



## TWNA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024 UWEC Flesch Welcome Center

1. Call to Order: Chair Susan Miller, 7:00 PM
2. Steering Committee: Present: Jim Erickson, Dick Solberg, Joanne Mellema, Eileen Immerman, Sharon Hildebrand, Susan Miller, Peg Gravrok(z), Roger Gravrok(z), Kathleen Wanke(z). Absent: Kevin Rosenberg, Jackie Tollefson, Jackie Roelant, Bob Schwartz, Marion Ritland
3. Third Ward Residents present: Mandy Shea Williams, Laurie Norstedt, Shauna Ponty, Steve Betchkal, Peter Hable, Judy Blackstone, Sue, Nelson, Kathleen Attermeier, Matthew Lehner, Glory Adams (z), Tim Hay
4. Welcome: Chair Susan Miller
  - a. **February meeting will be moved to Thursday, February 15** from it's usual meeting date of Wed, Feb 14. Location/Time are same as always.
  - b. **February meeting will feature our two candidates for the County Board:** Kathleen Schneider and Matthew Lehner - come with questions.
5. Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hildebrand
  - a. Year End Financial report: 2023 Revenue: \$3,644.17, Expenses: \$2,382.97. Year end profit of \$1,261.20. Demmler with no expenses other than utilities of \$151.72. Profit \$83.28.
  - b. Presently have \$4,862.81 in our account (\$1100 of that is for Demmler gardens) Report is available on our website.
6. Partner reports:
  - a. UWEC - Jake Wrasse
    - i. State Building Commission has approved the science building. Presently getting bids. Hope to break ground this summer.
    - ii. County Material Complex on Menomonie St - will be on line this fall. Zorn/Brewer/Kjer complex will be demolished in future once funding approved. Will become a green space with increased ADA parking.
    - iii. Spring semester starts Jan 29.
    - iv. Stoplights at top and bottom of Garfield Ave campus hill are for protection of workers that are working on the steam power lines that are present on the hill.
  - b. ECPD - officer not present
    - i. Note there has been a **dog bite** in the neighborhood - still trying to track down the dog. EAU CLAIRE — Health officials are asking for the public's help finding a dog that bit a man in Eau Claire on Monday. The incident took place between 10:15-10:30 a.m. at Park Avenue and Park Place. A small-to-medium sized black dog was being walked with another dog by a woman in a dark colored winter jacket. She had blonde hair. Officials said they need to identify the dog for a couple reasons. First, they need to find out its status for rabies vaccinations, which determines whether the man who was bitten will need injections to prevent the disease. There's also a public interest in finding the dog to prevent it from biting again. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Eau Claire Communications Center at 715-839-4972.
    - ii. Report of an individual seen stealing from neighborhood garages. **Keep your garages and cars and doors locked.**

- c. City Council - Jeremy Gragert
    - i. Notes there is a weekly newsletter put out by the City Manager (present at our meeting tonight) [Click here to join her mailing list](#) and/or select others.
    - ii. No street construction planned for 2024 in TW.
    - iii. There are alley projects planned - McKinley area - there is a process for neighbors to discuss with the city the project planned prior to work being done, will post those later.
    - iv. City Manager Hirsch reported that two meetings are planned with different parts of the city. She is also planning to attend different NA meetings throughout the city to answer questions.
  - d. ECNA: Jackie Roelent absent
    - i. Chair states she was informed by Jackie (who is presently the TWNA voting member at the ECNA) that a new voting member should be assigned. After discussion, it was noted that the Chair should be the voting member at the ECNA based on our bylaws. It was agreed Chair Susan Miller will be the voting member.
7. Dick Solberg notes that the Community Haven House (day center for unhoused individuals) has been moved to the old Pawn Shop on Washington St. since late December. Motion made that the TWNA donate \$200 to the Haven House in the spirit of being good neighbors. Dick Solberg 1st, Jim Erickson 2nd. Discussion followed. Peter Hable made a motion to table the motion. Sharon Hildebrand seconded that motion. Discussion followed. Vote: yeah 0, nay 9 to table the motion. Vote on the motion Yeah 1, Nay 8. Dick Solberg was asked and agreed to draft a request that could be put on social media requesting donations from individuals in the Third Ward to the Haven House.
8. Zoning Review
- a. Chair Miller outlined the preliminary report that has been developed regarding an update to the zoning code in Eau Claire and how it impacts our neighborhood. This report can be found on TWNA website [HERE](#).
  - b. Discussion followed.
  - c. Committee is being formed to follow the meetings about this and to gather questions/comments from our neighborhood that can be presented to those working on final guidelines. Jim Erickson will chair. Others are encouraged to volunteer for this committee that will work over the next 6 months or so. Present volunteers are: Peter Hable, Steve Betchkal, Jose Alvergue, Glory Adams, Mandy Shea Williams. Others may join or send in questions to the third ward gmail account and they will be directed to this committee.
9. Aaron Brewster is the only candidate running for city council from our district. He was present and introduced himself and gave reasons he wanted to serve.
10. Motion to adjourn. Dick Solberg 1st, Jim Erickson 2nd. 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanne Mellema*

For Jackie Tollefson, Secretary