

Third Ward Neighborhood Association

Steering Committee Meeting

August 11, 2005

Steering Committee Members Present: Curtis Goodson, DeWayne Severson, Rick and Sue Kayser, Jill Markgraf, Susan Miller, Maria Henly, Paula Kimblin.

Others Present: Robb Majeski, Mary Mickel, Angela Ziel, Sharon Hildebrand, Mike Rindo, Erna Kelly

Secretary's Report: Minutes were amended to reflect a new balance in the Treasurer's report to reflect a balance of \$1227.98 rather than \$961.81.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Henly reported that there has been no activity in the account since July 14. Maria did confirm that the Association did have a CVVG grant that could be used for park improvements if requested by the city Parks Department. More specific information will be available.

Guest Report: Robb Majeski, new owner of the Key apartments on East street spoke on the proposed improvements he is attempting to the properties. This includes placing a temporary gravel parking surface to increase parking and facilitate snow removal in the winter. A discussion about the plan and why it is a temporary measure ensued. Discussion resulted in the unanimous passage of a motion to support the proposal for the temporary surface waiver for 17 parking spaces as presented tonight to the TWNA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By Laws: it was reported that the revised by laws have been posted on the web site and will be posted at the library for public viewing prior to final approval.

Code Enforcement: Sue Kayser reported this committee met and has identified 5 areas of concern within the Third Ward. It was reiterated that codes are only enforced if a complaint is made which opens the complainant to retaliation. Garry Sherwood is meeting with the police to establish what a neighborhood watch program is.

Garden Walk: DeWayne Severson has been exploring the feasibility of holding a garden walk in the Third Ward as a fundraiser for the TWNA. He expressed possible conflicts with other organizations that also have similar activities and difficulty finding a suitable weekend.

Home Ownership: committee report was tabled.

Parks: committee report was tabled.

Website: It was reported that the website is up and running. There is nothing new to report.

TPPS: Recommendations to address parking concerns in the Third Ward were drafted by the TPPS committee. The area most affected by transient parking was identified for implementation of actions to improve parking and pedestrian safety. The committee is recommending that the proposed Parking Solutions be presented to the TWNA at the annual meeting for approval and then taken to the city for implementation. A discussion concerning dialogue between the University and TWNA ensued. Paula Kimblin suggested that timelines on responses to requests and review of proposals be given to both the city and the University to renew discussions between these parties about parking in the Third Ward. This resulted in the approval of a motion to send a written communication from Maria and Curt regarding the parking proposal to the University's agent (Andy Soll) with a request for a written response by September 1.

DECI: Paul reported that Summerfest was rained out. There will be a grand opening of Phoenix Park on September 24. Paula also reminded everyone to view the murals that have been added to 2 S. Barstow.

Newsletter: Mary Mickel reported that it is difficult to have the final draft of the newsletter ready for approval by the steering committee 2 weeks prior to publication. She requested that the content be reviewed by the steering committee and approved for inclusion. Mary did distribute copies of articles for the newsletter for approval by the steering committee. Advertising is being recruited at this time. The steering committee approved adding the proposed Parking Solutions as an insert to the newsletter.

OTHER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

University: Mike Rindo stated he would take the parking proposal back to the University for review. The University is developing a web site to increase awareness of the off campus students about city ordinances regarding alcohol, pets, noise, landlord/tenant relations, etc. The University is increasing efforts with the Eau Claire Police Department to identify student houses that continuously create problems such as noise, alcohol issues, etc., and make students accountable for these activities. Jill recommended that a link to the TWNA web site be included on this web page.

NEW BUSINESS

The large brick house for sale by Ellen Fanning is thought to be approved for a bed and breakfast. There will be more information about this at a future meeting.

Curtis stated that the new lights on State street are brighter and look nice.

DeWayne Severson reported that the University has increased traffic enforcement on State and Summit streets.

The Historic Preservation Foundation Annual Home tour will be September 24 featuring Third Ward homes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Susan Miller 8/17/05