



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## School Board Candidate Statements by Sara Richards

Madison Metropolitan School District has two Board seats up for election with three candidates running for each seat. A primary election on Tuesday, February 21, will limit that number to two candidates per seat. The final election will be held on Tuesday, April 4.

BCNA invited the primary winners to participate in a Candidate Forum (scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at St. Mark’s Church, tentative time is 7-8:30 p.m.).

Please see baycreekmadison.org or call Judy Robinson at (608) 469-1218 for more info.

All six candidate were invited to submit a statement to the Bulletin, we received statements from four of the candidates.

Websites for all candidates are listed on Page 3 following Nicki Vander Meulen’s statement.

### **Bay Creek Billboard**

**Sat Feb 11 6:00-9:00 pm, Annual FOOT Candle-lit Ski**  
Turville Point. Enjoy the beautiful trails under a full moon. If there is no snow, we can still walk the trails. You can also come just to chat with your neighbors while enjoying hot chocolate and s’mores around the bonfire. For more info, see <http://www.olin-turville.org>. Hope to see you there.

**Tues Feb 21 Spring Primary Tues**

**Apr 4 Spring General Election**

Voter ID Law is in effect. **You can still register to vote at the polls on Election Day.** Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments 540 W Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Union Cab generously offers free rides to the polls on Election Day. Please call (608) 242-2000 for info or to schedule a ride. Union Cab asks that, if possible, you call before Election Day to schedule a ride.

**Mon Mar 13 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting** at Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA. Thanks to all who have paid.

**Feb 12 and Mar 12 1:30 pm Guided Nature Walks** by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. Please see page 3 for info.

**2nd Sat of every month 10:00 am to noon Shoreline**  
Clean up with Friends of Monona Bay. Contact Nina for info. Email: [ninaj@wisc.edu](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu), phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**Dec 14 and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 pm**  
Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for info: 266-5248.

### **Matt Andrzejewski, Candidate for Seat 7**

These are difficult times for public education. It seems like the bad news keeps coming: more funding cuts from the state, more attacks on teachers and unions from conservative media organizations, more uninformed comments about students with disabilities.

We, more now than ever, require strong, effective leadership from our school board with new ideas and a fresh perspective. More of the same won’t do it. I will bring a unique set of skills and experiences to the board, if elected.

As a behavioral psychologist and neuroscientist, we’ve learned much about how to manage difficult behavior and affect positive changes in the classroom. I don’t think that the current Behavior Education Plan fully leverages our educational, behavioral, and neural sciences. We shouldn’t be talking about whether or not to delay the start of the day for middle-schoolers, we should be talking about when we should start this, for the science is unanimous, kids this age need more sleep.

In my nearly 20 years of teaching at the University level, I’ve also come to understand how we must empower teachers and the craft of teaching. Teachers aren’t the lifeblood or backbone of our schools, they ARE our schools. They are what make Madison schools special.

Lastly, as a parent and a citizen of Madison, I deeply value our community’s schools, and feel personally responsible to help improve them. I’ve seen my daughter inspired and engaged by some of the greatest teachers around. I have also seen her scared and worried about behavior problems in her classroom. Improving the educational opportunities for the most vulnerable in our community – children of color, undocumented children, children with mental health and special needs – benefits us all through their improved behavior and health. This constitutes a vital investment in our future.

I’ve served on several boards in our community and have extensive experience organizing, planning and implementing new ideas. I’ve worked with budgets and committees. I know how to get (Continued on Page 2)

**Matt Andrzejewski (Continued from Page 1)**

things done.

I'm asking for your support this coming February 21st. In addition, I hope to hear from you, as well as many other stakeholder groups in Madison. What are your priorities? What are your concerns? How can we come together to make Madison schools A+?

Thanks for your time and consideration.

**Cristiana Carusi, Candidate for Seat 6**

My name is Cris Carusi. I am running for Seat 6 on the Madison School Board because I believe that children should receive a quality education in public, neighborhood schools. Strong schools that provide all students with opportunities to excel are our first line of defense against state and national efforts to privatize public education.

I have been an involved district parent for more than a decade. I've been active in classrooms and PTOs, and have attended many school board meetings. All my experiences have taught me that learning increases when we create the conditions that foster positive relationships among students, teachers and the community.

