

## Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council

### Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2019 5:30 p.m.

### Tundra Lodge

865 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304

#### Neighborhood Association Members:

X	Ron Dehn (Astor)	x	Cheryl Williams(MacArthur Heights)	x	Pete Shedlosky (Preble Park)
	Skip Wilson (Baird Creek)	x	Jim Ridderbush (Marquette Park)		Jane Hansen (Red Smith)
X	Jean Hutte (Bay Highlands)	x	Deb Hamilton (Mather Heights), Vice Chair	x	Ryan Farrell (Royal Ponds Preserve)
X	Jessica Bower (Colburn)		Beth Nadolski-Spear (Maple Arches)	x	Kathy Jerry (Schmitt Park)
Abs.	Doug Brylski (Downtown)	x	Craig Runnoe (McAuliffe Park)	Abs.	Miriah Kelley (Seymour Park)
X	Trudy Jacobson (East Shore Drive), Secretary	x	Gina Greatens (Navarino)	x	Debbie Tilot (Starlite)
X	Michael Poradek (Fireman's Park)	x	Joe Morgan (Nicolet Drive)	x	JoAnn Piepenburg (Three Corners)
X	Joy Glass (Fisk Addition)	x	Lisa Anderson (NW Railway Garden)	x	Kasey Hock (Western Corridor)
X	Brittany Pyatt (Fort Howard)	x	Dan Theno (Oak Grove), Chair	x	Garritt Bader (Whitney Park)
X	Randy Griswold (Fritsch Park)	Abs.	Rosa Herrera (Olde North)	x	Nate Rusch (Kennedy Park)
X	Melinda Eck (John Muir Park)	x	Abby Brezinski(Olde Norwood)		
X	Sarah Lueschow (King of Arms)	x	Ryan Groshek (Olde Preble)		

#### APPOINTED MEMBERS:

  x   Noel Halvorsen, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Green Bay

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       William Peters, Neighborhood Support Specialist, Treasurer

Abs. Dale DeNamur, Oak Grove Neighborhood Association

  x   Neal Ewing, RJL Equity Solutions

  x   Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development

#### CALL TO ORDER

**President Dan Theno called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

President Dan Theno welcomed alderpersons Scannell, Dorff, and Johnson as well as the newly elected President of the Old Norwood Neighborhood Association, Abby Brezinski and the Chair of the Arts Commission Kent Hutchison. He also requested changes in the agenda to accommodate the schedules of those reporting to be moved directly after the approval of the consent agenda.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Cherl Renier-Wigg made a motion to accept the changes in the agenda as well as the GBNLC Minutes of December 2018 and February GBNLC minutes and Treasurer's Report of December and 2018 and February 2019. Ron Dehn seconded the motion. All approved with no changes.

## INTERIM-ELECT MAYOR'S REPORT

Erich Geinrich introduced himself to the GBNLC neighborhood Association leaders by sharing with them a brief biography of his work experience including his previous volunteer activities as a Board Member of the GBNLC neighborhood of Fisk Addition and Neighbor Works. He shared that he sees volunteer leaders as the lifeblood of the Green Bay community acting as advocates on issues for safety and other neighborhood issues for all people. He will be holding announced open meetings as mayor.

## CRIME REPORT

Commander Kevin Warych accented the worth of the Green Bay Neighborhood Associations by calling out the 17% reduction in crime statistics in Green Bay. He encouraged neighborhoods to continue to pay attention to local issues which contribute to the quality of life in their neighborhoods: speeding; traffic concerns; problem houses; local thefts. He reiterated that neighborhoods are the "eyes and ears" in the city.

## GREEN BAY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Seth Hoffmeister was introduced and shared that the Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 5 PM on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall to address or bring attention to both harmful issues as well as making policy recommendations about Clean Water, renewable energy use; flooding concerns and aging infrastructure; waste disposal; and/or ecological management of invasive species.

## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kevin Vonk, reported on the broad array of activities that this department oversees and its approaches to economic and community development including its work with potential developers to make connections; adoption of and enforcement of policies; and improvement and enhancement of properties. He reported on the upcoming opening of the Northland Hotel and called it a great asset for the city of Green Bay. He also called attention to the Whitney Park townhomes, the redo of Whitney School, the Packerland sites for apartment housing of students and seniors.

He mentioned that a lot is going on with a list of over 20 ongoing projects some of which will impact/improve neighborhoods: St. Mary's; the RailYard; Broadway Lofts; the ShipYard; possible movement of the coal piles; improvements to neighborhood housing in the areas impacted by these changes.

In response to questions he mentioned that a comprehensive plan to flooding issues will be available in 2020.

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## PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Laura Schley reported that 6 pedestals have been placed which are open to artists to display for a year to showcase their talent. The commission meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of city hall. It offers an Annual Grant Program as well as being open to arts other than visual arts. Commission is currently focusing on utility box artwork that is community friendly and uplifting along Military Avenue. Another possibility is artistic bus stops. The committee is tasked with funds for low to moderate income neighborhoods which could be supported also by neighborhoods in a creative/decorative bench.

## STAFF UPDATES

Will Peters reported that the Neighborhood Improvement Committee identified the need for a Neighborhood Mentorship Program which would pair upon request and experienced neighborhood leaders with a new or reformed neighborhood to assist them in troubleshooting problems. A call will be made for mentors.

A summer get together is in the plans for neighborhood leaders by this committee.

Will reported that the new GBNLC website development has been awarded to Full Scope Creative. Mini Grants are due on May 6, 2019. Operating Grants have been closed out for 2018, but are now available for 2019. He also requested that the neighborhood brief neighborhood bios (photos OK) be forwarded to him or Marcus for inclusion in the city's website.

## CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Dan Theno called for a motion to adjourn which was offered by Sarah Lueschow and seconded by Jim Ridderbush, followed by unanimous approval.

Next scheduled Meeting for June 6, 2019 at Tundra Lodge.

Trudy M. Jacobson, Secretary, GBNLC

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