

## TWNA Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. UWEC Flesch Welcome Center, 1st Floor

Call to Order: Chair Susan Miller, 7:00 PM

Steering Committee: Present: Dick Solberg, Joanne Mellema, Eileen Immerman (z), Sharon Hildebrand, Susan Miller, Peg Gravrok(z), Marian Ritland, Kevin Rosenberg (z), Jackie Tollefson, Bob Schwartz, Roger Gravrok, Bob Schwartz

Steering Absent: Jackie Roelant, Kathleen Wanke

Liasions: Jake Wrasse, UW-EC (z) and Jeremy Gragert, City Council, ECPD not able to attend Third Ward Residents present: Janet Miller, Matthew Lehner, Martha Annis, Kirsten Alvarez, Dean Van Amber, June and Steve Betchkal, Peter Hable, Doug Dobson, Margo Miller, David Lundberg, Cleone Jaeger, Curtis Goodson, Steve McCullough, Allen and Rachel Keniston, David Peterson, Sarah Szymanski, Heidi Golz, Laurie Norstedt, Judy Blackstone, Rich Swanson, Shauna Ponty, Brian Pinno, Abbie Williams, Angela Allred, Bob Carr, Barb Bohlig, Scott Hodele, Bethany Bohlig, Stephanie Hirsch, Sue Nelson, MaryJo Cohen, Don Bredle, Bob Sinz, Bernie Hoefgen, Karla Hoefgen, Roger Davis, Erik Thompson, Lissa Siedown, Margaret Ott, Nancy Lynch, Mat Larson, Thomas Kemp, John Hildebrand, Terre Sullivan, Garrett Haugrud, Ellen Faulkner, Linda Kampa, Terri Stanley, John Hibbard, Glory Adams (z) Guest/Non-Residents: Chad Rowekamp, Eastside Hill, David Barnes Randall Park, Helene & Nick Smiar, Randall Park

- 1. Welcome: Chair Susan Miller, Susan opened the meeting and reminded participants it is being recorded.
- 2. Eileen Immerman spoke briefly about the Sunday August 4th TWNA Home Tour. This is a fundraising event for our neighborhood and based on comments from tour participants at the 2023 Home Tour, we are looking at finding homes where we would be able to see the inside of some of our beautiful 3rd Ward homes. We would appreciate ideas for homes for the tour as well as invite anyone interested in joining this committee. We have 1 home that has agreed to be a part of the tour but need about 3 more homes for the tour to be successful. Focusing on the Eau Claire Park Addition (200 block of Roosevelt and McKinley) and the Roosevelt Avenue Historic District (3/400 blocks Roosevelt), but we are open to ideas. If anyone has ideas or interest in joining please reach out to Eileen Immerman on our email. 3rdwardeauclaire@gmail.com. We meet once/month.
- 3. Sharon Hildebrand encouraged residents to volunteer their time at the Eau Claire Marathon which will be held on Sunday April 28th. As a volunteer organization we will receive \$500.00 from the Eau Claire Marathon, provided enough people volunteer. This is a big fundraiser for our neighborhood so please try and help. Go to the <a href="Eau Claire Marathon website">Eau Claire Marathon website</a> and click on the "volunteer" section drop down to where it says "groups" and enter Third Ward Neighborhood Association (TWNA). There are lots of different ways to volunteer so hopefully you can find something that interests you. This is always an exciting event for our community and we are proud to be a part of it, both by volunteering AND by the runners running through our streets.
- 4. The next order of business was sharing information about the preliminary zoning proposal shared with the public by the Zoning Policy Advisory Committee (ZPAC) of the city of Eau Claire. The zoning codes that exist are from 1990 and need to be corrected to reflect our city as it is today as well as plan for expansion in the future. We focused our information on the 3rdWard but the comprehensive city wide proposals can be found on our website <a href="Thirdwardeauclaire.org/">Thirdwardeauclaire.org/</a> and click on the newsfeed link. This information was presented by several members of the Steering Committee and also members of the Zoning Committee. This entire presentation can also be found on our <a href="website">website</a>. This was strictly an informational meeting and participants were encouraged to write down their specific questions and concerns. Our April 10th meeting at 7:00pm at the Flesch Welcome Center will have various city government members present and we will have the opportunity to present our questions and offer comments. If you have a question or concern we encourage you to send it to our <a href="email address">email address</a>. The city officials that will be at the April meeting include Stephanie Hirsch, City Manager, Ned Noel, Planning Manager,</a>.

- **Jeremy Gragert and Aaron Brewster, City Council**. Invitations have also been sent to Andrew Werthmann, City Council and Emily Berge, City Council President.
- 5. Before our April 10th meeting, the Zoning Committee is hoping to meet with representatives from other neighborhoods to share information and concerns and possibly coordinate efforts in presenting these possible concerns to the City Council.
- 6. The attendance at our March 13th meeting was outstanding and sent the strong message that there is a much interest and support in the outcome of these zoning proposals. Thank you to everyone who attended!
- 7. The Zoning Committee did a terrific job with their presentation and shared the enormous amount of information in an impartial and comprehensive way. We are looking forward to another big turnout at the April 10th meeting.

Please remember - Comments or concerns - Email <u>3rdwardeauclaire@gmail.com</u> Further info: Website Thirdwardeauclaire.org, or our Facebook page

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