

Minutes  
TWNA  
May 10, 2007

Steering Committee Members Present: Harriet Allen, Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Carlyn Conway, Laurie Forcier, Jeremy Gragert, Maria Henly, Rick Kayser, Sue Kayser, Jim Massey, Mary Mickel, Sue Miller, Bob Schwartz, Catherine Sinkewicz, Ken Fulgione.

Others Present: Mike Rindo

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Stan Carpenter.

1. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Treasurers Report: Maria Henley reported \$1315 in the treasury. After reimbursement the sum will be \$1500.
3. Newsletter Report: Mary reported newsletter delivery will be June 1, 2, and 3. We need more people to deliver especially in Zone 1 and 2. We have a list of people who have delivered in the past and will call them. Stan will get someone to deliver in his zone as he will be gone. Catherine will deliver to her zone. Sue is working on the ice cream man article. Bob has a large ad for the root beer graduation party. Jeremy and Eric will write the sustainability article. Kathy Attermeier's tree article was passed around.
4. Catherine suggested we combine the annual meeting and picnic in September.
5. Heritage Days: Stan said an insurance policy would cost \$387. DeWayne had reported earlier that the homeowners for the tour feared theft and we could not get insurance for that. DeWayne has cancelled the vendors, and Heritage Days will not be held.
6. Sustainability Report: Jeremy and Eric met with Stan recently and discussed energy conservation, alternative transportation, gardens and trees. They discussed students in rentals educating landlords about energy saving appliances and light bulbs and the wisdom of planting trees. This information could be sent to landlords via the newsletter or leaflets could be passed out at UWEC's House Day. Jeremy and Eric also want students to work with the City to create maps of the easiest routes to walk to destinations. Harriet suggested we donate our extraneous plants to renters who are neighbors.
7. Root Beer Graduation Party: Bob announced the party will be held at Demmler Park June 8<sup>th</sup> with June 9<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. He plans to make root beer floats. The rental tables and root beer will cost \$100. He is trying to find a band.
8. Motion: A motion was made and passed to provide \$300 for the root beer party.
9. Mike Rindo UWEC Report: UWEC is in the midst of a strategic plan update. The chancellor is holding brown bag sessions to help with direction. There is a retreat planned for the last weekend in May. Information on this can be accessed on the UWEC website under Strategic Planning. Currently the goal is to identify traits representative of the campus, such as study abroad programs and undergraduate research. Five such traits will be the focus next year and it will take a year to finalize the new plan.

The chancellor would also like to work with the neighborhood and the city in addressing physical plant issues. Perhaps the University could have a role in downtown development which would of course mean expanding their boundaries. They have thought about using the State Theater and also need space for fine arts.

UWEC plans to remodel or rebuild Davies Center this biennium. This 49 million dollar project is funded with student segregated fees. A new academic building is also planned. The 36 million dollar building will be erected between Schneider Hall and Zorn Arena. The Campus School, (more recently Park School) will be razed, necessitating a new Children's Center. A donor has provided funds for the new Children's Center which will be built near the State Street parking lot. Kjer Theater will be razed only after a new venue can be found. Jeremy felt that the Kjer site could have a bus transfer center, and shelter. He said federal dollars are available for this.

Maria asked Mike to find out if the Community will be involved in planning. She also asked if the island on Park would be moved to widen the street. She also reported that the Hibbard Hall garbage truck is very loud at 4:15 every morning. Mike said this has been addressed but he will check it out along with the other inquiries.

Mike reported that the traffic light on Water St. will stay on red, green, yellow, starting tonight.

10. Stan is working with Water St. development by getting input from neighbors and the Bridge Coalition. Jeremy is attending meetings as well.
11. Zoning Board of Appeals: Bob has recently completed an appeals process with the zoning board so that he can build a front porch on his house. He said the first step is to go to the Landmarks Commission. In his case, he had an old picture showing that his house originally had a porch that had been removed. The Sanborn Fire Maps at the UWEC library also can provide this proof. Second, go to the Zoning Board. These days it is easy to prove "hardship" and in Bob's case his small corner lot proved to be just that. The third step is to make a design and take it to the Landmarks Commission where they sign off on it. And fourth, apply for tax credit through the historical society. Bob hopes to begin his porch in August.
12. Community TV Update: Stan and Ken who are on the Community TV Board, report that At&T wants to come in to the community using our infrastructure and not continue Community TV. They have spent on legislators, and couch their plans in language such as calling it the "Fair Competition Bill" making it sound like it is good for us.
13. Nonstock corporation agent: Terri Stanley wrote to say we may need to change our agent for our association. We will check to see if John Hibbard wants to continue, and if not will find another attorney.
14. Figi House: Ken reported the Figi party was out of control this year. Someone from the "U" stepped in and cleaned up the premises somewhat. Ken regularly has to retrieve his realty yard signs from their garage. They've been cited for not removing snow from sidewalks twice last year. Sue reported seeing air conditioners on the third floor and cable and electrical wires running up the side of the house to the third floor. She said the attic has just one access, a very narrow stairway. We need to communicate with Figi, UWEC and the City about this. We also need to take a stand against additional attic and basement conversions. Rick will write up a statement for the board to approve at the next meeting.
15. State Street Houses: There has been some concern about the future of residential housing that has been for sale on State St. Three houses on State St. have been sold and the buyer would like to build a 3 story private student apartment building fronting State and running behind the Buffington home. There would be parking underground. The University would possibly put their new Children's Center in the first floor of the apartment building and could perhaps use the Buffington Home for offices. This would call for zoning changes so we may need to appear before the zoning Board again.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Kathy Buchholz, Secretary