My professional career has centered on sustainable agriculture, including support for farm to school efforts. My community work has included: treasurer, Wisconsin Cooperative Housing Association board; founding member of School Community Alliance for Public Education; Peace Corps in Nepal.

One critically important role of our school board is to listen to community members, students, staff and families. I will reach out to people who are often not represented, and create opportunities for diverse community members to provide direct input to the board.

There are many things to love about Madison's public schools. We need to celebrate and protect our strengths, while honestly and openly acknowledging and addressing challenges, including those students we have consistently failed. The future of our schools affects our entire community, and must involve our entire community.

I believe that teachers are heroes who make our schools strong. As a school board member, I will prioritize smaller class sizes. This is a proven strategy to close achievement gaps and build positive relationships. In addition to smaller classes, I will fight to ensure that teachers have the support they need to do their jobs well and meet the needs of each unique student they teach.

I will advocate for fine arts, humanities and

world language instruction; these classes prepare our students to communicate effectively and lead richer lives. I am concerned about excessive standardized testing and I will fight for a well-rounded education that is not driven by these tests.

Public education is essential for a healthy democracy. Our schools need to prepare students for community leadership, as well as college and career. I ask for your support and your vote on February 21, and I encourage everyone to work on behalf of the children in our community.

**Kate Toews, Candidate for Seat 6**

I believe public education holds the keys to our future: one where we are less divided, more tolerant, and more equal. But right now our public school system is being undermined by the State and Federal government. I watch the attacks from Walker, DeVos, and others and I feel protective over our city. We have invested heavily in education, we believe in the public system, and I'm running for School Board Seat 6 because I'm committed to fighting for it.

I have three children, and my oldest son is in 1st grade at Franklin. We have been amazed by the community culture of the school. One Franklin staff member told me recently, "this building feels like a warm hug." We need to make all our elementary buildings feel that way, and we have all the ingredients to do it if we prioritize the right things. For me that starts with teachers.

Since Act 10, Teachers have had a declining voice in the way we support our kids. They are being asked to do more for less. I believe educators are the heart of our district and we need to empower them, listen to them, and pay them competitively.

I'm the only candidate for Seat 6 with young kids in MMSD, and I believe that the BOE needs more voices that represent K-5. But my qualification for this position isn't just as an engaged parent. Like many in our community, my career has taken me in different directions, from working as an educator in public schools, to working in business, including as the CEO of a successful startup that gives nutritious food to senior citizens, to volunteering on the board of the City's Early Childhood Care and Education Committee. I'm not afraid to fight for what is right and I have the experience to get results.

I am proud that we spend 70% more per child than most districts in the country, but am frustrated that we haven't been able to use those (Continued on Page 3)

**Kate Toews (Continued from Page 2)**

funds to close the achievement gap and provide a more excellent education for all. Madison is a progressive city with the resources to fight back against the push to defund our schools. I'm passionate about using those resources to support our teachers, provide a better and more equitable education for our kids, and protect our schools from the onslaught to come.

**Nicki Vander Meulen Candidate for Seat 7**

Advocacy was one of the first life skills I learned. As a person with Asperger's Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy, I needed to self-advocate to ensure that I received the help I needed in school. As I matured, I realized that my ability to advocate was a skill that I shouldn't just use to help myself—it was something that I must use to help others secure the same incredible opportunities that I received. This belief is what inspired me to become a Juvenile Rights Attorney, and is what drives me to run for the Madison Metropolitan School Board.

As an attorney who represents juvenile clients, I have seen first-hand what happens when our education system fails to meet the needs of the students. In order to reduce the achievement gap, we must keep students in the classroom instead of suspending and expelling students at an ever-increasing rate. Expanding the Restorative Justice Program and establishing clear goals in the Behavior Education Plan are excellent steps we can take to keep students in the classroom.

It is also imperative that our school board improves its relationship with our community. Our district loses 1,000 students each year to open enrollment—this is a problem that needs to be combatted. During my time in legal practice, I've honed my communication skills with both parents and children, and as a member of the board I will reach out to parents, students, and the community for ways to improve our education system.

