

# Third Ward Neighborhood Association

## 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes



**September 13, 2023 - 7:15 PM - Flesch Family  
Welcome Center, University Wisconsin - Eau Claire**

Steering Committee Present: Dick Solberg, Kevin Rosenberg, Eileen Immerman, Roger Gravrok, Joanne Mellema, Jim Erickson, Sharon Hildebrand, Jackie Roelant, Susan Miller, Bob Schwartz

Absent: Ryan Pleski

Total Steering present: 10

Non-Steering Association members present: 22

Community Liaisons present: 2 (plus Jeremy Gragert, also a resident member)

Members: Jackie Tollefson, Peter Hable, Jeremy Gragert, Doug Dobson, Marian Ritland, Laurie Norstedt, Callie Didion, John Joadwine, Jackie Tollefson, Peg Gravrock (z), Mat Larson (z), Kathleen Wanke, Ann Ducay (z), Dave Hesketh, Terre Sullivan, Ken Sullivan, Kathie Solberg, Adrienne Dorig Leland, Dean Van Amber, Kirsten Alvarez, Rich Swanson, Don Motzing (z), and Meghan Humphreys.

Other Community members: Lt. Ryan Dahlgren, Jake Wrasse/UWEC, Matt, UWEC student, Oren Templeton, UWEC student

1. Call to Order: 7:01 PM - Susan
2. Introductions
3. Chair's Report: Susan
  - a. Thrift sale occurred on 9/9 with good weather and 30+ homes – great participation.
  - b. ECNA receiving ARPA funds
  - c. Neighborhood picnic occurring on Sunday, 9/17 at 5pm.
4. ECPD Report: Lt Ryan Dahlgren
  - a. Gratitude expressed for support for the referendum passed this year that increases funding for the police department.
  - b. Desk # if need to contact: 715-839-8682
5. City Council Report: Jeremy Gragert
  - a. Rewrite of EC zoning code occurring - named Century Code Update
  - b. UWEC Science Building going through approvals at the city level

- c. Just finishing road work of 200 block of McKinley and Roosevelt - will keep neighborhood apprised of road work being considered in the next round of improvements.
  - d. Airbnb ordinance: is included in part of the zoning ordinance that is being written. Jeremy will do more research into this to give us more info as to where to find that information is the zoning code update.
6. UWEC Report: Jake Wrasse
- a. Fall semester up and running with about same number of students as last year.
  - b. Have added several hundred parking spaces on upper campus through working with CVTC. (cheaper than on lower campus).
  - c. Science building update - City Planning Commission meets on Sept 18, Public City Council hearing on Sept 25, City Council Exec. Session on Sept 26 - then call for bids can go out with hope that construction will begin by next summer.
  - d. Homecoming on Oct 7.
7. ECNA Report: Jackie Roelant (president of ECNA)
- a. In the middle of rewriting by-laws
  - b. ARPA funds to be received - approx \$13,000 - are working on having a central storage area that would carry things that neighborhood associations could use and return - for picnics, functions, etc.
  - c. Insurance policy obtained that will cover all neighborhood associations.
  - d. Will be meeting at City Hall in the future - next meeting Thursday, Sept 28.
8. Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hildebrand
- a. Present funds: \$4852.33
  - b. Will have full accounting in Jan or Feb for FY 2023.
  - c. Thrift sale paid advertising raised approx \$142.00, which completely covered our advertising expenses.
9. Picnic: Marian Ritland
- a. Sept 17, 5-7 PM at Demmler Park.
  - b. Card tables/folding chairs needed. Call her at 206-291-8148 if you would like her to pick them up and return.
  - c. Grill, eating utensils, root beer floats available. Bring a dish to pass.
  - d. Will have games.
10. Demmler Gardens: John Joadwine - [johnjoadwine@yahoo.com](mailto:johnjoadwine@yahoo.com) and Callie Didion
- a. Cleaning up from summer
  - b. Working on a website - right now can find on city's community garden website: <https://eauclairecommunitygardens.com/>
  - c. Trying to interact with neighborhood more

- d. Callie: Fencing/raised beds are deteriorating - will need funds - are thinking of fundraising ideas. A grant has also been applied for.
11. Home Tour Event: Eileen
- a. Visit EC did not charge for their services and work on the project, saving us hundreds of dollars
  - b. Expenses were approximately \$1200 with profit approximately \$690.
12. Election of Steering Committee Members:
- a. Present Steering Committee members not up for election: Roger Gravrok, Kevin Rosenberg, Eileen Immerman, Sharon Hildebrand, Joanne Mellema, Bob Schwartz, Susan Miller
  - b. Present Steering Committee members up for re-election (all wish to remain on the committee) Jim Erickson, Dick Solberg, Jackie Roelant, Ryan Pleski.
  - c. Additional neighborhood association members seeking election: Jackie Tollefson, Marian Ritland, Kathie Solberg, Don Motzing, Peggy Gravrok (z), Kathleen Wanke (z)
  - d. All persons wishing to be elected were given a moment to speak as to why they wanted to be on the steering committee.
  - e. Voting was done by ballot with each association member present in person writing up to seven choices on their ballot - those on zoom sent their choices by email to Sarah Tweedale's UWEC address.
  - f. Tallying occurred by Susan and Kevin, who counted all ballots separately.
  - g. Steering Committee Members elected to two year terms:
    - i. Jim Erickson, Dick Solberg, Jackie Roelant, Jackie Tollefson, Marian Ritland, Peggy Gravrok, Kathleen Wanke
13. Motion to adjourn, Kevin 1st, Bob 2nd, passed. 8:50 PM.

See you at the picnic!!

Submitted: Joanne Mellema