



Third Ward Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

**July 12, 2023 - 7:00 PM - Hybrid meeting -
Flesch Welcome Center, UWEC**

Steering Present: Kevin Rosenberg(z), Ryan Pleski(z),
Roger Gravrok(z), Dick Solberg, Bob Schwartz, Eileen
Immerman, Joanne Mellema, Jim Erickson, Susan Miller
Absent: Sharon Hildebrand, Jackie Roelant

Also present: Doug Dobson, Marian Ritland, Kathleen
Attermeier (z), Lt. Ryan Dahlgran, ECPD, Jake Wrasse, UW-EC, Steve Betchkal, John
Joadwine, Judy Blackstone

1. Call to Order - 7:00 PM
2. Chair Report: Susan
 - a. Progress is being made on the By-Laws, plan to have completed by Annual Meeting
 - b. Progress in Home Tour, Demmler Gardens
 - c. Survey has been done of the TWNA with results being evaluated
3. Steering Committee Minutes from June are on the website.
4. Treasurer's Report: Susan (info from Sharon)
 - a. Presently \$4,526.70 in the account
 - b. Received 2 donations for the home tour
 - c. Third Ward airbnb owner donates part of income to TWNA - \$60 received
5. City Council Report: none
6. UWEC Report: Jake Wrasse
 - a. New Science/Health Science building
 - i. WI State Budget has approved \$340.3 million for the Science/Health Science Building. Next step is to call for bids.
 - ii. Parking study has to be proposed to City Council, steps are Parks & Waterways Comm mtg in late July, Planning Comm Mtg in early Aug with City Council approval later in August.
 - iii. Construction will take 2 - 2.5 years, then Phillips will be dismantled with return of some parking spaces that were eliminated with the new Davies building.
 - iv. Bird friendly building recommendations have been incorporated into this building.
 - b. Orientation to occur over the next several weeks - 500 persons/day (incoming students and families)
7. ECPD Report: Ryan Dahlgren (south district commander)

- a. Responding to concerns about protection for vehicles traveling on Thorp Drive from going down the steep slope into the river especially in winter- some rocks have been placed. He will do more research as to why not more protection for the whole drive.
 - b. Questions about bike patrol - states staffing issues have made the dept back off from this - hope to return once staffing is back at quotas.
- 8. Communications Report: Eileen
 - a. Notes that the old inaccurate website is populated with all the wrong info about meetings/times and locations.
 - b. Asks that anyone that knows who holds the info for that site to please contact them to direct visitors to our site.
 - c. Encouraged inviting friends to the newer, official page, especially on FB.
 - d. Newsletter will go out in August, mails to ALL 3rd Ward Households.
- 9. Historic Home Tour Report: Eileen
 - a. Will occur Sunday, August 6, 2-6 PM.
 - b. Projected an overview of the tour/booklet/maps/ticket purchasing
 - c. Discussed budget and requested that TWNA approve money for the Home Tour - it is hoped that this will be recouped with the tour.
 - d. Motion made to authorize \$700 from the TWNA budget for the Third Ward Historic Home Tour. Dick 1st, Jim 2nd, passed unanimously.
 - e. Point made that a budget should be requested before plans made, but since this was our first tour, it was more difficult.
 - f. Home Tour Committee commended for their work.
 - g. PLEASE COME!
- 10. Survey Recommendation:
 - a. Request for neighborhood picnic - TWNA could assist in applying for permit. A call has gone out for volunteers to plan this.
 - b. Request for meet and greet - will plan next TWNA meeting to have first half hour as social gathering.
- 11. ECNA Report: Kevin
 - a. By-Laws Comm met yesterday - close to finishing updated By-Laws - next meeting July 22
 - b. Another NA had signed up to work Country Jam - needed more volunteers - four Third Ward persons will join them - should make about \$240 for TWNA.
 - c. ARPA funds - \$40,000 available to ECNA - discussion occurring how to use these funds.
- 12. Demmler Garden Update: John Joadwine - Demmler Garden organizer
 - a. All plots rented this year - 4 new gardeners, 11 returning
 - b. Midseason is time to work on new projects

- i. Working on a grant application with Billie Hufford from the city
- ii. Amounts requested and projects that would be included were noted.
- iii. Many new exciting projects are being planned.

13. Open Forum:

- a. Steve Betchkal
 - i. Read a letter he is writing to Grace Crickette, UWEC Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration regarding the importance of incorporating bird friendly construction principles to new buildings at UWEC - he is asking the TWNA to sign on to this letter.
 - ii. Motion made to have the TWNA sign on to this letter. Joanne 1st, Kevin 2nd, 6 yeas, passed.
- b. Meeting attendees encouraged to attend the Summer Jazz Crawl occurring in downtown EC this Saturday, July 15, 5-10 PM.

14. Motion to adjourn. Dick 1st, Eileen 2nd. 8:00 PM

15. Next meeting, August 9, 7:00 PM (social 7pm, mtg. 7:30pm)

Submitted,

Joanne Mellema, Acting Secretary