trees: Amanda could reach out to them.
- Plant sale or shirts (have quite a few shirts left, could re-design shirt if we wanted).
- Cost is by the girth + age of the tree, varies
- Possibly do gofundme (they take a fee but having more platforms could be good) in addition to paypal
 - Dan asks about gofundme: Amanda will look up details on fees etc and email the Board. If benefit outweighs the potential cost, then good idea.
 - Heather idea: paypal money pools (new feature). Dan will share paypal
 - To avoid fees: make check out to Eastmorland Community Association and send checks to ECA PO Box 14584, 53708 zip code
- Concert at OB Sherry or outdoor fundraiser (depending on COVID)
 - Fred + Amanda concert ideas based on park sessions
- Could do a night at Biergarten (some proceeds go to ash trees)

Treasurer's Report

	9/8/2020
General fund	\$12,409.94
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$892.26
Total Checking/Savings	\$13,302.20
PayPal account - general	\$199.62
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$278.24
Accounts Overdue/due	\$520.60
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	
Prepaid ads	\$1,165.38
Balance	\$13,135.28
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	\$5,140.7

Agenda Items for October 2020

- Kris: Update on tree fundraising for next time
- Ed: Dog Park survey will be finalized on 26th of September, hear update about outcomes. Neighbors are upset about wording in survey.
- Dan: Follow up on Plan Commission meeting about Cottage Grove Road (Sept 14)
- Amanda: Anti-racism group update and collaboration (meetings are growing)
 - Hear an update

- Community bike ride and kids march: September 13 from Olbrich to McPike Park

Kris will host zoom room for October