

**MEETING NOTES  
LAKE EDGE/MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE  
(FIRST MEETING)  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006 – 6:30 P.M.  
ALLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
4201 BUCKEYE ROAD, MADISON WI**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members present:**

Paul Brost, MGHS Principal (Monona)  
Allan Kent (Madison)  
Tom Krajewski (Madison)  
Larry Palm, Madison Alder  
Gila Shosony (Madison)  
Peter McKeever, Monona Alder  
Randy Paul (Monona)  
Sharon Henes (Monona)  
Walter Ostrenga (late) (Monona)

**Members absent:**

Chris Hodge (Madison)

**Staff present:**

Larry Nelson, City of Madison Engineer  
David Dryer, City of Madison Traffic Engineer  
Christy Bachmann, City Engineering

**2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Motion by Paul/Henes to rearrange the agenda and defer the election of Chair until Ostrenga arrived, motion carried.

[Item 2 was taken up following the discussion of agenda item #4]

Motion by Henes/Kent to elect a chair.

Discussion followed about Madison alders not serving as chair. There was also discussion about having co-chairs.

Motion by Krajewski/Kent to delay the election to a meeting when all members are present. Motion failed to carry.

Motion to elect a chair tonight, motion carried.

Motion by Paul/Shoshany to elect co-chairs, motion carried.

Henes nominated Paul, who accepted.

Paul nominated Hodge.

Motion by McKeever/Henes to unanimously approve Paul and Hodge as co-chairs, carried unanimously.

Paul assumed chair duties (co-chair Hodge was absent) and the meeting continued with agenda item #5.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved with change to defer election of chairperson.

### **4. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE ISSUES**

Palm discussed developing a working relationship to gain a consensus on what's been done, what do we need, who do we need to talk to.

Dryer went over the history of this issues, hitting the major milestones since the discussions that began with MGHS reconstruction.

Issues identified by members:

- Speed and volume
- No sidewalk
- Football practice – player driving behavior
- Emergency access

Members identified their goals/issues:

#### McKeever

- Concerned about the condition of Coldspring and how it can be fixed
- Goal is to provide adequate access to MGHS and reduce congestion at the end of an event
- Would like to see Madison and Monona figure out a way to cooperate here. This is a poor example of government in action.
- A somewhat larger goal for the east metropolitan area: we have common shared interests including safety.
- School district tennis courts and property in Madison: MGHS cannot do anything with those properties. Part and parcel and would like to wrap this issue into the consensus-building as well.

#### Palm

- Goal is to build a consensus
- Clearly there's a need to redirect traffic on these streets
- Not all the problems are a result of MGHS
- Once this issue gets resolved, then we can begin to address the other outstanding issues: the tennis courts, the parking, the signal light, etc.
- The answer may be that everyone gets a little of what they want, maybe 80% of what they want.
- We have an impetus to solve this – it can be done.

#### Henes

- Her goal is safety. Wants a safer intersection at Coldspring and Monona.
- Wants a consensus.

#### Paul

- Looking to create a compromise
- Street reconstruction is an opportunity to do some creative solutions here
- Encouraged that we can reach a solution based on what he has heard here so far.

### Ostrenqa

- Went over some history on this issue.
- Police always train for the worst case scenario.
- Access was taken away with no gate system.
- Concerned about safety, concerned about getting people in and out of MGHS.

### Shoshany

- Neighborhood was promised over the years that there would be many changes made by MGHS. These did not materialize.
- Concerned about kids walking in the street, kids listening to iPods and not listening for traffic, safety concerns.

### Brost

- This is not a new issue to him as he has had similar issues at other schools (MGHS is his fourth high school).
- There has never been an easy solution to these types of problems.
- Wants kids to respect property.
- Goals are to have safe and timely transportation to/from school and safe access to/from special events.

### Krajewski

- Goal is to ensure that MGHS has a safety plan that is not compromised by cul-de-sacs on Jerome and Bainbridge.
- Wants to maintain the cul-de-sacs to eliminate speeders on these streets.
- Speeders have not gone away, parking problems have not gone away.
- Parents dropping off children can still be a problem.
- It's a fact of political life that the MGHS kids are not Madison students.

### Kent

- Goal is to represent the people in the neighborhood east of the diverter.
- He lives very close to the diverter at Bainbridge. Neighbors have told him how they are pleased with the results and that the diverter has exceeded their expectations.
- Safety, peace and quiet in the neighborhood.

### Shoshany:

- There was a crash at Bainbridge and Coldspring.
- The Monona police used to sit right at the end of Coldspring and Bainbridge.
- We don't have the tools to solve the problem.
- It's not that we don't like MGHS people, it's that we can't solve problems with this jurisdiction issue. Who do we call, Monona or Madison?

Nelson explained the assessment process for a street reconstruction project, \$50-\$60/ft for street frontage and \$35/ft for sidewalk. Assessments can be spread over 8 years and have gone out as far as 15 years.

## **5. OTHER DATA/INFORMATION NEEDED TO MAKE A DECISION**

- Counts of children walking in the neighborhood

- Historic volumes on the streets
- School district demographic data (to be provided by MGHS)
- What is the travel route for the Blooming Grove Fire Department
- MGHS safety plan – what it currently is and what it would be (MGHS to provide)
- Mutual aid priorities – what does Madison think is safe, etc.
- Number of students at LaFollette and access comparisons to MGHS
- Pflaum Road and Monona Drive traffic volumes
- LaFollette teachers watch kids when school lets out – why doesn't MGHS do this? Is there a policy at LaFollette?
- What happens at other Madison high schools
- Hard to evacuate. Cars only? What about people – need police and fire
- How/why/where to of making the left turn arrow longer at Monona Drive

## **6. NEXT STEPS**

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Preferred meeting time is fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Palm/Shoshany to adjourn, carried.