I've never been one to sit idly by and stomach inequalities or injustices. Right now our school district has tremendous potential—we're lucky that we have great teachers, committed parents, and gifted students. But for far too long our school board has failed to reduce the achievement gap, to keep students in our district, and to keep students in our classrooms. As someone who has dedicated their life to advocacy, I look forward to using my skills to be a force for change on the Madison Metropolitan School Board.

**School Board Candidate websites:****Matt Andrzejewski:**

[sites.google.com/view/mattaforschoolboard](https://sites.google.com/view/mattaforschoolboard)

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**FOOT Notes****By Andria Blattner**

Our January walk was very cold but 17 adults and kids enjoyed being outside. We didn't see many birds but did get a wonderful view of the great horned owl that lives in the group of white pines. Who knows what havoc this warm January weather, rain and at least a week above freezing, will cause. It certainly has wiped out the snow cover.

Our next nature walk will be February 12 at 1:30 -- it might be winter or it might be spring.

The walk in March will be on the 12th at 1:30.

The FOOT Candlelight Ski (or hike) will be on Sat. Feb. 11 from 6 to 9. Come out and enjoy the fire pits, hot chocolate, drumming and being outside with friends. I really hope we will have snow.

Next newsletter I will talk about opossums and how they might mitigate some of the bad effect of climate change for our dogs.



## BCNA January 9, 2017 Meeting Summary

### By Carol Medaris

Judy Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:35.

**Canopy Street Trees.** A new neighborhood group is working to make the planting of large canopy street trees a priority in Madison, because of their importance in providing shade, cleaner air, storm water retention, and animal habitat among other advantages. Joey Muenich, of the Street Tree Committee of the Marquette Neighborhood Association, explained that as we lose canopy trees to threats such as disease and the emerald ash borer, it is important to replace them with other canopy trees. He said that the city's policies are generally good, but are sometimes in conflict with this principle, for example planting small, decorative trees under power lines. His group seeks support from city residents for the simple policy of planting a canopy tree for every one that is lost. (His group also advocates for burying power lines wherever feasible.) The Committee's website is [madisoncanopystreettrees.org](http://madisoncanopystreettrees.org).

**Forum for School Board Candidates.** Sara Richards asked if members would like to schedule a neighborhood school board candidate forum. Since we are too close to the primary now, this would have to be between that and the final election in April. The group agreed. (The forum is now scheduled for Thursday, March 9th at St. Marks, with the time to be announced on the BCNA listserv.)

**Alliant Energy Center Noise Issues.** County Supervisor Richard Kilmer said that there are two meetings coming up in March at which noise from the Alliant Center, for example during brat fest, will be discussed. He will notify neighbors through the listserv when those dates and times are set.

**Wingra Point II.** Steve Davis updated members on the status of this development. Difficulties with the site have apparently led to delays in this project, and T. Wall, the developer, has now submitted a new, scaled-down plan that meets most of our earlier objections: the building height would be reduced from five stories to four, and entry would be from the small side street off Park Street, instead of Park Street. Now, however, city planning staff is pushing for a taller building of six to seven stories, with a more iconic look to the corner. Apparently the Urban Design Commission is also in favor of a more iconic building. BCNA member Bob Lockhart, who has a background in architecture, has been meeting with Carrie Rothburd, Planning and Economic Development

co-chair, and developers with some new ideas that would maintain the smaller scale while proposing a corner to the building that would draw more attention. There will be a meeting February 1st at 6:00 at the Water Utility building to discuss design issues. Meanwhile, Bob received a shout out from members for stepping in with ideas to help resolve the differences between the neighborhood and (now) the city.

**Heartland Housing Proposal.** We discussed the siting of this housing development which would include support services for homeless individuals, and is one of five similar developments the city is proposing. It was generally felt that the proposed site at 1202 S. Park Street (next to the new Ramen restaurant) was problematic, particularly as to size, had been selected without sufficient neighborhood input, and that an alternate site at 1402 S. Park Street (the Truman Olson site on the other side of Copps) might be more suitable. A meeting is being scheduled at which siting will be discussed on January 24th, with time and place to be announced.

