



Neighborhood Association
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 @ 7PM
UWEC Centennial Hall **ROOM 1920**, 1604 Park Ave.

Call to Order

7:02

19 people present

Approve Meeting Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved

Chair's Report (Demmler Garden Information)

- Email for the garden is: demmlergarden@gmail.com
- Jon Joadwein (sp ?) has taken of the garden and will come up with some guidelines for plots.
- Kevin has been working on the EID number, final stage will be getting 301ac approved by IRS
- Dale Peters is retiring. City Council has put together a questionnaire trying to gain some input on what we'd like to see in a new city manager. Look at the on city web site, and on the city Facebook page. That information will be used by search committee.

Treasurer's report CDBG (Sharon Hildebrand)

- We have \$1142 in the general fund if accounting with the garden is correct.
- We've applied for two grants, which we will hear about in May.

Census

The census bureau will be sending out questionnaires. There are some changes this year re: how people can respond. Traditionally there was a mailed questionnaire. This year: three options.

1. When letter goes out, you will have an ID number. You can go online and submit your info online.
2. There is a phone number on the letter, you can call that number to give your info.
3. You can send in your info in the traditional—paper format.



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When the initial letter comes out... they hope most people will respond right away. A reminder letter goes out two weeks later. Then there will be a postcard, around the 1st of April. Mid-April, another letter that will come out, that will be the paper format that people who haven't already responded can use. Once we get to May 1, they go into the non-response part, that's when the enumerators start going out to the houses that have not filled out the forms. In 2010, WI had the highest response rate in the nation. 83 percent of households. EC was the top or second to the top in Wisconsin.

NOTE: If you're getting a call right now from someone who says they're from the census bureau, it's not legit. Don't respond. The only contact would be at the point when they go into nonresponse phase, door to door.

Katherine Schneider notes that if you run into someone who is reluctant to fill out the census, remind them that it's only 10 questions, and that for every non responder, we lose 1300 bucks in government money. She encourages students to try to get the information into the Spectator.

NextDoor (Bridget Coit Eau Claire Police Department)

- Police department is hoping to spread the word about NextDoor so more neighborhoods start using it.
- NextDoor has does not have the fluff, no political ads, just information that is relevant to neighborhood.
- Police can send message to the entire city through NextDoor, but they can't see what the Third Ward is posting. They don't want police overreaching in people's lives. However, residents can instant-message the police about something going on in the neighborhood. If it's an emergency though---call dispatch.
- Sometimes there are questions about why there was a large police presence at a certain location. The police are also able to send out those alerts through the app.



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CVTC Referendum (President Bruce Barker CVTC)

April 7 election, there will be a referendum –the last one was in 1997 – that would allow them to build the manufacturing center, transportation center, and emergency service center, and River Falls campus. 48.8 million dollars.

Proposed projects:

1. Transportation Education Center. This would increase capacity to help with workforce shortage in trucking; create a comprehensive facility; expand classrooms and labs; create flexible labs for alternative power vehicles.
2. Emergency Services.
3. Automated Fabrication Lab. Robotics and automation instruction
4. River Falls Adjacent Campus: Property purchase.
5. Menomonie Campus: Addition and refresh, safety improvements
6. Chippewa Falls: Refresh.

County Board Update (County Board Supervisor Dr. Kathryn Schneider 5 min)

Dr. Schneider has had three or four months on the board, and is starting to get the hang of it. The vote is coming up on April 7. She is hoping for the dog vote.

Some of the things the county board does:

- Highways, public safety, human services
- Criminal justice coordinating council: has made our incarceration one of the lowest in the state. When you spend money on some diversionary things – like veterans court, womens' programming--you spend less money on keeping people in the jails.
- Education, including CVTC
- Speak Your Peace meetings, reaching out and asking people what they should be doing more or less of. There are places for public input.



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Announcements/Open Forum

- Jacob Wrasse (UWEC): update on Covid 19: Today, almost half the campus said they'd be cancelling their in-person and moving to online. By next Wednesday they will determine what they will do after the break.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 8th, 2019 @ 7pm @ Centennial Hall Room 1920