

TWNA Meeting Minutes Third Ward Neighborhood Association Wednesday May 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Miller at 7:06pm. Steering Committee members in attendance were Susan Miller, Eileen Immerman, Sharon Hildebrand, Jackie Tollefson, Kathleen Wanke, Bob Schwartz, Roger Gravrok, Peg Gravrok, Patrick Stafford and Peter Hable.

Absent members were Dick Solberg and Marian Ritland.

Chair Report - Susan Miller

Susan made several reminder announcements. The Thrift Sale will be Saturday September 13. Sharon, Kathleen and Jackie are organizing this event.

Neighborhood Picnic - The date is still to be determined? Based on the Packer schedule either Sunday September 14 or Sunday October 6. More information to come. This picnic will not be using grills. The food will be potluck family donations. A reminder to check with ECNA for some supplies and games/activities for kids. Bob and Patrick will be coordinating this event. Susan also shared a reminder from the Health Department to please check their website for safety at local beaches when it comes to swimming.

Treasurers Report - Sharon Hildebrand

We have a balance of \$9,843.42 in our account and Demmler Gardens has approximately \$2,00.00.

Home Tour Report - Eileen Immerman

The Home Tour is set for Sunday August 10. We have 4 homes that are allowing us inside tours. 419 Summit, 403 Summit, 136 Oakwood Place and 210 Oakwood Place. We will need volunteers at each of these homes to help with traffic flow as well as people to help check in. If interested contact Eileen Immerman.

Demmler Gardens - message from John Joadwine

There will be a work day at the gardens on Saturday May 17. They are in need of a new spigot and hoping the compost will be dried out enough to use. The gardens are ready to plant! Aaron Brewster from City Council shared that the city is looking into the possibility of using parts of some of our green spaces in town and turning them into pollinators. It would save the city on having to mow and maintain and the environmental impact of pollinators is heavily researched. They are exploring options on the herbicides that would need to be used to clear the area for natural grasses and plants to be established. Demmler Park may have an area behind the warming house adjacent to the Gardens. There is a possibility of 93 acres of city land to be converted to pollinators. More information to come.

Trash Talk - Steve Bechtkal

The city is looking at the possibility of every other week pick up. The haulers have agreed they could work with this idea. This issue will continue to be pursued in the best interests of our environment and city residents.

UWEC - a message from Jake Wrasse

The wooden stairs in Putnam Park will start to be repaired on Monday May 19. Commencement is at the Sonnentag on Saturday May 17. Zorn and Brewer Hall will begin to come down on Monday May 19. It will take most of the summer for demolition and converting to a green space. Badger Boys State will be at the University June 8-14.

ECPD - Ryan reporting for Brandon Dohms

The Block by Block Ambassadors program started in March and has been very helpful particularly in the Washington Street and Wilson Park areas. There is a flyer with a number to contact on our website. A reminder that all city parks close at 11:00pm.

Fundraising continues for the new Day Center through Hope Gospel and Western Dairyland. More information on a possible opening date to come.

Zoning - Susan Miller, Peter Hable and Aaron Brewster

ZPac has voted on the zoning recommendations as presented by City Planning. Those recommendations were approved. It now goes to City Council for a vote in July. The suggestions from TWNA were not part of the recommendations that were approved. There is a possibility to collaborate with the Builders Association and Affordable Housing and a motion made by Peter Hable and seconded by Patrick Stafford to pursue this collaboration with Aaron and the 2 organizations was approved. More information to come.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Hildebrand and seconded by Jackie Tolleson. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Tollefson, Secretary