



**Third Ward Neighborhood Association
April Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7pm
UWEC Welcome Center/Zoom**

Call to order by Susan Miller

- Approval of March minutes was tabled until next monthly meeting as minutes may not have been received by all steering committee members and one error noted.
- Chair's report: (Susan Miller) City is reviewing and will be updating zoning codes. They are looking at parking standards, green space and trees, flood plain issues, housing, short term rentals, signage, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and a complete street policy. Complete streets mean to take into consideration that not only vehicles use streets and other traffic is to be considered in designing streets.
- Treasurer's report (Sharon Hildebrand) Amount in bank as of March 9, 2023: \$3957.17. Approx \$1530 in Demmler Garden, \$2426 in general fund. Questions asked: 1) where do we get our money: donations from annual appeal in the newsletter, EC Marathon and City of EC donations. 2) what are our expenses? Garden utilities, annual newsletter and thrift sale advertising.
- Partner Reports
 - City Council report (Jeremy Gragert)
 - 1) American Rescue Plan has approx. 4 million left for City to determine use.
 - 2) The July 4th fireworks location is yet to be determined between High Bridge, which would be less costly and fewer manpower overtime hours, or the traditional location of Carson Park.
 - 3) Budget Process is beginning.
 - 4) Streets: in very poor shape due to harsh winter freeze and thaw events. City will be doing an evaluation for repairs rating them 1-100. Only two streets are due for reconstruction in Third Ward.
 - 5) Question: why has street budget been cut? Other priority areas have taken money from general fund which include streets. May need to be reassessed. The state returns very little money to the City for streets. Property taxes pay for the majority of street reconstruction, general repairs not covered.
 - UWEC report (no one available)
 - ECPD report (Officer available, but nothing to report)
- Committee Reports:
 - ECNA report (Kevin Rosenberg) We have insurance! All Neighborhood Associations are participating. Policy was \$400, ECNA officers voted to put extra money in account for ECNA.
 - Communications/100 Year Old Home Tour (Laurie Norstedt). Tour has 10 homes scheduled. Letter and guidelines has been sent to owners. Next meeting at CVMuseum to research with arborist.

- Bylaws: (Susan Miller) Bylaws are being revised, ongoing process. Questions: why is this being done: We haven't updated them since 2016, they are out of date on technology used since last revision, (social media, zooming) and the association cannot get stated number of people on committees or officers.
- **Speaker: Der Fa Lu – Master Gardener on Weed Control:** Weed control philosophy is possession in 9/10ths of the law....use other plants to control your weeds. Use garlic chive and onions. South Community Garden is available for tours after July 4. Short video on quack grass removal. South Garden committee has process for how to handle complaints. Fees for So. Garden are \$36 for large plot.
- Demmler Park Gardens: maintenance, fees, involvement: John Joadwine (manager of Demmler Garden) and Judy Blackstone. Demmler Garden began in 1978, same year as TWNA. Fees are \$25 for large, \$15 for small plot. Treasurer noted only a \$2 profit in 2022 which is unlikely to cover expenses going forward (utilities, compost, fencing). Fees will be raised for 2024, but gardeners are already signed up for 2023. John is willing to cover increase 'out-of-pocket'.
- Zoning/Housing Updates (Susan Miller) Open Houses were held and several members attended. Some language in City proposal is concerning 'reject economic and income segregation that may result from natural housing market'. TWNA should stay on top of issue and be involved.
- Announcements/Open Forum
- EC Marathon volunteers: Still needed!
- Ad in Volume One for thriftsale: revisit possible ad and place ad closer to annual thrift sale
- Water lines: City has site to determine if your waterline needs replacement

refer to: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/utilities/water-treatment>

Adjournment