



The Third Ward Neighborhood Association monthly meeting: 1.11.2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Susan Miller, neighborhood chairman.

Steering Members Present at the meeting: Susan Miller, Chair, Kevin Rosenberg, Vice-chair, Eileen Immerman - Communications, Laura Buchholz, Joanne Mellema, Bob Schwartz, Jacqueline Roelant, Secretary (z), Ryan Pleski (z), Roger Gravrok (z)

Steering Members Absent: Dick Solberg, Sharon Hildebrand (Treas), Aaron Salmon

Liasion Members: Marcus Kimball, ECPD, Jeremy Gragert, City Council, Sarah Tweeddale, UW-EC Staff and Jake Wrasse, UW-EC Liasion

Members Present: Ann Ducay (z) Dave Solberg, Mildred Larson, Brian Larson, Laurie Norstedt, Katherine Schneider, Judy Blackstone, Jill Barland, Glory Adams, Doug Dobson, Nina Brobst, Scott Larson, Marian Ritland

Approval of December's Minutes was tabled until February.

Chairs' Report : Susan gave an update on the **501(c)3 status** , we need to re-file as they had lapsed. We've been a 501c3 status since 2005. It is now corrected. The **by-laws committee** continues to work on them with the intention of presenting changes in spring/summer to be voted on it the fall. They will be meeting again in February sometime to continue adjusting the language of the TWNA **bylaws. We need volunteers to help with the neighborhood survey, the 100 year old Home Tour, etc. Let Susan know if you are interested.**

Treasurers Report: postponed until February.

City Council Report : Jeremy discussed construction updates planned for spring, and responded from the December meeting that he was still uncertain of the number of accessible units in the old Shopko Development, but he will reach out and ask developer about this. Katherine reminded it is a federal law, which Jeremy is aware of. Landscaping is not finalized, but there is a landscaping person for parking lots. Clearly the building layout doesn't help the "concrete jungle" look, but city staff are working with the developer on that.

Housing Study : info in the packet on city website for next meeting. Questions arose as to how the study that will be commissioned is different from what's already been done. The earlier taskforce report stated what is, but he is still uncertain about real differences. The scope of the new study for housing is laid out, we'll learn more in February.

Kevin reminded us that Scott Allen stated neighborhood associations would be an integral part of housing related task forces moving forward. Kevin is concerned that the current description does not contain neighborhood associations. Susan stated that the speaker for February will address this, but it makes sense to give city staff a heads up on that. **Dave Solberg volunteered to do this** .

UWEC Report : Jake Wrasse reviewed construction plans on campus. Dates of graduation and breaks were provided for the association. School semester begins on Jan. 30th. On Jan. 18th there will be a meeting re: Science building and a vote will occur at the state level on February 15th.

ECPD Report : Officer Kimball is our permanent Officer, any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to Officer Marcus Kimball. He addressed the police are still willing to watch residences when students are away, but the list didn't get sent out last break, but they intend to continue to watch those rentals when students ask for it. He also looked into the sign issue at Garfield and Farwell, and he agreed it is a bit confusing. Dave Solberg said the city is working on addressing the issue which they agree is concerning. Officer Kimball asked for questions. Kathy Schneider asked about Owen Park and the homeless population. He answered that those areas are routinely patrolled. There are other areas that homeless congregate also. There are not any huge concerns at the moment. They will continue to monitor.

Committee Reports

ECNA – Update on STR language and city's progress with adopting ordinance for STR regulation. Progress on obtaining a **group insurance policy** was reported. Kevin stated they are looking at a cutoff at \$100,000 coverage and then another cutoff at \$250,000. A vote on which policy to pursue will occur at the February 21st meeting is planned. Various options will be discussed. All residents are welcome to attend. **Jackie will post details on the meeting time/location on our Facebook Page.**

Communications - Reaching new followers daily and are continuing to update our social media presence. Continue to stress that there are **2 Facebook and websites for the Third Ward** and one is not current and should not be used for updates on recent activities of the association. Work continues to grow community outreach. Correct website is <http://thirdwardeauclaire.org>

100 Year Home Tour - So far, it is planned to be a walking tour and fundraiser to celebrate the architectural history of our neighborhood. Eileen has a team that will be organizing this for the early to mid summer. They are meeting again at the beginning of February.

Guest Speaker: Dave Solberg presented on street construction planned in the third ward next summer. **The 200 block of McKinley and Roosevelt will be closed** for replacement of the sewer and water service. Replacement of lead pipes is also scheduled during this construction. Sidewalk addition to the south side of Roosevelt is planned to help with safety and access. This will occur as soon as summer vacation begins for UW-EC (early June). They expect to be finished by end of July/early August.

Additional point of info: 2024/2025 beginning near Washington/Summit and Marston, they'll be looking at the intersections the way they did on State St. These will be last of the big projects.

Next Month: Billie Hufford with the city planning department is scheduled to discuss the **housing availability study** that has been contracted for the next 6 months. Please bring your questions to the February 8th meeting.

March: **Short Term Rentals** - Scott Allen will present

April: **Weed Control** by an Extension specialist

Miscellaneous: Joanne Mellema asked about who was managing **Demmler gardens**, but it was unclear who is organizing that, so **Susan will try to find out and report back**. We need to create better guidelines. Susan will ask Sharon what she knows, as she collects the fees.

Mildred and Brian Larson will be moving to New Hampshire in March or April. They are long time members and will be greatly missed.

A question on the blocked street on the south side of the new apartment complex by **Wilson Park** remains blocked, and Dave Solberg responded that will open in the spring (after things thaw) and the Water feature will be added to Wilson Park this Summer.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jackie Roelant, Secretary

Susan Miller, Chair

Eileen Immerman, Page Layout