

Meeting Minutes
Third Ward Neighborhood Association
August 14, 2019

A. Call to order

B. Approval of Minutes: No minutes from previous meeting

C. Chair Report

- Rezoning Appeal to change 333 Lincoln Avenue from R1 to R2 was denied. Much appreciation for the City Zoning for being consistent with long term plan and honoring previous downzoning efforts in Third Ward.
- Neighborhood Association funding is unlikely because City has no money
- LED lighting on State Street as part of construction: Residents concerned that City may install overly bright LED lights similar to Summit Ave. City will put up demonstration lights for input. Question for future consideration: will Summit Ave have option to switch out their lights.

D. Treasurer Report not available

E. Hibbard parking Report and proposal was presented by Engineer from Ayres and Associates and Mike Rindo UWEC

- Reconstruction is being planned for 2020. Possible expansion with entrance moved from State to Garfield. UWEC looking to add spaces ‘where there is demand’. Preliminary plans call for adding a row on the north side into the vacant lot and Buffington lot, adding 80-100 additional spaces in hopes of eliminating some parking in Third Ward neighborhood. UWEC would need to purchase land from Blugold Realty. Discussion focused on increased traffic on Garfield, with residents having no street parking, underuse of lots on Water Street and if Hibbard improvements would actually reducing parking in neighborhood where parking is free. Most Hibbard spaces are ‘G’ or ‘F’ now and questions it’s unknown how many new spaces would actually be for students.

F. Long Term Neighborhood Plan

- Discussion on zoning and language changed from ‘maintain’ to study closely’ any changes to zoning, especially regarding Graham and Farwell. Policy B3 regarding accessory dwellings was discussed and such dwellings are opposed by Third Ward steering committee on a vote of 4 to 3. Ned Noel, City Planner will make City aware of this opposition. Transportation section discussed and language was considered generous, since routes and service times are minimal.
- Vote to approve long term plan was 7 to 1.
- Plan will go before City Planning Commission on September 16, 2019

G. Third Ward Annual meeting will be September 11, 2019 in 1917 Centennial Hall. Agenda includes elections, Third Ward Neighborhood plan. Sign up for distributing flyers was circulated.

H. Neighborhood Thrift Sale will be September 14. Sue Miller will post ad in Leader Telegram, paying out of pocket. Kevin will let Chris Klesmith know about date and to post on Nextdoor and Facebook asap.

I. Other: Anton Smets announced a possible land dispute with the City regarding a bicycle corridor. The strip of land between Smets/Schilling property and adjoining house has been maintained by both property owners for many years with original vacate split between the two properties. Vacate documents/record is unavailable. City wants to keep land for future development as a bike path. Issue brought before Third Ward Neighborhood Association as a way to make residents aware.

Meeting Adjourned