Third Ward Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday October 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Susan Miller. Steering Committee members in attendance were Susan Miller, Eileen Immerman, Marian Ritland, Jackie Tollefson, Bob Schwartz, Jim Coy and Peter Hable. Absent members were Roger Gravrock, Sharon Hildebrand and Patrick Stafford.

Chair Report - Susan Miller

Susan welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and explained that a quorum would be necessary to elect a new Steering Committee and that would require 25 people. There were not 25 people in attendance so Steering Committee elections will move to the Tuesday November 17th meeting.

Treasurers Report Marian Ritland

The balance in the Demmler Gardens account is $5,768.00 and in the TWNA account is $15,089.00.

We are always looking at ways we can support projects in the neighborhood and a suggestion was made to provide various sports balls at Demmler Park. We will look into providing basketballs, soccer balls and footballs as well as a way to store them. Suggestions are always welcome.

Liaisons Reports -

Aaron Brewster - City Council: The City Council has adopted a balanced budget but it comes at the cost of several City Administration positions that will not be filled. The new paid parking in the downtown area will now be able to pay for itself and not require city personnel to monitor. The Transit Center is STILL under construction and the apartments are the problem. The buses are up and running from the Transit Center but a different company was contracted to build the apartments and it appears they are out of money. There is no deadline for finishing at this point but we will keep you informed.

Brandon Dohms – ECPD: The police department continues to monitor traffic problems and welcomes input if there is a specific time or day where issues are occuring. The ECPD does not assist with the downtown parking situation. There does not seem to be any immediate concerns but we are encouraged to be good neighbors and citizens and look out for each other.

Jake Wrasse - UWEC No report (received written after the mtg.)

Committees/Taskforces -

Communications - Eileen Immerman: This has become a huge job and is no longer something that 1 volunteer can be successful at. Jim Buck is a graphic designer and videographer and will continue to help with the Home Tour booklet as well as the website. Casey Butler has been handling the Instagram page as well as Facebook. Lana Solberg has helped with editing on the website. Eileen will continue to mentor these volunteers and encourage anyone interested in helping to let her know.

A suggestion was made to look at possible Intern situations through the University? A possibility of offering a stipend and/or as part of a college credit situation with a particular class? We will have more news in November. It was also suggested to post any openings needed to do business on the website. We could add a brief description and approximate time involvement. Eileen was not enamored with this idea. It isn't cost saving, it is more that we need someone "plugged into" the neighborhood. We can also make the neighborhood aware of positions that need to be filled on the Steering Committee. (done)

Comprehensive Plan Report - Peter Hable Vice Chair: The city is planning to wrap this committee up in a year with meetings once a month. The first meeting was held recently. The Comprehensive Plan must align with the new zoning code that was adopted by the city. More information to come. The website Legacyecplan.org also has information.

The next TWNA meeting will be on Tuesday November 17th at 6:00pm in room 1804 Centennial Hall. This is for Steering Committee only, as it is selecting our new officers.

Jackie Tollefson, Secretary

Addendum:

The following Steering Committee applicants are approved as of 11.9.2026, and will become 2026-7 Steering Committee:

1. Hannah Hidaka
2. Alie Peller
3. Bob Schwartz*
4. Susan Miller*
5. Sarah Willger
6. Rachel Keniston
7. Bethany Bohlig
8. Sharon Hildebrand*

*=returning members

They will join the current Steering members who are halfway through their terms.

1. Marian Ritland
2. Peter Hable
3. James Coy
4. Jackie Tollefson

This was approved post meeting to the neighborhood on 11.8.2026

Addendum: Eileen Immerman, Communications