

Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting

April 13, 2021

Meeting will be hosted on Zoom at 7 PM

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94980850958>

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 March, 2021 Meeting		
7:10 Hi Neighbor Update		
7:15 Discuss ECA Garage Sale (coordinate/co-advertise with Lake Edge) 06/18-19		
7:20 Discuss Annual Elections/Annual Meeting 5.02 Annual Meeting An annual general membership meeting will take place in May in order to elect directors and discuss issues of concerns to the neighborhood. This meeting will occur at a place and time agreed upon by the directors. The agenda will include specific information on how members unable to attend the meeting may submit their opinion to the association. Official notice of meetings including the agenda will be posted on the neighborhood website three days before each meeting. The notice shall also be publicized through known online forums. 6.02 Nomination and Election of Directors Election for directors will take place at the annual meeting. Nominations will be solicited prior to the annual meeting through the website and other online forums. Nominations will be collected by the Secretary. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another voting member. <u>2 year terms up for election in May 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Soukup• Kris Whitman• Amanda McKaig• Emily Sprengelmeyer (new in 2020, 1yr term in 2020 to get back on cycle/track) <u>2 year terms up for election in May 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kathy Soukup• Dan Zimmerman• Breanna Illene• Emily Mixon• Fred Svensson		
7:30 Updates of city committees/commissions (Grant Foster, Alderperson, and Kristen Audet, County Supervisor, if present) → <i>Grant will discuss proposed zoning changes in the area</i>		
7:40 Updates from ECA committees → <i>service opportunities coming up in our parks:</i> Lansing Food Forest → email Emily Steinwehe to participate (esteinwehe@gmail.com) 04/17 and 04/24 from 10-12 04/18 and 04/25 from 12-2 City of Madison Earth Day Parks Clean Up Earth Day Challenge 04/24 from 10-12, sign up online and socially distance clean with neighbors! https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/earthdayChallenge.cfm?fbclid=IwAR28Qdgluu47OrLv1P0TS_gl5A5_P-fmTukKtkaXZYZ-CQoJXpatJaLyTWm		
7:50 Treasurer's Report → <i>Ash Tree Fundraising</i>		
8:00 Agenda items for May 2021		
8:05 Adjourn		

1. Call to order and edits to agenda, approval of minutes

Ed: City Parks wants to change position of backstop in Eastmorland Park

Dan: Neighborhood profile on City's website

Edit to minutes—change header to minutes for March!

Dan moves to approve March minutes, Kris seconds → motion passes

2. Hi Neighbor! update

Allison and Oona unable to attend meeting, looking good for early May release.

Dan: loss of a few advertisers (credit union merger), Monona shoe repair not renewing, need to scope out some new advertisers. Usually ~1050, about \$150 shy of the printing. Maybe switch grade of paper.

Application for not profit status with post office denied (sad). We are 501c4 not c3. \$395 for each distribution. Grant suggests → could possibly change bylaw language + purpose to re-apply in future. Purposes that would fit? (revisit in future)

Kris wants to give kudos to new group taking it over and re-vamping!!

3. ECA + Lake Edge Joint Garage Sale 06/18-06/19

Emily will contact Carrie and Bernie about efforts! Kris has contact info from Bernie.

Dan suggests having a rain date (!) in coordination with L Edge

Google form + map forthcoming!

4. Elections/Annual meeting

Last year we did the nomination and election virtually, do so again?

info@eastmorland.org for nominations

google form for voting

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2 year terms up for election in May 2021

- Patrick Soukup
- Kris Whitman (willing but not strong feelings if new people want to come on)

- Amanda McKaig (would like to be re-elected!)
- Emily Sprengelmeyer (new in 2020, 1yr term in 2020 to get back on cycle/track) (interested in continuing!)

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- Emily Mixon
- Fred Svensson

Jennica Skoug is interested in serving on the board, add to any ballot. 😊 yay!
 Brian is on the fence and will let us know.

Note: Board must vote on officers following the election.

5. Updates from elected officials

Updates from Grant Foster

Zoning changes put forward a few months ago, went through Plan Commission, recommended for approval, Common Council referred to May.

Two categories: residential and mixed use

Residential: minimal impact on Eastmorland, current parcels zoned TRC4, SRV2 would be impacted. Primary change is getting rid of dispersion requirement (right now if you want to build a duplex or 2 unit, you need special permission).

Change would be → Permitted use process, city agencies would review, no public hearing at plan commission etc. this would be for higher units (up to 36 in CCT).

Importantly, today, any building needs to be mixed use (commercial on first floor), need conditional use for straight residential.

Grant supports density in general, need more housing etc. concerns about lacking plans for making new housing affordable. Grant very concerned about losing commercial space in the area.

Ed: voices concern about lack of public input, concerns about decreasing opportunities for individuals to purchase homes.

