



Neighborhood Association  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 @ 7PM  
ZOOM

**Call to Order**

7:07                    15 people present

**Minutes approved**

**Chair's Report**

- There will be another summit with the neighborhood associations next Friday. JONAH will be there, and there will be a presentation on environmentally safe lawns.
- Kevin can send Zoom credentials for anyone who wants to participate.
- Steering committee elections:
  - Chair: Kevin Rosenberg
  - Vice President: Roger Gravrok
  - Treasurer: Sharon Hildebrand
  - Secretary: Laura Buchholz
  - Communications: Jacqueline Roelant
- Aaron Salmon still has the password for the Third Ward Facebook page, and we need to get that from him before we can resume using the page.

**Treasurer's report**

- We have \$3,168.57 as of Oct. 9
- Donations: \$655
- Discussion about how some of the Third Ward newsletters didn't arrive

**EC University Campus Wide Smoking/Vaping Ban - Plant Jim Boulter, Chair UW Physical Plant**

- Jim is a university faculty member who lives on Graham in the Third Ward.
- Jim has been at the university for 16 years, and is the chair of physical plant committee.
- Current campus policy specifies a dozen or so areas for smoking. A few of those areas were outside of state statute—e.g., loading docks. As they were revising that policy, the city was revisiting policy, including that for vaping.
- The university has not yet settled on a new policy. This issue will go to the student senate, and then on to the chancellor.



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- The question is whether to convert to a smoke/vape free and/or commercial tobacco-free campus.
- In 2010, the university senate passed it, but the chancellor did not sign.
- The student senate and residence hall association passed similar measures in subsequent years.
- UW-River Falls has banned all forms of commercial tobacco, including chew.
- This discussion is a neighborly courtesy to the Third Ward.
- Discussion on whether such a ban would be an overreach
- There would be no real enforcement on campus. Jim says this would “enable” enforcement by creating a policy to which non-smokers/vapers could point.
- Discussion of the potential impacts to the neighborhood if the Third Ward becomes the first closest safe smoking/vaping/chewing refuge
- Possible two- to three-year phase-in period whereby we could monitor any unintended consequences of the new policy and make changes if necessary
- Discussion of getting a written policy so we can circulate it

**Proposed Sober House 311 Garfield**

- Someone noticed police activity there last week, notified the city attorney
- The city attorney and planning department have not heard from Michelle Markquart’s attorney.
- Last letter is from September 24
- Request to Jeremy to see if the city could check if they were in compliance with zoning

**Announcements/Open Forum**

- Jeremy Gragert– City manager hiring process is delayed, council is seeking additional candidates. City council passed the city budget yesterday. It is published on the website. They have the capital budget and operating budget finalized for 2021
- Jacob Wrasse – The University will be offering on-campus community antigen testing for COVID-19. Community-only testing will be this weekend and next Wednesday. Noon to 8 at Memorial, Saturday November 14, Sunday November 15, and Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment - Next Meeting** Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 @ 7pm ZOOM