

Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council
MINUTES
Thursday, August 4, 2016 5:30 p.m.
Riverside Ballroom
1560 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54302

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

<u> x </u> Ron Dehn (Astor)	<u> x </u> Angie Cook (John Muir Park)	<u> x </u> Jane Hansen (Red Smith)
<u> x </u> Bobbie Lison (Astor East River)	<u> x </u> Jim Jacque (King of Arms)	<u> x </u> Kathy Jerry (Schmitt Park)
<u> x </u> Skip Wilson (Baird Creek)	<u> x </u> David Hintz (MacArthur Heights)	<u> exc </u> Miriah Kelley (Seymour Park)
<u> abs </u> Dan Piton (Bay Highlands)	<u> x </u> Jim Ridderbush (Marquette Park)	<u> x </u> Debbie Tilot (Starlite)
<u> x </u> Dale Tease (Colburn)	<u> x </u> Deb Hamilton (Mather Heights)	<u> x </u> JoAnn Piepenburg (Three Corners)
<u> abs </u> Doug Brylski (Downtown)	<u> abs </u> Dave Catalano (MacAuliffe Park)	<u> x </u> Cindy Guevara (Western Corridor)
<u> x </u> Trudy Jacobson (East Shore Drive)	<u> x </u> Nancy Boeddicker (Navarino)	<u> exc </u> Garritt Bader (Whitney)
<u> x </u> Taku Ronsman (Fireman's Park)	<u> x </u> Joe Morgan (Nicolet Drive)	<u> x </u> Scott Vanidestine (Wilder Park)
<u> abs </u> Vicki Petersen (Fisk Addition)	<u> x </u> Dan Theno (Oak Grove)	<u> x </u> Mike Engelke (Woodside Hts)
<u> exc </u> Williams Peters (Fort Howard)	<u> x </u> Rosa Herrera (Olde North)	
<u> x </u> Joe Rabideau (Fritsch Park)	<u> abs </u> Josh Malcore (Olde Norwood)	
<u> abs </u> Shawn Kassien (Joannes Park)	<u> x </u> Keven Kakuk (Preble Area)	

APPOINTED MEMBERS:

<u> x </u> Mayor Jim Schmitt
<u> X </u> Noel Halvorsen, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Green Bay, Chair
<u> X </u> Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Neighborhood Development Supervisor, Vice-Chair
<u> exc </u> Billie Jo Horsens, Neighborhood Development Specialist, Treasurer
<u> X </u> Melanie Skalmoski, Neighborhood Watch

Roll Call:

1. Consent Agenda

The chair requested we move items on the agenda to accommodate the Police Chief's introduction of new officers and the Mayor's schedule.

- a. Consent agenda approved. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Smith spoke briefly about changes that happened in the police contract which now allows the department to hire officers not based on seniority, but on merit. He introduced three new Community Police Officers: Andrew Lentz, Shelly Wickland and Eric Allen. They will work on the near west side. He also introduced Captain Todd LePine who is a new District Captain for the far west side. The GBNLC welcomed the new officers.

3. Pedro the Pelican Proposal

Cheryl Renier-Wigg briefly spoke about the history the GBNLC has had in the placement of public art; specifically the art work displayed along the Fox River Trail. She stated that \$5,000 is budgeted for beautification in 2016.

Kent Hutchinson gave a proposal to the GBNLC asking for \$5,000 of beautification dollars to fund a mural located downtown on the ramp wall next to the Northland Hotel. He spoke about the importance of public art and how it leads to a better quality of life. A progressive art movement is taking place in Green Bay and that is a good thing for the City. He stated Pedro was designed to be an energetic, powerful bird representing the resurgence of pelicans on the Fox River, and continued to say that public art can be a worldly thing and will help to promote the City. The total project cost is \$10,000, will take approximately two months to complete, and work could begin after September 10th. The surface application would be such that if it was tagged with graffiti, it could be pressure washed off.

The following questions and answers were discussed:

Can the neighborhood participate in the painting? Yes

Will the GBNLC be recognized? Yes, a bronze plaque will be placed at the base of the piece.

Will this exhaust the GBNLC beautification budget? Yes, for 2016. It will be considered to be replenished in 2017 with other budget considerations.

A motion made by Baird Creek, and seconded by East Shore Drive, to approve \$5,000 to fund Pedro the Pelican with the stipulation that if the location changes, it be reviewed by the Steering Committee with a potential return to the full Common Council for approval. Motion carried.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Schmitt discussed a PowerPoint presentation and gave an update on the following:

Wrightstown purchasing water from the City of Green Bay.

107 Metro units will be open on November 11.

Northland Hotel will open in March or April of 2017. This is a 42 million dollar project. Construction is proceeding and the interior is ready to be restored.

50 NWTC student housing units will open August 18.

Festival Foods walls are up and they are hoping for a Thanksgiving Day opening. This is a 17 million dollar project.

An Outdoor Events Center in the South Broadway neighborhood will be proposed soon. It will host baseball, soccer, music events, and other uses. It is anticipated to bring other development with it. It will include proposed adjacent housing and restaurant plans.

Fit in the Park is taking place at parks all over Green Bay and includes Yoga on the deck and Tai Chi at St. James Park.

A lot of events are happening in Green Bay this week-end including The Tall Ships Festival, Taste On Broadway, Glow Run, and Donald Trump speaking at the Kl.

He will be working on the budget soon. When asked about a new police station he replied the police department is looking at a needs assessment now. He wants this to be a state of the art building.

3. Garden Walk

Kathy Jerry, President of Schmitt Park Neighborhood, spoke about the garden walk they just had in the neighborhood. She stated it was two years in the making and that it was hard to recruit folks to participate. The original number of seven volunteers dropped to four due to neighbors moving or other issues. They held it on a Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and featured four different garden styles: traditional, community garden, quirky, and professional. A tent was set up with food and lists of the sites. It was discovered most people found out about the event through the newspaper. Although the event was free, a total of \$107 was donated. Setting up was a challenge and they decided not to offer food next time. Approximately 85 people attended. They reported they had a good time and took pictures in order to incorporate things they saw for their own homes. K. Jerry said she had a lot of fun and would do it again.

5. and 6. City Staff Updates and Open Forum

C. Renier-Wigg stated that the Steering Committee met and discussed how they and other members did not care for how the open forum was going. They felt it had just become a laundry list of events. C. Renier-Wigg stated that it originally was meant as a time to share ideas, request assistance on items, and to make connections. She reported that the Steering Committee (Dan Theno and Trudy Jacobsen) developed a survey listing items members can check off on that they are good at, as well as a list of items they could use assistance with. This will help us as a council to determine where our knowledge lies and what our needs are.

It was discussed that the neighborhood division design an on-line calendar to post events from all the neighborhood associations. Other suggestions made were to purchase and bring a wipe off or magnetic board to every GBNLC meeting in order for members to write their events on the board, or to have each president bring a list of their events for distribution.

Small group break-outs were mentioned as a positive thing, as well as the sharing of best practices.

John Muir Park (Angie Cook) volunteered to keep a calendar of the rummage sales next spring so maybe everyone wouldn't have them all so close together.

It was encouraged that all presidents fill out and return a survey which will be mailed out next week.

On a different item, a question came up about the City's website for neighborhoods. C. Renier-Wigg told the group that not many associations actually use the website provided to them, and it has become difficult to keep people trained on how to keep it current. She stated that these sites will eventually be removed and suggested that if you're using it as a primary site, you should start looking for your own sites. Your site could be linked via the City Website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.