

Third Ward Neighborhood Association



Wednesday March 11, 2026

The President, Susan Miller, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Steering Committee members in attendance were Eileen Immerman, Susan Miller, Marian Ritland, James Coy, Bob Schwartz, Peter Hable, Roger Gravroc and Jackie Tollefson. Members absent were Patrick Stafford and Sharon Hildebrand.

Presidents Report - Susan Miller

Susan announced that Elizabeth Hilton the National Register Coordinator for the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office will be at our April 8th meeting to share information on how to register your home with the State Historical Office and the benefits of doing so.

A message from Aaron Brewster, our City Council Representative. He will be holding listening sessions on the City's Budget at Pizza Plus at 3:30pm. The dates have not been determined yet but will be in April so check our website.

Treasurers Report - Marian Ritland

Marian is working on setting up a PayPal account. This will make it easier for the Executive Committee to do business as well as members of TWNA. More information to come.

Demmler Account - \$3,957.47

TWNA Account - \$5,003.13

We have pledged \$2,500.00 as a start for the Pollinator Garden.

There are plans to add a commemorative bench to Demmler Gardens in honor of Judy Blackstone.

Home Tour - Eileen Immerman

The committee will be meeting on Tuesday March 17th. We are looking at another great Tour on Sunday August 2nd or 9th (TBD) from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Police Report - Brandon Dohms

The Washington Street area has seen less issues since Haven House, the new day center opened on December 29th. There has also been a 13% traffic crash reduction on Clairemont. Good news! There have been reports of difficulty for people to get to the traffic lights to use the walking button due to ice buildup. It has been reported to Neighborhood Services but no action has been taken so Brandon will look into it.

UWEC - Jake Wrasse/Anne McCoy

Spring Break will be March 16 - 20. Finals will be May 11 - 15 and Commencement will be May 16. The Viennese Ball will be April 10-11 and Jazz Fest is April 17-18.

Summer Campus Facility Projects include -

- Elevator and generator replacements at Hibbard Hall
- Elevator replacement at Schneider Hall
- Utility Work at Zorn Hall, additional parking, sidewalks, covered bike shelter, benches and trees.
- There will be a campus utility outage on July 3rd. Xcel is making upgrades to the substations.

City Council - Aaron Brewster

Aaron was absent but sent the information on the public input sessions on the city budget at The Plus.

James Coy - Executive Board -

James gave information on the opening on December 29th of Haven House. The facility has been an amazing addition to the community and to the neighbors it serves. It is a beautiful facility with showers and onsite laundry and also provides necessary services for the population it serves.

The hours of operation are 1 hour after Sojourner House closes to 1 hour before Sojourner House opens. They have regular tours on Wednesdays at 1:00pm and there will be an Open House on Wednesday April 9th from 3:00 - 6:00pm.

Hope Gospel and Western Dairyland continue with their fundraising. We are looking into having a formal presentation at a TWNA meeting later.

City Council Presidential Candidates -

Scott Rogers and Jeremy Gragert gave a brief introduction and reasons for running. They both responded to questions [provided by TWNA members. Their responses can be heard on the meeting recording on our website.

Next meeting - Wednesday April 8th at 7:00pm in room 2804 Centennial Hall on UWEC Campus.

Jackie Tollefson, Secretary