**Jade Garden Proposal.** Alder Sara Eskrich reported that the city was still waiting to see if another proposal would be submitted for this site. As reported in the last newsletter, the developer was requested to come back to the Urban Design Commission with a proposal to reduce the mass and height of the proposed building to reduce its impact on the surrounding neighborhood, but the developer had indicated that the three stories being suggested was not economically feasible.

**Listserv Etiquette.** Jim Winkle said that some users of the listserv have been frustrated by the tone of some messages transmitted on the listserv. He said that he looked at some other listservs and there are rules that have been adopted by some groups to maintain a more polite and respectful tone. We discussed whether there was a need for such guidance, whether it should be in the form of "rules" or simply suggestions, whether there should be some kind of an enforcement mechanism, and whether a committee should be formed to work on this. Most members felt that there was a need for some response to those bothered by the tone, and it was decided that members should submit to Jim some suggested wording to be posted as reminders to those using the listserv.

### Committee Reports.

**Newsletter:** Judy Robinson said it would go out the first week in February and there were funds available for the printing.

**Treasurer:** Judy said she would (Continued on Page 5)

## **BCNA Meeting Summary (Continued from Page 4)**

have a full report available for the annual review at the next meeting on March 13th.

**Friends of Monona Bay (FOMB):** Lisie Kitchel reported that the dredging of the Bay near the Parr St. intersection may have to be expanded beyond the 1000 cubic yards. As reported in the last newsletter, this is to provide a second off-loading site for county weed-cutters.

**Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT):** Andria reported that the Bird and Nature Walks are going well. There were 17 out yesterday. The next walk will be February 12th. The annual Candlelight Ski event will be February 11th, 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10, with Kirk Elliot volunteering to facilitate the next meeting.

## **Goodman Ice Rink Meeting**

**By Andria Blattner**

The January 18 Public Information Meeting concerning the Goodman Ice Rink presentation by City Parks was well attended and led to good discussions. Corey Stelljes is the city staffer in charge of this project. There was general agreement that two of the items should happen as planned: fix the discharge pipe which leaks badly and remove the 6 existing light poles and concrete bases replacing them with a 2 pole system.

Fixing the discharge pipe will happen sometime in June necessitating a bike path closure and detour during the construction.

The new lighting will be an LED system and thus will be more energy efficient and provide more targeted lighting. There was a discussion of the health effects of blue LED lights. City staff will work with the suppliers to supply lights at the "3000k" recommended by the AMA.

The City proposed removing the existing warming shelter as part of the changes to the Goodman Ice Rink. One reason was that there was "improper use" of the shelter. This part of the plan was not well received at all. Not having a warm place to put on skates will seriously inhibit the use of the rink. The City has agreed not to remove the building but to keep it closed until a plan of action can be decided. Discussion emphasized how to repair the existing building to make it safe from lead paint, asbestos and sewer gas economically in order to have a shelter soon. There was also enthusiasm for making a long range plan that would capitalize on linking the bike path to the canoe trail. The City is planning more meetings on this project.

If you have questions or comments, please send them to Corey Stelljes at (608) 266-6518 or [cstelljes@cityofmadison.com](mailto:cstelljes@cityofmadison.com). Check for progress at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/goodman-park-ice-rink-improvements>.

The City is also developing their next 5 year plan and everyone is encouraged to sound off at the upcoming Park and Open Space Plan Update Community Visioning Sessions. There are 5 sessions; the nearest to us is on Monday, Feb. 13 in The Atrium Community Room at 2300 S. Park St. from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This a chance to provide input on the direction of all parks for the years 2018 -2022.

Remember -- It is much easier to be in on the planning than to change something once it has been planned. Details can be found here: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/2018-2022-park-open-space-plan>

## **We Still Need Your Help by Judy Robinson**

The Plan Commission's decision to deny Barriques' permit to continue to roast coffee on South Park Street was largely due to the efforts of a group of concerned neighbors. These neighbors researched and documented the negative effects of Barriques' roasting operations. Former alder and attorney Ron Trachtenberg provided legal advice and assistance throughout the process. Although Mr. Trachtenberg was generous with his time, the legal fees exceed the amount of money that has been raised to date. After our notice in the last newsletter re: this issue we received donations that were enough to cover almost half of the outstanding amount. If you would like to help cover the remainder of the amount owed there are two ways to donate: mail a check made out to von Briesen & Roper, S.C. to Judy Robinson 921 S. Brooks St. Apt 8 Madison 53715. Or donate via PayPal: send your donation to [treasurer@merr.com](mailto:treasurer@merr.com) and indicate that it is for the legal fund. Donations of any size are welcome. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **School Board Candidate Forum**

