

**Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting
July 13, 2021**

Meeting will be hosted on Zoom at 7 PM

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/96155927011>

Board Officers: Emily Mixon, President Emily Sprengelmeyer, Vice President Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer Jennica Skoug, Secretary	Board Members: Cindy Colombo Breanna Illéné Kathy Soukup Brian Juchems Kris Whitman	Alternates: Patrick Soukup
7:00 Call to order and call for changes to the agenda, introductions using zoom chat feature		
7:05 Review and approval of minutes of the June, 2021 Meeting		
7:10 Updates of city committees/commissions (Grant Foster, Alderperson, and Kristen Audet, County Supervisor, if present) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Median between Starkweather Drive and the bike path (Alder Foster)• Olbrich Park Bike Path alignments (Alder Foster)		
7:30 Updates from ECA committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Upcoming events (ECA + local)</u> August 18: Ash Tree Fundraiser at Biergarten (rescheduled). New rain date: August 25 August 19: Eastmorland Farmers + Makers Market at Lansing Food Forest Ongoing: Thursday evening picnic in the park Proposed: Additional August garage sale weekend		
7:40 Neighborhood Grant Program for community building events		
8:00 ECA Zoom Account if ECA will continue virtual meetings		
8:10 Treasurer's Report		
8:15 Agenda items for August 2021		
8:20 Adjourn		

1. Call to order + agenda additions (Dan: discuss garage sale, discuss facebook page)
2. June 2021 minutes: Dan asks for future minutes to have headers. Dan moves to approve minutes as they are. Brian seconds, motion passes.
3. ECA Events updates:
 - a. August 20: Biergarten: Emily M will advertise
 - b. August 19: Farmers/Makers Market: 4-7 pm , 6 confirmed people to sell, a few food carts + kid activities to highlight Food Forest

- c. Picnic in Park: July 29, Ontario Park, 5 pm
 - d. Garage Sale weekend: Contact person for online registration to help people without internet. Dan moves to have the sale last weekend in August (27 + 28) + Rain Date Sunday 29th, Brian seconds, motion passes. Newsletter mid-August, can get the date in.
 - e. Leaf Raking: Kris: will write up a blurb and send it to the hi neighbor email to get in the newsletter. Date is Nov 6, Rain date is Nov 7.
 - f. Cindy: MadCity chicken tour -- do an ECA version? Make a map like art walk with info about the chickens etc. Cindy will pick a date in early October and communicate with newsletter about a map link. Maybe have a guest corner re-vamp in Hi Neighbor. Cindy will communicate about this too.
4. City Updates (Alder Foster)
- a. Starkweather + Garver Median Update: Reminder--Starkweather will become a single lane one way, new path alignment. Most construction done by the end of summer 2021. Bridge over OB Sherry wetlands will be placed in spring 2022. Median between the path and the traffic lane. City Engineering is on board with native plantings (seeds collected from around City). Native coordinator (Maddie) is an Eastmorland resident! ECA, Friends of Lansing Food Forest, Friends of Starkweather can come together to help volunteer with weeding etc. Grant will keep in touch (will get seeded in fall, work in 2022).
 - b. Atwood Reconstruction + Olbrich Bike Path:
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/atwood-avenue>. Initial public process + design work happened in 2018 ahead of securing a federal grant. Rep. Pocan included as a stimulus earmark, so good chance it will get funded soon! Possibly 2023. Overall design: expanded width multi use path + traffic calming. Final alignment is under discussion with Parks + Engineering. Grant's goal is to improve park usage by formalizing the footpaths that people already use. Grant will be in touch about a new public meeting about this alignment decision.
 - c. Grant heard from developer that proposed redevelopment (old Jade Monkey + adjacent shopping center). ECA + LENA wrote letters in 2020-21 about this issue (loss of local business space/affordable retail). Demolition had been scheduled but owner couldn't buy out all the leases, so sale is not moving forward and project is not moving forward. Developer does own the corner lot and may propose a different project for that parcel. Land use they secured is good for 2 years on original proposal.
 - d. Amanda has a question about the triage center: County initiative, reach out to Kristen. Grant: City is doing the Cahoots based pilot for mental health on call response. Oversight through the fire department + Journey.
5. Neighborhood Grants
- a. \$50 for up to 5 block parties, already approved
 - b. Dan: need to approve a budget line for this (how much), add a timeline (review on a set of dates quarterly that are posted, e.g. not on rolling basis).
 - c. Dan: point of information: meeting attendees can make decisions, not only board.
 - d. Breanna: are there things we will not fund (e.g. alcohol?) Ben proposes: "Funds will not be allocated to neighborhood activities to the detriment of the public good" (?)
 - e. Emily makes motion to approve \$400 per year, using the form as criteria, to be reviewed on quarterly basis at ECA meetings, Breanna seconds, motion passes.
6. Meeting modality
- a. Amanda proposes hybrid (?)
 - b. Brian: zoom does improve some aspects of accessibility. Kris: double edged sword, computer access. Main meeting virtual but people could go to library for computer access (?)

- c. Kris proposes outdoor meetings as a stop gap/transition (if raining, move to zoom)
- d. Patrick is in favor of Pinney Library as the location for the long term. Grant: has high quality AV equipment for call ins.
- e. Amanda moves to have the August meeting on zoom and advertise a park meeting (rain zoom) for September in Hi Neighbor, Emily seconds, motion passes.

7. Treasurer's Report

- a. Go Fund Me Charity is ending, only 4 people have used it, just end it?
- b. PayPal is changing their rates: Dan is making sure we are not paying business rate, working for charitable org recognition (we are tax exempt, individual donations are not deductible). Donate button on website goes to PayPal at present.
- c. Dan + Emily will look into facebook page (Brian: 501C3 only, nevermind) -- link to ECA website to remind people to donate there.
- d. Ash Trees: roughly \$3300 shy of our goal, deadline for funds is shortly after the Biergarten fundraiser (Tree Health Management). Do we cover remaining, or do we treat fewer trees? Need to make decision in early September. Amanda: asking about reaching out to SASY + LENA. Emily advertised Biergarten fundraiser on facebook pages back in June--will advertise. Share the google map (has been posted on ECA site in past). Many trees in Olbrich, focus on those trees when reaching out. Friends of Olbrich Society.
- e. May 2018 newsletter has specifics: language has been reposted on the website recently and also on social media etc. Highlight Olbrich trees.

8. Agenda items for August:

- Note: email hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com for contacting the newsletter
- Future agenda item: Kris: decision about potluck for leaf raking.
- Future agenda item: Olbrich park bike path + Atwood reconstruction
- Dan: Ash Tree decision
- Cindy: Coop Tour Update