Brian: appreciates emphasis on expanding opportunities for housing. Anything we can do to support Grant on council?

Grant: alternate proposal, still require conditional use process for all-residential. Cottage Grove activity plan → review and think about. Represents Eastmorland participants.

https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Cottage_Grove_Road_Activity_Centers_Plan100517.pdf

Updates from Kristen Audet

Voit Farm: I met with county Land & Water Resources staff and requested any updates on what they knew about the Voit Farm project. County staff has met with the Save the Farm Group. County staff have encouraged the group to apply for Dane County Conservation grant funds. The municipality in which the land is located needs to lead projects such as these and the county can support those efforts with things like grants.

American Rescue Plan: Dane County is set to receive approx. \$100mil in federal funds to assist with COVID response and recovery. These funds can be utilized through 2024. Initial discussions about allocations have just begun but the previous priorities of funding housing, food, human services, local businesses, public health, and workforce support remain. We might be able to utilize funds to support rural broadband development--and, we have just created a Rural Broadband Task Force.

Licensed establishments in Dane Co can receive a 30% credit which will provide financial assistance to more than 3,500 qualifying establishments in Dane County. The funds for this credit come from a transfer of funds from Public Health's reserve fund back to licensed establishments. Public Health is offering this credit to show support for operators impacted by the pandemic and return some of the licensing fees that operators had previously paid.

6. ECA committees + Service Opportunities

Lansing Food Forest → email Emily Steinwehe to participate (esteinwehe@gmail.com)

04/17 and 04/24 from 10-12

04/18 and 04/25 from 12-2

City of Madison Earth Day Parks Clean Up Earth Day Challenge

04/24 from 10-12, sign up online and socially distance clean with neighbors!

https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/earthdayChallenge.cfm?fbclid=IwAR28Qdgluu47OrLv1POTS_gI5A5_P-fmTukKtkaXZYz-CQoJXpatJaLyTwM

7. Neighborhood profile update on City Website

Dan got a notice to update via the info@ email address. His suggestions:

1. Meeting location (change to Pinney when in person), add that agendas are on website.
2. Possibly some changes to the neighborhood description (e.g., we could add that we are a tax exempt organization under IRS section 501 (c) (4))
3. Possibly adding or deleting neighborhood events
4. Name of the newsletter should be "Hi, Neighbor!" and changing the contact information
5. The webpage should be "<http://eastmorland.org>" (side note, could add 50 year booklet to website if we have it in a digital form).

If you want information regarding the Neighborhood Profile, email Dan at Zimmerman_dan@hotmail.com

8. Treasurer's Report

Note on Ash Trees: Amanda has t-shirts at her house, willing to work on selling/distribution

Dan suggests communicating with Biergarten about fundraiser for trees now that they are open for the season

From Fred: The Link for ECA donation page is here: <https://eastmorland.org/?p=1007>

Please contribute and select the drop down for the Ash Trees. I reached out to Mike Bare to hold the fundraiser at the Biergarten.

4/13/2021	
General fund	\$12,208.06
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$1,843.47
Total Checking/Savings	\$14,051.53
PayPal account - general	\$0.00
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$48.75
Accounts Overdue/due	\$231.50
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$0.00
Prepaid ads	\$656.22
Balance	\$13,675.56

Paid to Tree Health Management on 9/6/2018 for treatment of 33 ash trees in the neighborhood	\$6,311.23
currently donated	\$1,892.22
Left to raise	\$4,419.01

The newsletter was issued during the first week in March. Since 3/1/21, 32 persons/couples have paid dues, some more than the basic or supporting membership amount for a total of \$607.51. Since 3/1/21, 9 persons/couples contributed to treatment of the ash trees in the amount of \$1,000.97 (two persons/couples gave \$350 each).

9. Eastmorland Park Backstop (Ed)

Notice to neighbor behind the backstop

Replace and move 10-15 ft N → balls from right field will go into the ditch now

Ed wants to reach out to Parks Dept about this issue, with support from neighbors, backstop is in good condition, just needs to be painted.

Grant offers to invite Parks to May meeting before they do the work.

afreiwald@cityofmadison.com

10. Ed's vegetable project for distribution

Peppers and tomato seed from UW Agriculture

50% germination on pepper

Tomatoes: doing really well

Transplanting after May 1

Need help May 1 ~ May 15, email Ed!

Plant swap on May 15 (?) at Community Garden? (Amanda Hammatt might know more?)

Some will go to S Side community gardens, some going to neighbors in Eastmorland.

Related: There is a seed and plant swap planned for the Food Forest in the end of May. It was submitted to Hi Neighbor!

11. Agenda items for May 2021

Elections

Ash Trees

Update from Dan on neighborhood profile

Update from Emily on Save the Farm letter of support