The four candidates who remain in the running after the February 21 primary will participate in a Candidate Forum sponsored by BCNA to be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce Street. This will take place the evening of Thursday, March 9. Details about exact start time and format are fluid at this time.

Check the calendar on the Bay Creek website at [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) or call Judy Robinson at (608) 469-1218 to learn the latest. An email will also be sent to the Bay Creek email list

## **Eat Breakfast To Help School Kids**

The 2017 Chef in the Classroom Benefit Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 4, at the Dane County Winter Farmer's Market in the Madison Senior Center. Enjoy a delicious, locally-sourced breakfast from Chef Tory Miller (L'Etoile, Graze, Sujeo, Estrellon), Chef Lisa Jacobson (Mermaid Cafe), and local bakery Dough Baby. All proceeds benefit REAP's Chef in the Classroom programs which teach hands-on culinary skills to middle and high school students in Madison.

Start and end time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (or until sold out)

Location: Madison Senior Center, 330 W Mifflin St, Madison, WI

Cost: \$12 per person

Contact: [reapfoodgroup.org](http://reapfoodgroup.org)

## **Bay Creek Email List**

Read or post neighborhood news and announcements, or discuss neighborhood issues through the Bay Creek discussion list. It's free!

To subscribe send a blank email message to [baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You'll receive a welcoming message back with instructions, usually within a day, with a confirmation request to which you should respond. If you aren't approved within a day, contact Jim Winkle at [Jim EventsGalore.net](http://JimEventsGalore.net)

## **United Way Community Volunteer Awards**

United Way of Dane County is seeking nominations for Community Volunteer Awards on May 2. Nominations for these awards are due February 24. If you know of worthy volunteers who deserve to be recognized, please complete a nomination form online at <https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/cvaform/>

Questions? Please contact Baltazar De Anda Santana at [baltazar.deanda@uwdc.org](mailto:baltazar.deanda@uwdc.org) or 608-246-4390.

## **Pre-order New Cookbook**

Kirsty Blattner is working on a new cookbook and using Publishizer, a crowd funding site, to market it.

Kirsty is a Bay Creek resident, new mother and daughter-in-law of Andria Blattner, our intrepid nature correspondent.

Heal into Health is a perfect balance of clear information, meals made Prep2Plate in 5-15 minutes using gluten free, vegan ingredients. The playful nature of the 'choose your own adventure' structure, results in weight loss, increased energy and clarity of mind. Heal into Health moves people away from processed foods, increasing their fruit and vegetable intake. The difference is teaching people simple ways to create new healthy habits compassionately.

If you want to learn more or pre-order the book, please go to <https://publishizer.com/heal-into-health>.

## Senior Notes

**Volunteers Needed:** The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly needs your help to advocate for increasing numbers of older adults who are alone and can no longer manage their affairs due to advanced dementia or serious mental illness. We coordinate a professional volunteer program to assist these seniors when there are no family members or friends able to provide this type of help. Our volunteer guardians and representative payees are carefully trained and given strong support through consultation, quarterly meetings and newsletters.

Since 2001 our Volunteer Guardian program has been serving seniors 60 or older who live anywhere in Dane County. A guardian has the legal responsibility to advocate on behalf of a person who is unable to handle his or her affairs due to mental incapacity.

Our Volunteer Representative Payee program was begun in 2007 to provide trained volunteers to manage the Social Security benefits of older adults who are no longer able to do so themselves and who have no family members or friends able to help. The representative payee is responsible for creating a monthly budget and ensuring that monthly bills get paid.

The commitment requires 2-4 hours monthly and is very flexible, based on your schedule. No experience is necessary -- just compassion, understanding and a desire to help.

