



TWNA Meeting Minutes

Oct. 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m. UWEC Flesch Welcome Center

Third Ward Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting: 2025 Wednesday October 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Susan Miller.

Steering Committee members in attendance were Jackie Tollefson, Eileen Immerman, Susan Miller, Marian Ritland, Bob Schwartz, Peter Hable and Peg Gravrok. Absent members are Sharon Hildebrand, Roger Gravrok, Patrick Stafford, Kathleen Wanke and Dick Solberg.

Chair Report - Susan Miller

In giving a brief overview from the last Annual meeting in 2024 Susan talked about the Century Code adopted by the City Council. The TWNA worked tirelessly to have our neighborhood coded as GR (general residential). This did not happen and we are now coded NR (neighborhood residential). We need to be diligent when and if we see something happening in our neighborhood that may be against code. Susan also talked about some of our successes. The Home Tour was a huge success and we sold all 250 of our tickets! The TWNA Family Picnic was also a great event. The TWNA Thrift Sale saw a good turnout and good buys.

Looking forward we need to see more involvement from the residents of our neighborhood. In order to have a strong, dynamic Association we need to see more people have ownership in our association. We also need some support for our Communications Director Eileen Immerman. The newsletter, Home Tour, website and emails is a lot for 1 person. Anyone with those skills and interests please contact Eileen or Susan.

Treasurers Report - Sharon Hildebrand: no report this month

Picnic - Marian Ritland

There was a good turnout of 50/60 people and a huge plus lots of lots of activities for kids. Love those Root Beer floats!

Thrift Sale - Eileen Immerman:

We had 26 people on the map for the sale. The cost is \$5 and we put the ad in the paper. Please remember to list your unique sale items, it draws shoppers.

City Council - Aaron Brewster: Aaron was unable to attend -- There was no report.

***ECPD - Brandon Dohms:**

University Homecoming was successful from The Police Department's perspective. No big problems. There were some complaints made about Loud noise from cars. This is pretty tough to enforce unless you can report a specific car at a specific time. There are anywhere from 6-12 officers on duty on any shift. The ECPD has already dealt with 5,300 traffic violations this year. There is a new flashing pedestrian crossing signal at the corner of Gilbert and State streets, like the one at Roosevelt & State.

***Election of Steering committee -Susan Miller:**

Steering Committee members that we thank for their service and have chosen not to run again are Dick Solberg, Kathleen Wanke and Peg Gravrok. Members continuing are Patrick Stafford, Susan Miller, Eileen Immerman, Sharon Hildebrand, Roger Gravrok and Bob Schwartz. The new slate of candidates running for election are Peter Hable, Jackie Tollefson, Marian Ritland and James Coy. These candidates introduced themselves and were elected by a unanimous show of hands. Congratulations!

Neighborhood Concerns -Susan Miller

We have heard from several neighbors about a house on Drummond and a house on Garfield and Wilson.

The Landlord is evicting the tenants at Garfield and Wilson and the Drummond house is being watched. The TWNA has developed a form that we are asking residents to fill out so we begin to develop a data base that tracks these problems and properties. These reports can be anonymous or you can leave your name. The TWNA CANNOT report on your behalf so we urge all residents to report your concerns to the appropriate city department. The different departments and the issues they deal with is on our website. Here is a link to the form to fill out for concerns. FILL IT OUT EVEN IF OTHERS HAVE. WE NEED A PAPER TRAIL IN CASE WE MUST TAKE THIS FARTHER WITH CITY DEPTS.

Demmler Gardens - John Joadwine, Garden Director

The 2025 garden season was a big success! 15 Returning gardeners and 5 new. We now have a Free produce stand by the garden that neighbors help themselves to. They were successful in writing And being awarded 2 grants. One from the Eau Claire Garden Club and Master Gardeners and the other from The Pablo Foundation.

They were able to use these funds to repair fencing and replacing raised beds. They are in the process of working out details for a partnership with UWEC. Student hours for a letter of recommendation. More to come.

*** Pollinator Garden - Susan Miller**

We are gathering information and interested neighbors to look at taking a section of Demmler Park and turning it into a pollinator garden. Steve Bechtal has offered to help and any interested names can be sent to him or to Susan. This is an exciting project so let's make it happen!!

The next TWNA meeting is November 12

Submitted:

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