



Third Ward Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 7:30 PM

Present: Dick Solberg, Susan Miller, Eileen Immerman, Jim Erickson, Bob Schwartz, Joanne Mellema, Sharon Hildebrand (z), Ryan Pleski (z)

Absent: Roger Gravrok, Jackie Roelant, Kevin Rosenberg

1. Call to Order: Susan, 7:28 PM
2. Approval of July Steering Committee Meeting minutes: Bob 1st, Eileen 2nd, passed.
3. Approval of July Association Meeting Minutes, Eileen 1st, Jim 2nd, passed.
4. **Chair's Report:** Susan
 - a. Reading of purpose of the TWNA and reminder of Robert's Rules
 - b. Home tour noted as a good way to highlight the neighborhood and for those in the neighborhood to interact.
 - c. Noted that these proceedings are recorded - presently using a professional account that the Communication Chair has, and stored on a hard drive on her computer, the plan is to switch over to an already registered Zoom account and update it to a paid non-profit account once non-profit paperwork is official. (Note: unpaid accounts limit meetings to 40 minutes, so we will use Eileen's until then). Minutes are available to anyone by asking Eileen via our email address.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon
 - a. July Statement: \$4,650.82 in the account (home tour profits not yet entirely deposited)
 - b. Question - does the association get a full income/expense report? - Will probably get it in February after full 2023 reporting finished. Sharon will also give a more detailed report at the annual meeting this fall.
6. **City Council Report** - no representative present
7. **UWEC Report** - Jake Wrasse(z) - Community Liaison office UWEC
 - a. Some last maintenance occurring at UWEC before the beginning of the semester - includes parking lot maintenance
 - b. Aug 21 - faculty contract starts, students start classes early September
 - c. Roosevelt construction continues - should allow full access to campus parking by beginning of academic year
 - d. New science building - in process of finalizing documents for the city planning commission - then can get bids - hopeful that construction will

begin in spring/summer of 2024. Plan would be for Phillips to come down in 2027 - and will become green space and parking.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **ECNA** - no report. Noted that the ECNA is putting together a “loan closet” for neighborhood associations to use for neighborhood picnics - not fully available yet.
- b. **ECPD** - no representative present
- c. Communications: Eileen
 - i. **Home tour** occurred Aug 6. About 160 toured. Visit Eau Claire was very helpful. Full report on net income will be available next month. Twelve guidebooks still available for sale. Seven individuals on home tour committee - Susan thanked Eileen for her wonderful leadership. Tour Committee Members were : Eileen, Laurie Norstedt, Joanne Mellema, Susan Miller, Sharon Hildebrand, Sandy Gobler and Jackie Tollefson. Jackie interviewed over 40 participants and had many positive comments.
 - ii. **TWNA Newsletter** goes to press tomorrow - will be delivered to the entire neighborhood by the end of the month by USPS mail person.
- d. **Neighborhood picnic** - Marian Ritland - is chairing the committee for this. Date will be Sept 17 at Demmler Park from 5-7 PM. Lawn games, face painting and more will be available. Will be a potluck and grills will be available. Bob Schwartz and Adrienne Leland also helping.
- e. **Thrift Sale** - Sharon Hildebrand
 - i. Occurs on Sept 9
 - ii. Will be placing signs on streets to inform
 - iii. Can register your sale for \$5 and will be put on a map
 - iv. **Clothing collection:** Sarah from UWEC informs that UWEC will be at Visitor Lot B from 4:30 - 6:00 PM that day to collect clothes that students could use - UWEC has a “clothes closet” for students to use for professional dress needs
- f. **501(c)4 status** - Jim
 - i. Every non-profit that collects money needs an EIN# - TWNA received an EIN in Feb of 2020 - but no tax filing was done in 2021 and 2022 so TWNA EIN# was in limbo. This has now been reapplied for and latest taxes have been filed (none due).
 - ii. Point made that TWNA should have a PO Box and an email that stays with the organization so that with leadership transition in the organization these get passed on and is not attached to a individual’s personal account, mailing address etc.

9. By-Laws

- a. It was noted that email motions made regarding the by-laws previous to the meeting would not be voted on as email motions are not considered part of the process, and a new motion cannot be voted on before the current motion is passed/rejected or tabled.
 - b. Motion made to table a vote on the by-laws tonight and steering committee to meet in person in the next few weeks to finalize that document. Jim 1st, Dick 2nd, Yeas 4, Nays 2.
 - c. Susan will send out a time for a steering committee meeting to finalize the By-Laws document, and may need to call a special neighborhood meeting to present them, as some steering committee members are unavailable until after Sept. 7th.
10. Vote to adjourn, Dick 1st, Jim 2nd, passed. 8:40 PM.
11. Next TWNA meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Mellema
Recorder