Are you interested in learning more? Our coordinator would be happy to talk with you! Just call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405 and ask to speak to Katie.

**Snow and Shoveling:** If you are unable to clear the snow from your sidewalk or driveway in the required 24 hours, because of age or disability, you can be placed on the city's 72-hour extension list. If you cannot afford to pay for snow removal, it may be possible to match you with a volunteer to clear the snow for you. If you live in South Madison, call the South Madison Coalition at 251-8405 to discuss the options.

## Ice Dams Can Be Costly From Madison Gas and Electric

A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?

Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and then refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.

Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances. These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.

If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

Contact the Focus on Energy Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program at 1-800-762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com) to request an energy audit. (Focus on Energy also has a separate program for the income-qualified.)



## **P & ED Update** **By Carrie Rothburd**

### **WINGRA CREEK RESIDENCES (WINGRA**

**POINT II):** Plan Department staff has expressed disapproval for T. Wall's redesign (157-units, 4-story point structure) as "not iconic" and not tall enough. However neighbors at BCNA's January meeting expressed approval in principle to Alder Eskrich for its latest plan because it meets all conditions of development that we submitted to the Common Council in 2015. These conditions provide for: 1) Four stories; 2) Parking entrance not on Park Street; 3) Opt-out parking as part of residential leases; 4) A 1-to-1 parking ratio (one space per unit); and 5) No after-hours restaurant/bar.

At P&ED's request, Wall also has added: 6) Landscaping elements at street level; 7) Community room with neighborhood access; and 8) Place-making plaza at the point (for which BCNA could write a proposal for grant funds from the city). P&ED has asked Alder Eskrich to stand with neighbors in support of the 4-story plan in a formal meeting with the Plan Department to counter staff's demand for more height and mass. Alder Eskrich has said she could support this iteration since it has adequate commercial space, but has not yet done so. Lacking her formal intervention, Wall will present a 5-story plan at the UDC (Urban Design Commission) on 2/22 to maximize the chances of city approval of his revised plans. Next info meeting: 2/1/17 6: 30 p.m., Water Utility. (See earlier issues for why Wall now supports 4 stories instead of 5.)

**JADE GARDEN:** Sue Jiang has told the Wisconsin State Journal that she has abandoned plans to develop the east side of the 1100 block of South Park; however her team has told P&ED in an email that she is "analyzing her options for the site and hopes to submit a revised development plan in the near future." Emerson neighbors persuasively presented their reasons for keeping the design to 3 stories at the UDC late last year.

### **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AT 1202**

**S. PARK:** Neighbors express overall enthusiasm for supportive housing for homeless individuals on Park St. However they have questions regarding the choice of site and building design, including: the small size of the lot; past plans for the site to become a cross street; and the amount of high-density development slated for the 800-1200 blocks of S. Park. P&ED and a neighbor met on Jan.19 with Matt Wachter, who led the site-selection process, to review these issues and learned that the city wants to move ahead now on its plan to add 1,000 units of affordable and supportive housing in the next five years, and while admitting that 1202's size is less than optimal, has chosen this as its next site. The city did not include the former Truman Olson (TO) property among possible sites for consideration (something it revealed after the last informational meeting). We also learned that the city needs to develop an overall plan for development of the TO property, which requires subdividing the 3-acre lot and bringing in a road, before it can use the lot. We did not get a response to neighbors' concern about limits on density for the "Little Isthmus" or our request to be more involved in the planning process up front. At a meeting on Jan. 24, city planners reviewed their reasons for eliminating prior plans to extend Olin Ave. across Park St and thru the 1202 site which include the pitch of the terrain, the angle of the intersection, and related expenses.

Heartland Housing reviewed its latest design plans with neighbors for the up to 60-unit, 4-story building for homeless individuals with on-site services. The first round of designs go to the UDC on Feb. 8 and the city submits its application to WHEDA on March 3, 2017.



# Bay Creek Bulletin & Neighborhood Contacts

Next Bulletin to be delivered: **First week of April**  
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The Bay Creek Bulletin is published every other month by the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA). The Bulletin provides valuable news and information about our neighborhood, and helps connect neighbors to one another. We welcome your contributions: comments, articles, drawings, photos, poetry, announcements.

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