



MEETING NOTES *

Date: September 19, 2013
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: 5 Cheswick, Irwin Annex

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

Members present include:

Ruth Shuman
Tom Koerber
Paula Fazli
Candace Havens
Lenny Gentile
President Alexander

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Candace Havens
Director
Planning & Development

Members

Alderman Amy Sangiolo
Alderman Lenny Gentile
Alderman Jay Harney
Ruth Shuman
Tom Koerber
Paula Fazli
Molly Kellogg

1. **Lights** – At present, the same arrangement of lights is proposed as previously discussed. T. Koerber has worked with the Athletics Department to understand use of fields by various teams. The Athletic Director will present the proposed schedule for the use of the field to the neighborhood. Similar poles are installed at Lyons Field (Newton West) that are nearly as high. They're close to residences, so there is some local experience. L. Gentile will get some information about electrical costs and the response to lights in the neighborhood. President Alexander said Lasell is preparing a full proposal for presentation so that all information will be available for that meeting and will coordinate with the City regarding the scheduling of the meeting.
2. **Noise.** Lenny noted that there was noise last Sunday before 8 a.m. on the field. President Alexander and T. Koerber were unaware of any scheduled activities at that time. When there have been students on the field, it has been only for quiet, non-competitive activities.
3. **Banners.** T. Koerber presented three preliminary designs for 11 poles and banners. He also showed a site plan where they would be located. He will be presenting them to Brian Lever for Historic review. The Urban Design Commission will also be required to review them. One of the models is solar-powered. There will be no glare or light trespass. All preferred some illumination for safety, noting that uplighting would draw attention to unsightly overhead wires. Lighting will create a designated path along Woodland and signify a nice entrance to the College. There was interest in a trial of LED lights on the Lasell Campus. C. Havens agreed to get some information from Bill Paille, Transportation Director about the possibility.
4. **Student Representation.** President Alexander addressed the question of student representation on the Lasell Neighborhood Council. All agreed that it would be valuable to have student input. R. Shuman and the President said they would discuss with the management team.
5. President Alexander said that the IT departments of the Newton Public Schools and Lasell have been discussing coordination for disaster recovery plans. Every educational organization needs software and equipment, which may be duplicative and expensive. The movement is to share platforms. Backup isn't a problem. If you lose hardware, connections or

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software is destroyed, there needs to be quick recovery. The cost of protections is very expensive. Several schools share the same learning management system. By collaborating all could have more benefits. C. Havens will convey the information to the IT Team and Mayor.

6. The President would like to set up a time to review the next construction projects. Another Strategic Planning Review was undertaken recently and he would like to preview with the community.
7. **Joint Police force.** Chief Conlin is now responsible for both Mount Ida and Lasell security. There is one dispatch center and a larger force to draw from so that large events are easier to manage and backup staff is always available. Mount Ida had outsourced it before and it's really benefitting them. The Newton Police is now in less demand.
8. **LNC Vacancy.** P. Fazli will contact the editor of the local newsletter to put out a request for neighbors who are interested, and mentioned Jose Martinez who lives nearby.
9. **Neighborhood Event.** R. Shuman was interested in hosting another event this fall to include the neighbors and is looking for ideas.
10. **Next meeting.** The group agreed to move the regularly scheduled meeting to early in January at 8 a.m. rather than to try to meet in late December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Havens, Director
Planning and Development