



Neighborhood Association
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 @ 7PM
UWEC Welcome Center and ZOOM

Call to Order

7:07 call to order

Minutes from last meeting approved

Chair's Report

- Jackie Roelant, Chair of the Eau Claire Neighborhood Association (ECNA), promoted the association at National Night out, handed out newsletters

Treasurer's report

- General: \$1,146.63
- Demmler: 1,599.66
- Total: \$2,746.29
- Kevin has recertified us

ECPD Announcements

- Abigail is available for issues

UWEC New Hibbard Parking Lot Sign (Jake Wrasse, UWEC)

- October 15 is the grand opening for the Welcome Center, during homecoming
- The sign plan has been submitted to Plan Commission. They will consider it Aug. 16
- Following Tuesday August 24, City Council will vote. (Note: Jake later informed us that there was no city council vote as the sign met city specifications and would not therefore need to go to council)
- Final step: a city inspection with lighting contractor
- Concerns: quality of light, brightness, nature of the sign - wayfinding
- The city regulates setback, height, visibility around the corner. They do not have domain over wattage. For sign of this size, contractors don't do lighting studies.
- There will be a single bulb in the cabinet of the sign. The light will come through an acrylic barrier that has a diffuser. It's not harsh, the light pollution is low.



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- Hibbard parking lot, each of those heads on the poles is 12,000 lumens. 12 of them, for a total of 144,000 lumens
- Is there a comparison to the gateway sign? The cabinet we're talking about has a single bulb, whereas the archway has multiple bulbs all the way across.
- Jeremy: at the council level, this will be a discussion item rather than official agenda item. Says there may be a bit of a delay going on
- Mildred: the parking lot looks great. Thanks for the shrubs and plantings.
- City's timeline on 200 block: don't know when that will be done

September Third Ward Thrift Sale

- 2nd Saturday in September
- Would like to have signs displayed in prominent places
- Info up on old Third Ward neighborhood website
- The old signs are beat up, and we do not have maps
- 10 new signs would cost 300 to 400 dollars
- Adhesive that you can put over the signs – almost as expensive as new signs
- Last time we had a thrift sale: ad in Leader Telegram - Friday and Saturday; NextDoor; Stuff for Sale in Eau Claire
- Asking people to give us 5 dollars, will list address, will group different kinds of items with address, as soon as you give the money, posted on FB page and website

Annual Meeting Sept 8th Topics

- Celebrating our 100-year-old homes
- Can identify a walkaround tour of them
- Susan and Sharon were on historic preservation foundation. They did house tours for many years. Sharon was on landmarks commission for 6 or 9 years as well.
- Limit tour to just a few houses -- maybe three homeowners. You may not find three people to open their houses.
- Kevin says you could do an "outside" tour.
- Chippewa Valley Symphony does that at Christmastime.
- Suggest to present this at the annual meeting
- Could create a sort of passport book: self-guided tour



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- Inside vs. outside. 2021 or 2022. Probably 2022
- Some houses are under 50 years old
- It takes a lot to maintain a 100-year-old house. A floor drain seizes, gutters, roofs, this is recognition for work, honoring these homes

Chippewa Valley Housing Recommendations

- Peter: Chippewa Valley Housing Recommendations. Would it be a good time to bring everyone up to speed on what exactly this is, and what do we have to worry about, what can we do about it.
- Affects all neighborhoods, not just the Third Ward. An issue for the Eau Claire Neighborhood Association as well as us
- Managing parking: college kids park on the grass. Discussion of regulation to keep people from paving their front lawns
- People shouldn't be afraid to report ordinance violations. Ask the city to please enforce ordinances at X address.
- Something that we had included in long-term plan, to be studied in 2022: South of Washington Avenue, mixed use (term for transitional housing) commercial to residential (Dewy, Graham, South Farwell, Gilbert).
- House on McKinley that had been a student rental -- Young couple bought it, they're bringing it back to a single-family home.

Announcements/Open Forum

- Are the State houses that had been owned by the UWEC Foundation for sale?
- Newsletter due out next week.
- Could use a volunteer to deliver to S. Farwell, Dewey, Earl Street.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

Wed, September 8th, 2021 @ 6pm open House, 7pm UWEC Welcome Center