

**HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA**

Date: Wednesday June 15, 2022
Time: 6:30-9:00PM
Place: Sanger House Gardens

I. Food and Mingling

- a. Pizzas (including vegetarian options) were provided from Ian's. A fresh picked salad was provided from a local farm share (Happy Day Farmhaus in Germantown). A selection of white and red wine was also provided as well as bottled water.

II. Call to Order

III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update / Upcoming Events

- a. Household Count: 95
- b. Balance:\$7,562.74
- c. Upcoming Events: Throughout the summer we may have 1-2 pop up events, at the end of August there will be the block party, plus keep your eyes open for communication about the next patio round robin.

IV. Guest Speakers

- a. Lisa Sasso (MMSD's Green Infrastructure Senior Project Planner) spoke about green infrastructure that MMSD has been a part of. She spoke of local partnerships with schools as well as select alleys that have received grants from the city of Milwaukee to rebuild green. Here are some headlines from the talk:
 - i. MMSD's 2035 vision is to remove 740 million gallons of water from the storm drain system through various green infrastructure projects. Part of this includes neighborhood outreach. This might look like: pipe Check Programs - (to check for leaky pipes, Rain Barrel Programs (to educate and supply residents with rain barrels)
 - ii. Interested Residents can sign up for the Fresh Coast Guardian's [Newsletter](#) or access the [website](#)
 - iii. The Green Infrastructure Program is a reimbursement program for both public and private individuals. Milwaukee spends roughly \$500k per year on green infrastructure projects. This might include rebuilding an alley in a green way. (With coarse pavement that absorbs water, or a green strip in the middle). If you think your alley would be a good candidate for a green rebuild contact the city.
- b. Steve Bialk (who operates Sanger House gardens with his wife and partner, Angela Duckert) spoke about updates to the garden as well as some problems that he and Angela have been having with people and poor garden etiquette.
 - i. What is Sanger Gardens? It is $\frac{2}{3}$ of an acre that Steve bought back in 1985. He is a self-taught gardener. He read books to learn the trade. He hosts various wildlife throughout the year including ducks, frogs, and various other animals. There are multiple frog ponds, fountains, sitting spaces, paths, etc. He also has

very nice facilities for rent (both long and short term) in addition to renting out the space for events (like weddings, meetings, etc.).

- ii. Updates: The canopy has been opened with the removal of 5 evergreen trees.
- iii. Issues: Unattended children have hurt themselves and fallen into ponds. People have been taking pictures by walking directly into flower beds and some have even pulled up plants. One especially frustrating issue is people who come after hours. Steve is looking for suggestions because he feels that his is at a crossroads and is seriously considering closing the gardens to the public if the issues continue.

V. Adjournment