



TWNA Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. UWEC Flesch Welcome Center, 2nd Floor

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

The Steering Committee General Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Susan Miller Chairperson. Steering Committee members present were Susan Miller, Eileen Immerman, Sharon Hildebrand, Jackie Tollefson, Marian Ritland, Roger Gavrock

Chairs Report

- The Community Outdoor Recreation Plan committee met on June 13th to provide feedback on the Eau Claire City Parks. This committee would appreciate input from the community on strengths and weaknesses in our city parks and suggestions for improvement.
- The Eau Claire Urban Forest Board is looking into the tree canopy in our community. The Third Ward has the largest percentage of tree canopy in the city with the downtown area less than 10%. In the urban areas and high density rental areas this is becoming a concern. This group continues their work.
- Information on the Farwell Reconfiguration Proposal. The proposal is to go from 4 lanes to 2 lanes with medians and landscaping. This is a 5 year plan and the city is asking for support to write a grant that would allow for the planning of this proposal. They are looking to involve stakeholders in this planning.

Committee Reports -

- Sharon Hildebrand gave the **Treasurer's Report**. We are officially recognized by the Federal Govt. as a 501C3 organization! We now need the State certification. \$2,017.00 in the Demmler Account and \$3343.00 in the TWNA account.
- **News from ECNA**. The lending library for Neighborhood Associations to check out fun things such as games, popcorn machine, projector etc. is up and running! They are working on a check out type system to help keep track. We will definitely use this service for our neighborhood picnic in September.
- **Home Tour Info**. Monday June 10th was the press release day. August 11th from 2-5pm. Tickets are \$30.00. The tour is a walking tour that will start at the Flesch Welcome Center. We have 4 homes that will include an inside tour and 2 homes in a walk by architectural tour. This price includes the fees from Eventbrite. Sharon is hoping to contact Third Ward business owners to help sponsor this event at \$200.00 a sponsorship. This will include their business logo in the Home Tour booklet. A budget of 1,300.00 was voted on and passed. We are looking at providing home owners with a bouquet of flowers and a gift card as a thank you for participating.
- **Steering Committee** changes. Jim Erickson and Jackie Roelant have resigned their positions on the Steering Committee. Peter Hable will accept a position and Marian Ritland was voted in as Vice Chair of the Steering Committee.
- **Zoning Committee/Century Code**. Several members of the Steering Committee joined Ned Noel and Ryan Petrie on a drive around a few weeks ago. They were able to highlight areas in the Third Ward and the Randall Park area that were good examples of Multi-Family units that incorporated the aesthetic of the neighborhoods as well as areas that are a concern for the integrity of our neighborhoods. Steering/Zoning has sent a letter to Ned and Ryan as well as the members of the City Council to share our concerns and stress how important we believe our involvement needs to be going forward. This letter can be found on our website.
- **Picnic Info**. The TWNA picnic will be on Sunday September 14 from 4-7pm at Demmler Park. No Packer game! Marian Ritland is the Chair of this committee and asked for a budget of \$200.00. This was approved.
- **Thrift Sale Info**. We would really like a Chair for this committee. Please consider helping out. This will be Saturday September 14. There will be signage out ahead of time advertising. There is a \$5.00 fee to register online. This puts your address on the map so visitors can find your sale!
- **Liaison Info**. Jake Wrasse from UWEC shared the construction news regarding the new science building. Thursday June 13 was the ground breaking. It looks like construction machinery/trucks will be using Roosevelt and coming behind the Phillips building. UWEC hosted Badger Boys State last week as well as a Drum and Bugle workshop. Bugold Experience Days are coming up. 2 weeks in June, 2 weeks in July and 2 days in August. This welcomes incoming students and their families. The Sonnentag Center will open on September 9 and the Mayo Clinic will be opening their facility on July 11th.
- **Day Shelter for the Homeless** info. Aaron Brewster provided great information on this topic. There are various sites being looked at. No decisions have been made and the City would like input on the communities concerns and suggestions. Hope Gospel and Western Dairyland are holding an info meeting on Tuesday June 18th at 5:30pm at the third floor of the library.
- **Thank you to Aaron Brewster!** Invaluable resource on issues coming before the City Council.

Chairperson Susan Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm. Next meeting will be on Wednesday July 10th at 7:00pm at the Flesch Welcome Center.

Please remember - Comments or concerns – Email 3rdwardeauclaire@gmail.com Further info: website Thirdwardeauclaire.org, or our [Facebook page](#)

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